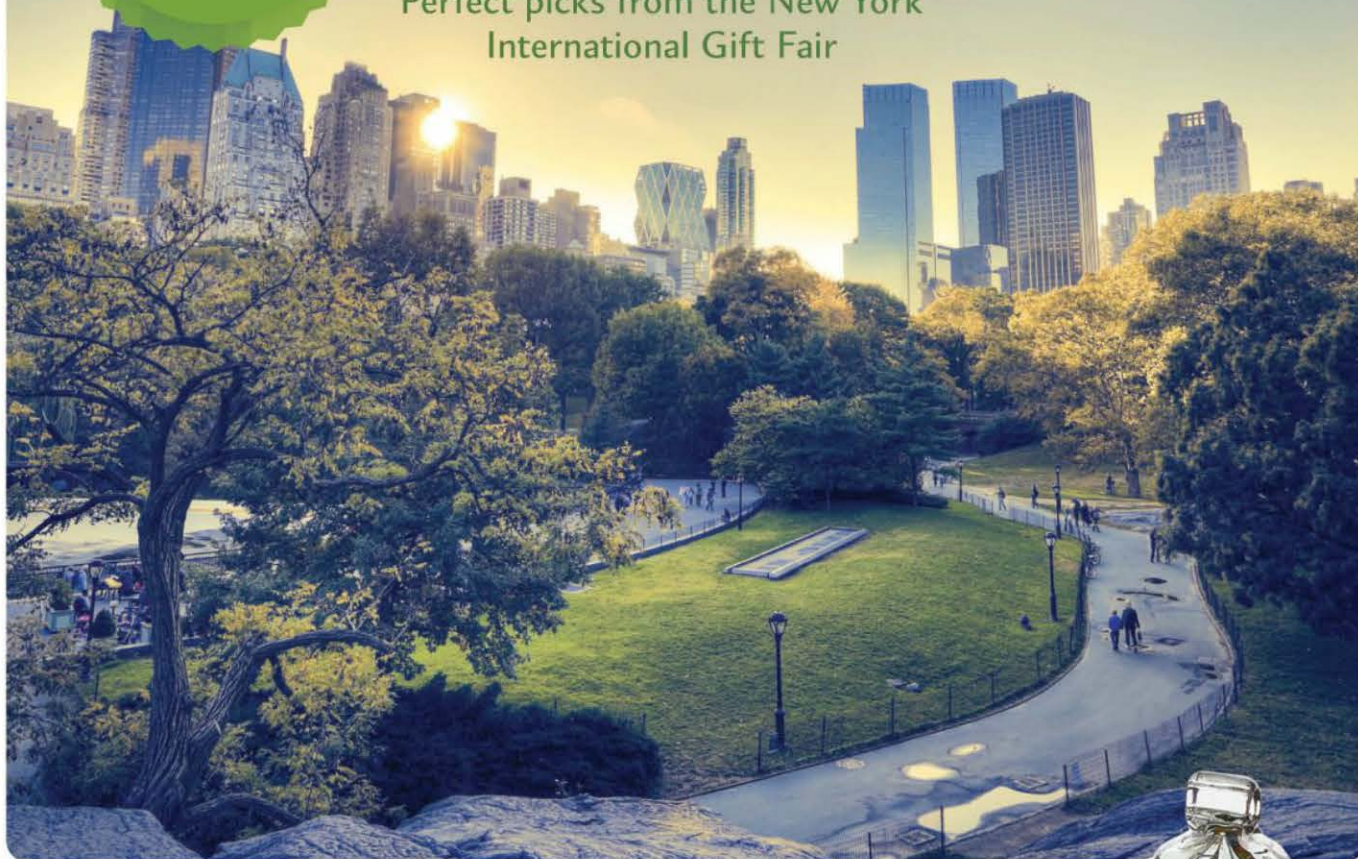


Best  
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# New York

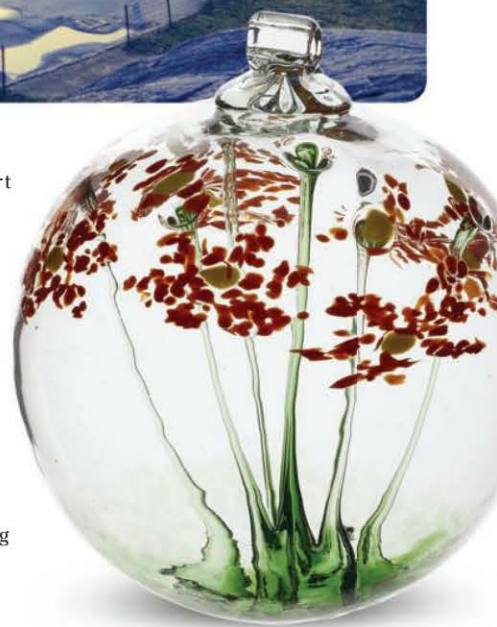
Perfect picks from the New York  
International Gift Fair



*As I sat in the buyer's lounge* waiting for the shuttle to take me to JFK Airport after four plus days scouring the New York International Gift Fair ([www.nyigf.com](http://www.nyigf.com)), I was suddenly filled with waves of gratitude. How lucky I am to have a job that allows me to travel to New York twice a year to look at thousands of incredible items that will be sold to people all over the world!

Having attended more than 30 of these shows, you would think I would be blasé by now. But seeing more than 3,000 vendors with booths filled with innovative, trendy, edgy, and just plain beautiful items, I easily did six months of buying for my gift shop.

NYIGF has 10 divisions, with inventory in all price points, so give yourself several days to traverse it all. Interacting with the makers and connecting with their stories makes it easy to bring back that excitement to sell to your customers. When you need to rest your feet a while, attend one of the many informative seminars and panel discussions. The following choices represent the best of NYIGF's finest. Be sure to catch the next NYIGF January 26-30!





### Lifestinks Deodorant Line

Duggan Sisters

773/341-4246, connect@duggansisters.com

www.duggansisters.com

An all-natural deodorant for sale in a gift store? Yes! What better way for your customers to show they care than by giving that stinky someone the best solution to change their life—and the lives of those around them! Billed as the only 100 percent safe, effective, all-natural way to be odor-free on the market, the deodorant (starting at \$7.50) comes in a beautiful decanter with a six-to-nine month supply.



### “Dog Is Good” Apron

High Cotton

800/762-7172, sales@highcotton.com

www.highcotton.com

If you need a little humor in your shop—and something perfect for dog lovers—this made in the U.S. apron (\$10.50) is a show-stopper! This generously-sized (22”x 29”) cotton/poly twill apron has an adjustable D-ring neck to suit any cook. Humorous dog-themed doormats, wooden signs, and coasters are also available.



### Cupcake Bath Bomb

Feeling Smitten Bath Bakery

970/300-4895

wholesale@feelingsmitten.com

www.feelingsmitten.com

Looking like a perfectly yummy cupcake, this non-caloric, fizzy bath-salt “treat” will give your customers a luxurious skin-nourishing experience. Available in a variety of colors, filled with quality ingredients, and proudly handmade in the U.S. (\$2.65 small, \$5.75 large, \$8.50 trio set). Also available: ice-cream-cone bath melts, bath-salt shakes, fizzy bath cakes, bath pops, and shower truffle steamers.

