

Newsday at Home

Art & Craft

Almost every culture views the butterfly with wonder, creating myths around the fluttering insects and endowing them with symbolism, from renewal and rebirth to joy and everlasting wisdom. As children, many of us were told that if a butterfly landed on you, it brought good luck. What a lovely idea to keep in mind when considering the perfect hostess gift during the holidays or anytime of the year.

Free Flight

Gardeners court them with enticing blooms. Poets extol their graceful flight. The artists at Fringe Studio, however, chose to capture the fanciful butterflies in a vase, below: Images of Lepidoptera are layered on the front and one side, swirling arabesques on the others, giving the semi-transparent vase a three-dimensional effect (\$46). This and other Fringe Studio objects are among the artful offerings at Originals Too, 582 Westbury Ave., Carle Place; 516-333-9410; originalstoo.com.

Winged Trio

Whether these delightful Butterfly Meadow Ornaments by Lenox are meant for a Christmas tree or become year-round decorative accents, they're a

butterflies for luck

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charming way to say thank you to a hostess. Crafted of fine porcelain, the ornaments hang from gold tassal cords and arrive in a set of three (suggested retail price \$43). Lenox offers a broad line of Butterfly Meadow items, including dinnerware and a sweet little tea set designed for two. Among area Lenox retailers are Macy's and Bed, Bath & Beyond. Also available online at lenox.com.

Wearable Art

This fanciful creature is actually a pin designed to perch on a shoulder or lapel. We can also imagine it mounted and framed in a beautiful shadowbox. The delicate butterfly is the work of Locust Valley-based artists Cynthia Chuang and Erh-Ping Tsai, whose Jewelry10 designs are remarkable for their craftsmanship and detail. Made of porcelain, the jewelry features colored clay inlays, underglazing, overglazing and milleflore techniques. (Pins vary in price from approximately \$70 to \$250.) The designing duo will be participating in the One of a Kind show and sale, Pier 94, New York, Dec. 11 to 13, oneofakindshownyc.com. Their work is also on view and available for purchase at jewelry10.com.



Shopping for Desserts

A great place to search for those extra-special gifts is an arts and crafts show. Keep an eye out for neighborhood signs that are now popping up announcing local venues. Schools, churches and artisan groups often host show/sale events this time of year. If you're looking for a more upscale experience, look for a juried show (where artists and craftsmen must vie for admission through a rigorous selection process). One such opportunity is the debut of the One of a Kind Show and Sale, Dec. 11 to 13, preview night Dec. 10, at Pier 94 (125 Ave. and W. 50th St.) in Manhattan.

One of a Kind has a long history: 30 years in Toronto plus eight in Chicago. The NYC debut will feature more than 400 artists, artisans and designers. Each item for sale promises to be made by hand, one at a time, and the creators will be there to discuss and show their work. Painting, ceramics, jewelry, wearable art and furniture are a few of the categories represented. The festivities include live music and fashion shows, gourmet food and a variety of presentations and special events. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$12 for seniors and students with ID, and can be purchased in advance at oneofakindshow.com, where you'll also find show hours and more details.

