



A message from Tim Rittal ...

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FROM THE IN-BOX OUT TO YOU....

It's the holiday season and that means gifts. If you're looking to send something unique and truly Alaskan out to your friends and family in the Lower 48, check out **Alaska Artisanal** gift baskets. Not only are all of the selections from Alaskan businesses, but the shipping charges to the US are included in the price! You can choose your gift arrival date as well. Order online at alaskaartisanal.com.

One of Ann's favorite gifts is the gift of **Bliss Toffee**. Made right here in Anchorage, Alaska, it is one heck of an english toffee. They ship beautiful 3/4 pound boxes as well as a 1.5 pound box. They also feature special order sizes, and do corporate orders. We can attest to the deliciousness and the smiles it will bring to the recipient. Online at www.e-toffee.com or call them at 907/345-9489.

Looking for a gift that never goes out of style? Check out the offerings at the **Anchorage Concert Association!** Two shows are coming up in December: **One Man Star Wars** plays December 1st and 2nd, then **Sweet Honey in the Rock** celebrates the Holydays with holiday hymns and spiritual songs from cultures and religions across the globe. In January, see **The Moxie Strings** (January 19th), **Ladysmith Black Mambazo** (January 20th), and **Piano Battle** (January 26th). February, the month

for love and sweethearts, features **Davina and the Vagabonds** with a blues and jazz sound, on February 2nd, **Squirrel Nut Zippers**, a quirky nine-piece band, on February 9th, and **The Moth** (on Valentine's Day). The Moth is teaming with Arctic Entries again this year with stories that will get your heart pumping. February ends with a run of the musical, **Little Shop of Horrors**, a blend of horror comedy rock musical all in one show! They'll be playing in the Atwood Concert Hall February 20-25, and tickets start at \$49.

For all of these shows, plus more offerings from the Anchorage Symphony, The Anchorage Opera Company, Concert Chorus, and even Mr. Whitekeys' *Christmas in Spenard*, contact centertix.net. If you Google these shows, be aware that third-party ticket sellers mark up their prices and you will be

paying a premium that isn't necessary. **Centertix.net is the official ticket office for Anchorage live performing art shows.** You may also call them at 907/263-2787. If you'd like to subscribe to the Anchorage Concert Association season, check them out at www.anchorageconcerts.org or call 907/272-1471. Three shows gets you a 5% discount; 5+ shows saves you even more money!

Wondering what to do with your old but very valuable heirloom clothing (wedding dress, fur coat, special child's clothes)? Ann's mother had some old fur coats that were falling apart and no one in the family wanted them. Ann went online

and found **Fairy Godmother Creations**, Liane Wagner of Dayton, Ohio. Liane was able to make two teddy bears out of the coats and will ship to Alaska for a reasonable fee. Communication back and forth was very easy and she accepts credit card payment online. She makes bears out of onesies, neckties, clothing patchworked together and wedding dresses and will consider custom orders. Check her out at fairygodmothercreations.com.

Ann recently had the opportunity to use **Uber** in Minneapolis for the first time. She was impressed with the clean-

liness, friendliness, and the price (about one-third the cost of a taxi). She found it easy to use, could track the driver, call him with her exact location, and payment was extremely easy through the app. What a wonderful alternative to taxis and buses.

A friend recently adopted two cats from the **Alaska Humane Society's Adopt-a-Cat Shelter**. She was impressed with their quality of care, the number of cats to choose from, and that they operate a no-kill shelter and sanctuary for "orphan" cats. Their cats are all spayed or neutered, vaccinated, tested for feline leukemia, and micro-chipped. Most of the cats are available for adoption. To find out more go to www.adopt-a-cat.org or call 907/344-8808. They are also looking for volunteers, so if you'd like to be around cats, check that out as well!



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Happy holidays to one and all!



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