



Flesk Brewing handcrafts beer. Pictured here (from left) are Train Line, a Kölsch light beer; MORO, a blood orange IPA; and Running Man, a sweet stout. Flesk is located at the Ice House Mall. (fleskbrewing.com)



Barrington Makers

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The Barrington Makers products showcased here represent a wide variety of handcrafted goods that are sold to the public. Our rules for the artisans you'll read about are that they live here, or grew up here, though they may have moved away, and that all or a portion of their product is made elsewhere.

We included artisans who live in the area now, and their product is made here as well.



Timeless, handmade jewelry is the hallmark of Katie Johansson of Dollybird Jewelry. Here (from left) is the Pervernal necklace, the copper stone ring, a Third Eye Ring and ring made of semi-precious stones. Each stone used is hand-stamped and numbered for authenticity. (dollybirddesign.com)



M. J. Miller & Co. custom-made pieces are a pair of electric blue tourmaline earrings weighing 4.79 karats; a platinum necklace featuring a sea green lagoon tourmaline from Namibia at 3.81 karats; and a 1.45 karat cabochon tanzanite necklace. (mjmillers.com)



Erin Shechtman of *Elegant Hattery* will custom-make the hat of your dreams for church, derby day, parties, or weddings. (elegantattery.com)

On the Town



Made in America, Joseph Nicola luxury totes shown in red croc and blue snakeskin, both with polished nickel hardware. Clutches are (from left) black glazed alligator, natural python, and burgundy alligator. Also check out the amazing handmade American furniture with this brand. (josephnicola.com)

Horsing Around

These artisan products are sold at Barrington Saddlery.
(barringtonsaddlery.com/847-381-6015)



Kelcey Roberts' Terra Productions created this black & white polo horse print on canvas.



Owner Monica Gully's ECHInteriors equestrian-inspired two-sided throw pillows can be made to specific sizes or in multiples.



Nicole Helsing's handmade horse cookies are yummy enough for you! Her Aladdin's Bakeri treats have 4 ingredients, no preservatives, and no added fillers or sugars. (Instagram/Aladdin's Bakeri)



A Briēs 100% cashmere wrap customized with a 100% silk lining.



Briēs 100% organic Mongolian silk cashmere shawl is a one-piece construction to be worn as a poncho, shawl, or neck scarf, with many as limited editions. (briescashmere.com)

Fisher Nuts, Orchard Valley Harvest, and Fisher Creamy Peanut Butter are the highest-quality nut products from the John B. Sanfilippo & Son. Available in fine grocery stores. (fishernuts.com)



In the Pantry



Sixth-generation Barringtonian Jaquelyn Rieke, who now lives in Vermont, makes Nuttly Step's products. The granola is made with almonds, walnuts, and hazelnuts, and Vermont maple syrup. The rich chocolate bars are made with cocoa beans grown in regions where rain forest trees are protected. Several flavors. Sold at Ambrosia Patisserie. (nuttlysteps.com)

Al's All-Natural Honey is raw wildflower honey from Barrington beekeeper Alan Simonds. Sold at Norton's U.S.A. Help name this honey; see page 18.



MiSport Hydration Drinks by Maincell Biosciences have all of the good, and none of the bad, for a refreshing and hydrating drink. (misportdrink.com)



Andii Theocles of THEOCLES creates one-of-a-kind felted wool and fiber scarves and wraps that support the artisans who supply the fibers. The stunning colors and unique textures are handcrafted. Buy at Tootsies at the Ice House Mall or call 847-727-1331.



Calligraphy by Laura Knecht and Redefined Relics are the passion of an artist who makes what's old new. Time Peace necklaces and earrings are paired with hairclips with watch faces and little birds because time flies, right? Made with Elgin watch parts. (lauraknecht.com)



Heads Up Boutique can customize these washable and durable throw pillows in their shop for you. (headsupboutique.com)



My Favorite Things

Bea K Design's owner, Beata Krupa, makes one-of-a-kind jeweler with semi-precious stones and vintage clasps. The award-winning designer can be found at local art shows including the Art Festival on Memorial Day weekend in Barrington. (beakdesign.com, beakdesigns@gmail.com, or call 312-231-2591)





Barrington Tailor Shop at the corner of Main and Hough Sts. can fix any garment or create any custom garment, like this baby's Christening outfit fashioned from a family wedding dress and veil. (barringtontailor.com)

Kimmie-Kakes handcrafted gifts include fully customizable diaper cakes, like this one with the Avengers theme, for the perfect baby shower gift. Owner Kim Martin can also create bridal cakes from towels incorporating gifts into the design, and much more. Visit her store at The Arboretum of South Barrington. (kimmie-kakes-com)



Moments to Cherish



Who can resist these adorable little chocolate éclair mice? Ambrosia Patisserie makes these, and a wide variety of extraordinary gourmet pastries, confections, fresh-roasted coffees, and much more. Located at The Foundry. (discoverambrosia.com)



Melinda McElroy is the creative director for Billet-Doux stationery and invitations which custom creates paper goods for original designs ranging from personalized stationery to wedding invitations. Find her paper goods at Heads Up and Little Shop of Papers in Barrington. (couturestationery.com)

Tempting Fete!



Jennie and Vera's Sweets + Savories offers handcrafted, scratch-based and all-natural cookies. Here is an assortment of the Jammies—S'Mores, Chocolate Raspberry, and PB&J. The Maple Waffle Cookies were inspired by a broken meat tenderizer! And just in time for the Royal Wedding of Harry and Meghan, the Lemon Elderflower Shortbread Cookies will make you feel like royalty. (jennieandverascookies.com)

The QB Limited Edition Coconut Cardamom Bites offers unsweetened organic coconut combined with cardamom for a sweet Swedish surprise of amazing flavor and texture.



