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Fred Jones Jr. Museum of Art Offers Holiday Shopping

NORMAN – Holiday shoppers in search of unique gifts need look no further than the Fred Jones Jr. Museum of Art. From jewelry to folk art and children’s puzzles to holiday cards, the Museum Store offers art-inspired alternatives to the usual holiday hodgepodge.

Through Dec. 30, the Museum Store is doubling discounts available to Museum Association members and the University of Oklahoma campus community. Museum Association members now receive 20 percent off and OU students, faculty and staff receive 10 percent off all items. The store is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursdays and 1 to 5 p.m. Sundays.

“Why pay the catalog price and postage from some of the major museums when you can come into the Museum Store and buy items from the museum of Modern Art and the Metropolitan Museum of Art?” said Mary Jane Rutherford, community relations officer for the museum.

The Museum Store features a wide variety of Frank Lloyd Wright items, artist-inspired umbrellas, tote bags, ties and Native American jewelry, scarves and handmade folk art as well as colorful Danish mobiles.

“We have a great collection of Vermont socks and scarves, colorful casual socks with a fun, hand-knit look,” Rutherford noted.

Among the store’s most popular items are Buddha boards – tablets upon which messages or pictures drawn with water eventually disappear for a clean slate.

For season’s greetings, the Museum Store offers a large collection of Sabuda holiday cards from the Museum of Modern Art, many three-dimensional and ornate.

All gifts come with a complimentary gift bag and holiday paper.

Beginning in January, the museum will be closed on Thursday evenings. In February, as part of the Norman Arts Council's new *Second Friday Circuit of Art*, the museum will be open Friday nights until 9.

The Fred Jones Jr. Museum of Art is located on the corner of Elm Avenue and Boyd Street, at 555 Elm Ave., on the OU Norman campus. Admission to the Museum Store is always free.

The museum's Web site is www.ou.edu/fjma. Information and accommodations on the basis of disability are available by calling (405) 325-4938.

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