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## 2008 Holiday Gift Guide: Eight Unique, Maine-made Food & Beverage Gift Ideas

### ***Picky foodie on your list this year?***

#### ***Here's your flavorful solution.***

DennyMike's Maine-made, all-natural BBQ sauces and rubs from this self-described "die-hard Yankee and Maineiac" are packed with flavor and "oomph." Great for stocking stuffers or party gifts. **DennyMike's Gift Pack** arrives in a branded wooden box filled with two of their best-selling sauces (Sweet 'n Spicy, Hot 'n Nasty) and two popular rubs (Chick Magnet for poultry, and Cow Bell Hell for meat and wild game). Recipe cards for quick and easy dishes are included, to boot. All for less than a night at the movies.

**(\$19.95 Use promo code "holiday" for 10% off at [www.dennymikes.com](http://www.dennymikes.com) )**



### ***Earn an A+ this year from beer fans.***

Gritty McDuff's Brewing Company is offering a special **Gritty's Gift Bucket** this holiday season, complete with a 100% cotton T-shirt with full-color classic Gritty Kettle logo, a Gritty embroidered baseball cap, two Gritty-logoed pint glasses, a \$25 Gift Card for use in any of Gritty McDuff's three pub locations (Portland, Auburn and Freeport), a handy bottle-opener keychain and fun Gritty's bumper sticker.

**(Retail value: \$79. To order online, visit [www.grittys.com](http://www.grittys.com))**



### ***We all scream for (peppermint) ice cream!***

Peppermint is a hallmark of the holiday season, and Gifford's Ice Cream's "Pink Peppermint Stick" ice cream is just the ticket. The peppermint treat will hit market shelves throughout the northeast this December. The luscious wintertime treat is a pink peppermint ice cream with a colorful red and green peppermint crunch. A great holiday dessert.

**(\$5 for 32-oz quart. Available at markets throughout the northeast and online at [www.giffordsicecream.com](http://www.giffordsicecream.com) )**



### ***Lose yourself in the "Maine Mystique."***

A "can't-miss" gift: Since its launch last year, **Maine Food & Lifestyle** has made a splash with its memorable stories of Maine farmers, fishermen, and artisan food crafters, its lush photography, and recipes from Maine's renowned chefs. 2009 issues are bound to surprise and delight readers.

**(4 issues/year Annual subscription, \$29 To subscribe, visit [www.mainefoodandlifestyle.com/subscribe](http://www.mainefoodandlifestyle.com/subscribe) )**



***Maine Lobster for dinner...the easy way.***

Wow family and friends this holiday season with the "just-caught" goodness of certified Maine lobster. **Claw Island's award-winning, all-natural lobster** from Maine's icy waters is fully cooked to make entertaining a breeze. Just thaw, heat and serve. Whole cooked lobster or fully cooked claw and knuckle meat selections are available – perfect for entertaining this holiday season.

**(\$12.99 for whole lobster; \$9.99 for 6-oz claw and knuckle meat; or \$14.99 for two-pack of lobster tails. Available in the seafood section of local grocers in ME, MA, CT, MD, VA, GA, FL, IL, TX, and CA.)**

***Family in town for the holidays?***

Keep your guests full and happy at mealtime with **Good Clean Food's new, all-natural Balsamic Mushroom simmer sauce** for poultry and pork.

The flavorful sauce makes healthy meals in minutes. Just brown chicken or pork, simmer and serve. Your holiday guests will love you for it.

**(\$7 for 12.5 oz jar Available in the fresh seafood and poultry sections at markets from Maine down to Florida, and at**

**[www.goodcleanfood.com](http://www.goodcleanfood.com) )**



***Cookies so good Santa may miss out...***

Satisfy your sweet tooth, and how. Maine-made **Granny Kirkwood's Shortbread** is offering a wallet-friendly **Holiday Shortbread Giftbag** this year. A reusable, colorful fabric giftbag comes filled with either 12 single shortbread cookies (\$27.95) or six single shortbread cookies (\$18.95). Individual cookie packages are also available, and make great hostess gifts or stocking stuffers (\$1.69 each or \$19.95 for a baker's dozen). All after-tax proceeds of Granny Kirkwood's shortbread directly benefit Portland, Maine's Gibson Pavilion at Maine Medical Center.

**(For easy ordering, visit [www.grannykirkwoods.com/products](http://www.grannykirkwoods.com/products) )**



***"Wine and dine" all year long.***

Have a wine lover on your list? A gift that really does keep giving all through the year is a gift membership to Damariscotta River Grill's popular Wine Club. Membership includes six multi-course wine dinners held at the popular Damariscotta restaurant, led by some of the most interesting wine experts to visit Maine's midcoast; special pricing on every wine on the Grill's Wine Spectator Award-winning wine list at every visit; discounts at area wine stores, and more. Order before Christmas and receive a \$25 restaurant gift certificate.

**(\$180 per person for six dinners throughout 2009. [www.damariscottarivergrill.com](http://www.damariscottarivergrill.com) To order, phone 207/563-2992.)**

