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Newest Stop for Gift giving: Fairfield Museum Shop

FAIRFIELD, CT (October 4, 2007) Fairfield's cultural scene is getting a boost this fall with the introduction of the Fairfield Museum and History Center, but exhibits and programs aren't the only things it will offer. The museum will be home to the new Fairfield Museum Shop, a shop dedicated to thoughtful gift giving and unexpected finds.

From birthday parties and weddings to housewarmings and trendy holiday soirees, the Fairfield Museum shop is the place to find that memorable gift that shows your sense of style. We invite you to come find the perfect piece for that empty corner and browse through our collection of fine stationery, tablewear and hand-crafted decorative accessories. The shop offers a wide array of accent lamps, cachepots, vases, bowls, figurines, plates and serving pieces in a range of decorative styles. A broad selection of papergoods, children's gifts and books on regional history are just a few more of the shop's offerings.

Merchandise at the Fairfield Museum Shop is comprised of the selections of two active community volunteers with a flair for design. Kathy Hamilton and Ann Stoddard, long-time Fairfield residents, carefully selected items that they would choose for their own homes. With a background in design and retail, this duo visited countless trade shows, museums and galleries in search of the perfect items for the shop's collection.

"This has been a labor of love. We all want the Fairfield Museum and History Center to be a success, and we designed the Fairfield Museum Shop as a destination for gift giving, knowing that the shop would encourage the community to visit the museum, said Kathy Hamilton."

"We are grateful to Kathy Hamilton and Ann Stoddard for their willingness to volunteer in the creation of the Fairfield Museum Shop. From conception to completion, they focused on the details and created a beautiful store we are sure the community will choose

again and again,” said Fairfield Museum and History Center Executive Director, Michael Jehle.

So make plans to visit Fairfield Museum, and when you have explored the museum’s collections for inspiration, learning and enjoyment, stop in the Fairfield Museum Shop and uncover an entirely different collection – one you can giftwrap and take home.

The Fairfield Museum Shop is located inside Fairfield Museum at 370 Beach Road in Fairfield, CT (behind town hall). Shop hours are Monday-Friday, 10am–4pm, Thursday, 10am – 6pm and Saturday and Sunday, 12pm–4pm. Members of the Fairfield Museum and History Center receive a 10% discount on purchases over \$10. For more information about the shop and the museum, please visit www.fairfieldhs.org.

Attached pictures:

Photo File	Caption
Shop 007.jpg	The Fairfield Museum Shop offers a vast selection for your gift giving needs.
Shop1.jpg	Shop creators Kathy Hamilton and Ann Stoddard.

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