

Energy-saving devices, clothing urged as possible Christmas gift-giving ideas

If you are looking for original Christmas gift ideas this year, you might try some that emphasize energy conservation.

According to the UNL Department of Agricultural Communications and home economics specialists, energy-saving gifts are abounding if shoppers know what to look for.

Janet Wilson, UNL Extension consumer education specialist, said "with the recent concern about rising energy costs, a gift that helps conserve energy instead of consume it would be welcome in just about any household."

With only 20 shopping days until Christmas, Wilson suggests "before you buy another new small appliance, stop and think, would the person really appreciate or need

a popcorn popper or electric pencil sharpener if they're trying to cut down on monthly bills?"

There are a myriad of new energy-saving devices on the market this year, and although some would make good gift ideas, Wilson said a little imagination can often accomplish as much.

For example, a bundle of firewood might be a welcome gift for the family with a fireplace, she suggested. Disposable bottles that cannot be returned might be converted into a candle-holder or vase and cloth napkins can save the amount of paper thrown away.

Ardis Hutchins, UNL housing specialist, suggests giving dimming light switches for anywhere in the home or a clock thermostat that will automatically turn the thermostat down at night and turn it up again in the morning.

"There also are new incandescent and fluorescent lights coming on the market that can save energy and still give the same amount of light," she said. "These cost a little more, so they might make a nice gift for someone who wouldn't buy them for themselves."

Gifts of clothing for a warmer Christmas have almost endless possibilities and the nice thing about it is that energy-conserving clothes are very much in style this year, according to Mary Schluckebier, UNL extension clothing specialist.

For bedwear, she suggests down-lined bathrobes, robes with attached hoods, boot-type, fleece-lined bedroom slippers and ski pajamas or those with feet.

Popular warm outdoor wear includes hats, scarves, shawls, dickeys, muffs and the caped look on coats and suits, she said.

short stuff

Rap Group will meet Tuesday at 8 p.m. in UMHE Commonplace Chapel to hear Van Vannorsdall speak on "How to Live as a Loving Person."

The Air Force Officer Placement Team will be in the Union Placement Office from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday to answer questions concerning officer career fields in the Air Force.

The UNL Rodeo Club will meet Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the upper level of the East Campus Union.

The American Society of Civil Engineers will meet Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the Union. Room number will be posted.

The UNL Meds will meet at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Union.

The Prospective Law Students Association will meet Wednesday at 8 p.m. in the Union.

Builders is sponsoring two high school visitation orientation days Wednesday at 9 p.m. and Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Union Auditorium.

The UNL Table Tennis Club will meet tonight in the Nebraska Union north and south conference rooms.

The Prayer & Praise organization will meet at 7:30 p.m. at St. Mark's On-The-Campus lounge, 13th & R streets.

The Alpha Lambda Delta Initiations will be at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday and at 5 p.m. Wednesday in the Union. Room number will be posted.

The UNL Parking Advisory Board will meet Tuesday at 2:30 p.m. in the Union.

The UNL Actuarial Club will meet Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Union. Featured speaker will be Don Sutton, Placement Director.

The Ag-Econ Agri-Business Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Nebraska East Campus Union. Guest speaker will be Glenn Kreisler, executive director of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service.

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union calendar

- 9:30 a.m. - English 230 A, auditorium
- Noon - Vice chancellor-student affairs, room 203
- Noon - Athletic Department-Cipriano News conference luncheon, room 243
- 3:30 p.m. - Panhellenic, room 222
- 4 p.m. - Flights & Study tours, room 232
- 4:30 p.m. - Daily Nebraskan, room 203
- 5:30 p.m. - Towne Club pledges, room 343
- 5:45 p.m. - Junior Panhellenic and Junior IFC, room 242-243
- 6 p.m. - Towne Club, Harvest room AB
- 6 p.m. - Multi-Cultural Affairs tutoring, room 225 G
- 6:30 p.m. - Kappa Kappa Kappas, room 216
- 7 p.m. - Table Tennis club, conference rooms
- 7 p.m. - Financial aids-Budget workshop, room 232
- 7 p.m. - Delta Sigma Pi executives, room 222
- 7:30 p.m. - Delta Sigma Pi, room 222
- 7:30 p.m. - Math Counselors, room 225 B-C

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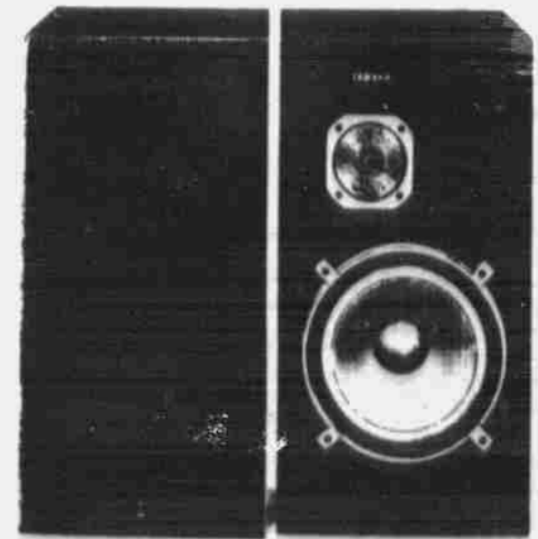
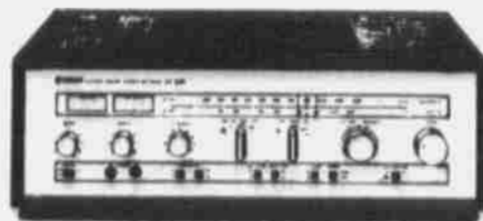
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