Made in South Barrington, Anna Shea Chocolates are handcrafted artisan jewel-like treats that are designed to capture the essence of their name and flavor. Here are Fleur De Sel, Sparkling Sunrise, Vanilla Mocha, Krystle's Banana Foster, Coco "Nut" Chanel, and Haiku. (annasheachocolates.com)



James Wright is the creator of 2Nite Vodka, shown here with its flavors (from left) original, Sicilian Blood Orange, Café Espresso, and Alpine Mint. The GMO-free vodka is imported from Italy and its bottles are hand-painted with no two the same. The award-winning vodkas are sold at Garfield's, Mariano's, Vintage Wines and Spirits, and Mcgonigal's Pub. (2nitevodka.com)



Tallgrass Brewing Company's Buffalo Sweat Oatmeal Cream Stout will change your entire perception of how a stout should taste—this one rich with a creamy mouthfeel and a sweet, lingering finish described as liquid chocolate chip cookies made with espresso. This is another James Wright product. (2nitevodka.com)

A Night at Home



Kera Ortberg of Spruce in Lake Barrington makes these custom wine or liquor bottle candles with 100% soy wax. Clean-burning cotton wicks and high-quality fragrances make these the perfect gift for you or someone else. Bring in your favorite bottles to be transformed.



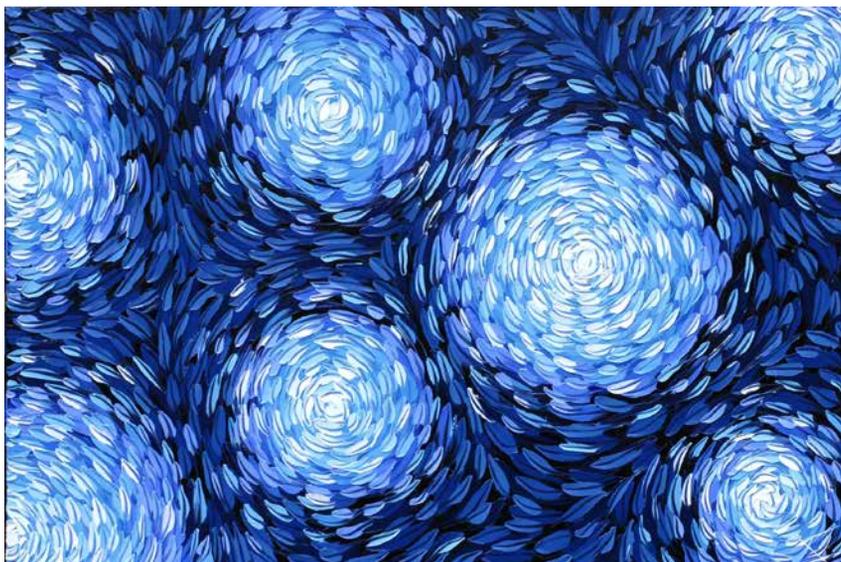
John B. Sanfilippo & Son now carries the gourmet Squirrel Brand & Southern Style Nuts. (squirrelbrand.com)



Barrington newcomer Gillett Johnson runs his wine empire from Barrington and Northern California. Check out our feature on him and the wines he produces on page 130 in this issue. (internationalvines.wine)



We made an exception for Meg and Jane of The Zen of Slow Cooking. They are from nearby Lake Forest, outside our range for this feature, but we were so impressed with their mission to create delicious, slow-cooked meals at home with their slow cooker spice blends and recipes, while also helping adults with developmental disabilities find independence and employment. Owners Meg and Jane are proud that each of their blends is packaged with care by an adult with disabilities from Planet Access Company. (thezenofslowcooking.com)



Bill Stone's "We are Stars 1" is a 48" x 72" oil on canvas. His "We are Stars" series of large, abstract oils are inspired by Van Gogh's "Starry Night" masterpiece. Each painting is created with multiple, thick layers of oils, applied quickly, using an oversized palette knife. The bold colors are designed to pull the viewer in with a mesmerizing energy. He studied oil painting and commercial art at Vesper George School of Art in Boston. His work is in many private collections. The Bill Stone Studio is located at 203 N. Main in Algonquin. (billstonestudio.com, 847-658-2132)

The Medium Is the Message



Jeff Galfer was featured on the cover of QB's May/June issue last year. He is an actor, voice-over artist, writer, producer, and photographer. He wrote and directed his first short film, "Buried Treasure" in which he appeared, and has produced several YouTube series that he created, one of which was licensed for distribution. (Photo: Paolo Cascio)



Robert McGinley is a photographer and filmmaker who has produced several feature films. Prior to his immersion in filmmaking, McGinley was the founding artistic director for the internationally acclaimed Seattle theater, On the Boards; a producer and presenter of contemporary dance, theater, and music from around the world.



Scott Perlman just completed his first written and directed feature length movie. "Andover" has already won awards and will play at the Catlow Theater on June 2 and 3 during matinee hours. He is an Emmy-award winning producer and writer.

Following a career in football, Matt Singletary landed his first leading role in a movie, "Hood" and has since appeared on several TV series. One of his recent projects was to co-write and direct "Roommates", the first scripted comedy series on YouTube. He was featured in QB's May/June 2017 issue.

(Photo: Paolo Cascio)

