



A sampling of the many Artisan gifts available during February at the Andover Thrift and Gift Shop. Photos: Nancie Jacobson

Thrift and Gift Shop Offers Valentine's Day Treasures

New gifts from local artisans

Nancie Jacobson
Andover Thrift and Gift Shop

Valentine's Day is right around the corner, so don't forget that special someone! The Andover Thrift and Gift Shop is featuring a fabulous array of new gifts for sweethearts, best friends, or a special teacher, health professional, or service person who made this past year a little easier for you.

Along with a brand-new assortment of Cardigan Mountain Soaps and lotions, we are now carrying 100% soy, hand poured candles from Iridescence of Kim. "Springtime Glory," "Date Night," and "Choco Haze" are just a few of the candle selections on display. Wildly aromatic and made with natural ingredients, both the soaps and candles will make a heartfelt gift.

Both Re-Use Designs and The Crafty Fox have a variety of items on display for kids, adults, and even the family cat, with most priced between \$1 and \$12, including "bottle socks" at just \$1 that brighten up a water bottle and keep your hands warm!

For those who missed out in November, the handmade, silk-lined merino wool socks are back by popular demand. These warm and toasty ankle and boot socks come in an assortment of great colors for men and women ... but they are going fast!

And you can bundle up for savings, because during February, shop sweaters are two for \$5.

Whether you need a new outfit, a gift, or a card, visit the Andover Thrift and Gift Shop first and support the non-profit Andover Service Club with your purchase. The shop is located beside the Andover Elementary/Middle School at

26 School Street in Andover.

The shop is now accepting donations of new or gently used children's clothing. Interested in being a featured Artisan with our shop? Stop by or contact



Along with many other locally made winterwear items being sold at the Andover Thrift and Gift Shop, you can find unique Bottle Socks, designed to cover a beverage bottle to keep your hands warm.

us for more information at ASCThriftAndGift@gmail.com. We are booking now for spring and summer spaces!



Hub board member Ken Wells unfurls a banner at the Hub's entrance inviting members of the community to "come on in" and help support the campaign to raise \$100,000 for building improvements. Photo: Susan Chase

Hub Capital Campaign Reaches 60% of \$100,000 Goal

Four grants from local foundations

Larry Chase
Andover Community Hub

As of January 15, the Andover Community Hub's "Come On In" fundraising campaign, announced in November with a goal of \$100,000, has received four grants from local foundations totaling \$42,395, according to the organization's board of directors.

In addition to these foundation grants, the campaign has also received an additional \$19,871 in contributions or pledges from local residents, businesses, and organizations.

Aimed at making Andover's old town hall – now the Hub headquarters – more user-friendly, more able to withstand the elements, and more flexible in

its accommodations, the campaign has these goals:

- Construction of an access ramp from the parking lot to the first floor
- Construction of an accessible first-floor bathroom
- Replacement of the badly-leaking roof
- Construction of a community kitchen

Contributing foundations to date, and the amounts donated, are:

From the New Hampshire Electric Co-op (NHEC) Foundation, based in Plymouth, \$5,000 for construction of an access ramp. The NHEC Foundation supports charitable organizations that are designed to promote health and social well-being programs, enrichment programs and/or educational programs. See \$100,000 on page 19

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