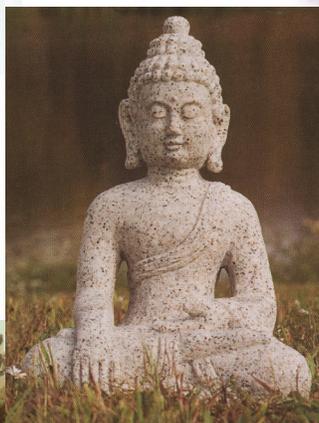


Our chimes are so well tuned and beautiful sounding, many claim listening to them can lower anxiety and create a healthy state of mind.



Smiling Buddha

I studied the “way of the Buddha” while in Thailand and Malaysia and was overwhelmed with history while in India.



“Die Probe eines Genusses ist seines Erinnerung”

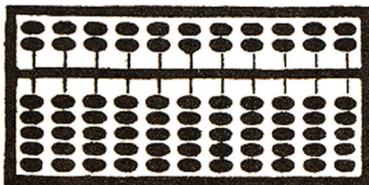


Painting pictures inside objects is a peculiar Chinese traditional painting craft. It originated from painted pictures made inside of snuff bottles. It takes a very delicate hand. We found these lovely containers and then realized they're actually fragrance lamps. Gorgeous!

Our rooms are filled with treasures, too many to display in a booklet. Come and enjoy our ambiance among some of the worlds most lovely creations. It's a quick tour of the world.



Inside Art Painting
The transition from the Snuff Bottle to a Fragrance Lamp by Ne'Qwa.
 The designs are painted with a hair brush “inside” the bottle.



I studied how to use the abacus and wrote a booklet on it so our customers could also understand the beads.

Now we come to the point of my story. The decisions we make in life don't seem important at the time. Should we eat a hamburger or a salad. Should I spend the evening with this person or that person. But EVERY decision we make is crucial in the patterns we eventually make in our life. They will keep us healthy or sick. They put us in good company or poor company. Just as Dad was sent on his journey in the 20's and I was sent on mine to Brazil, India and eventually to many points in Asia, those simple decisions early on, can also make your life a fascinating journey surrounded by quality.

It's those simple decisions early on that lay your pathway.

“Happy journey and good living” from Barbara

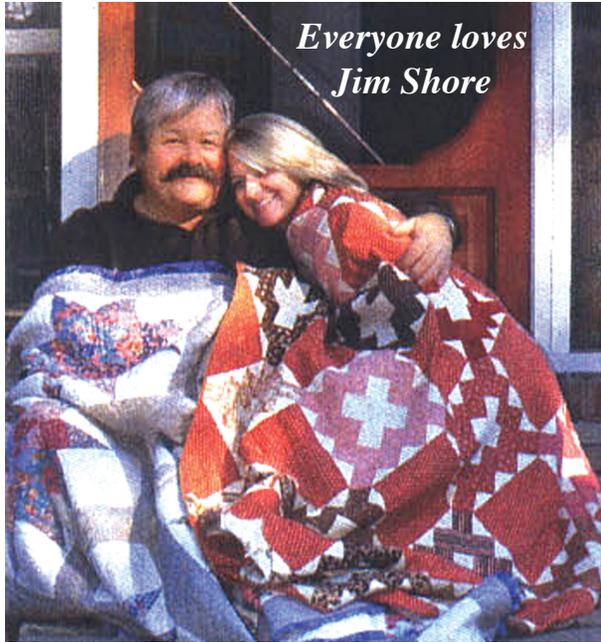


Along came *Jim Shore*

Jim put a kitty in the arms of an angel, a puppy in the arms of santa and birds on the snowman.

Jim gave the quilt pattern a whole new demension and it was his grandmother who gave him his direction.

Jim Shore



Jim Shore grew up in rural South Carolina, the son of artistic parents who instilled a love of traditional values. His grandmother was a master quilter who taught him patience and an appreciation for the intricate patterns needed in quilting.



"I've been given a tremendous gift and I thank God for it every day." Jim Shore

Jim created a charming, innovative style of Americana all his own.

From Santas to the Easter Bunny, Jim's characters are precious and love-able.



"I am continually amazed at the simplicity in a quilt design."

Jim Shore



North Star Express



The North Star carries light and safety, toys all packed for this delivery With gifts and love they train the train Snowman come alive in the frosty breeze Reindeer adorned with bangless bells



Mom, Juanita Kann (July 20, 1910) passed away on Dec 13, 2000. Dad, Carl Kann (March 16, 1910) passed away on Jan 2, 2001. It was a difficult holiday season for us, but they left us with so many wonderful memories, it was only natural that my son, Thomas, and I continued in our quest for quality. We definitely believe Confucius: "Do that which you love and you'll never have to work a day in your life."



Circle of Love

Kim is most famous for her wedding cake top figures.

We include an info card with each of our selections.



Kim Lawrence, a midwest artist, was so overwhelmed by the love that surrounded her when her first child was born, she celebrated the occasion with a simple all white figure and called it

Circle of Love".



Circle of Love was an instant success and started Kim on a career that doesn't want to end.



Kim's latest success is her series of "Pillars" that look like wood, depicting the Nativity.

We created our own web site in the mid-90's and continue to do our own updating and expanding.

It's our own "labor of love".

www.kannimports.com



Kim Lawrence

Pipka is a living inspirational story. She came to this country with her parents as a 5 year old refugee after WWII. She taught for many years and then through her study of Santa and the encouragement of her mother, she discovered the “gift giver” in our many cultures and chose to depict him in the many different forms.



Artic Santa and Friends

Did you ever hear how Pipka received her name? It means “little yellow chick”. The nurse who brought her as a baby in the hospital to her waiting mother was giving her a gentle name of endearment. The name just stuck.

Pipka is one of the most charming artists I’ve ever met and is a constant source of inspiration to me.



Story Book Santa



by Pipka Luck of the Irish



Pipka drew her first Santa for her mother. Mother remained one of her greatest supporters.

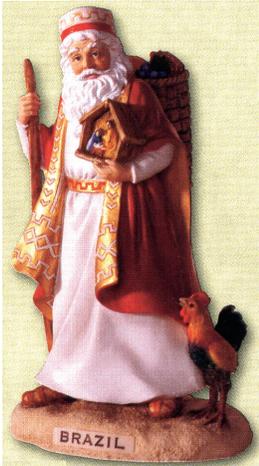
Pipka



Raggety Ann Santa



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We include the story with every item that leaves the store. We think it’s important to know what you’re purchasing.