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Expressions in Glass™

Expressions in Glass are beautiful glass sculptures originally conceived by sculptor Ed Merritt and inspired by colorful glass shards discarded on hot studio floors. Expressions in Glass lines combine the beauty of sculpture with the functionality of affordable hand-crafted products.

Merritt has exhibited his sculptures nationally and internationally, and his designs have sold in many fine craft galleries and museum stores. Merritt eventually sold the rights to his line of Love Letters to Sallie Weaver and Pat Gardner. Today, they proudly market their artisan-made glass blocks under the name of Expressions in Glass™.

Sallie Weaver has an extensive background in managing and owning several businesses. Prior to her moving to Reading she resided in Simsbury Connecticut where she owned, over a period of 12 years, 14 fitness and weight loss facil-

ities for woman in Connecticut and Massachusetts. She moved to Reading in 1981 to purchase out of bankruptcy, a division of Penndale Industries called Gym-Kin/ GK a manufacturer of gymnastic apparel. At the time of purchase GK had 35 employees and a bad reputation for quality and delivery. Over the next 29 years GK became the world's leading supplier of gymnastic apparel and the top outfitter to many Olympic Teams in the summer Olympic games.

In 2010 Sallie retired from GK and started volunteering and giving back to her community, a desire that she had for many years. She started a new volunteer program at a local hospital to help patients without families so that they could have someone to visit with them and assist with any personal needs.

After this program was up and running, Sallie looked to other ways that she could volunteer and help her community. In 2013 she became president of a not-for-

profit organization called Woman's Exchange / It's a Gift! In a small brick and motor store, which closed in July, 2020.

One of the artisan made products that It's a Gift! sold was Ed Merritt's line of Love Letters. When Sallie found that this line was for sale, she went into partnership with Pat Gardner and Expressions in Glass was formed.

Patrick Gardner is an electrician by trade for over 20+plus years and during that time he also purchased a Wise snack route and box truck. He spent the next 18 months building a route and customers and then opted to sell the box truck and focus on helping with the adopt a family program that he and his wife started through a local church. The program provides families with meals for the holidays, other cupboard staples as well as essential household necessities.

Sallie chose Pat Gardner as her partner because they share the same strong religious beliefs as well as a firm desire to give back to the community. Their vision for Expressions in Glass is to eventually donate a portion of the profits to local and national charities.

For additional information, please call 484.955.8040 or email: sallie@sallieweaver.com and visit www.eiglass.com.



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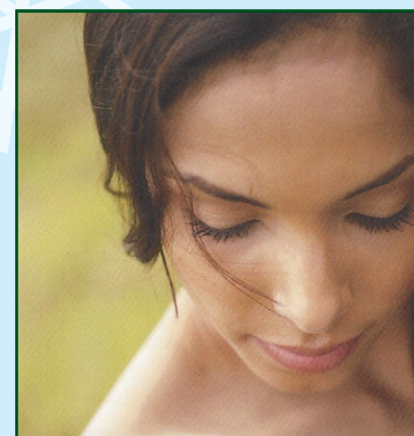
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Trellis for Tomorrow Season of Solidarity

Winter may seem longer this year, with less to do and more time at home. Make the most of it and try something new! During the Trellis for Tomorrow Season of Solidarity, we invite you to bring the flavors of the garden into your home.

From now through December 31st, donations from \$100 offer you a variety of exciting garden and food experiences, including delicious local meal baskets to share with loved ones at home. The meal baskets, for sets of two or four people, are locally sourced from organizations you love, including homemade Trellis tomato sauce, bread from Sweetwater Baking Co.,



red wine from Black Walnut Winery, chocolates from Bridge St. Chocolates, and local artisan pasta, local organic vegetables & lettuce — all packaged in a

five gallon Grow Bag you can use to start your own garden! Visit us at trellis4tomorrow.org/solidarity to learn more. We have a generous donor who

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Reppert's Candy

Reppert's Candy, operating out of a 12,000 square foot facility in Oley Township, now offers more than 65 varieties of candy and approximately 200 different style chocolate molds. Holding true to the "family business," model, owner Keith Schell truly views his employees as an extension of their family. With more than 22 employees averaging 15 years with the company, "employees come first" is a philosophy Reppert's Candy has stood by for many years. This mentality is one of the reasons Reppert's Candy has built a long-standing tradition of being one of the finest chocolate manufacturers around.

Have one those "hard to please" people on your gift list? A box of assorted chocolates is a perfect gift that is sure to please anyone! Valentine's Day and Reppert's Candy are a perfect match! As you walk through the doors of their retail store, you will be pleasantly overwhelmed by the sweet aroma of chocolate. As you walk further into the store, the enormous variety of chocolate candies, Valentine's treats, not to mention the beautifully detailed packaging, will certainly overwhelm all of your senses.

Reppert's Candy retail store transition from Autumn to Christmas began at Thanksgiving and lasts through the new year. Chocolate tree ornaments and custom packaged party favors are just a few examples of the hundreds of seasonal treats you will find at Reppert's retail store.

Reppert's also offers custom chocolates for your wedding favors and gifts for the wedding party, bride or even the groom. Reppert's can offer custom molds, custom packaging and plenty of options. Call them so they can learn how to make your special day even sweeter. You can reach them at 610.689.9200 or email: info@reppertscandy.com.

Reppert's Candy is located at 2708 W. Philadelphia Ave., Oley, PA 19547. For additional information, please visit: www.reppertscandy.com.

Other Retailers with Reppert's Candy include: Coventry Parlor at Laurel Locks, Inc.; Pottstown Memorial Medical Center; Professional Pharmacy Pottstown; S.Clyde Weaver; Dutch Valley Food Distributors; and Patsy's Potpourri of Gifts, 30 E. Philadelphia Ave, Boyertown.



Van Scoy Jewelers

After 20 years in its previous location at the Broadcasting Square Shopping Center in Wyomissing, Van Scoy Jewelers' has moved to a new location at 1121 Penn Avenue in Wyomissing. The new location offers a friendly, relaxed atmosphere, with 20-foot ceilings and a beautiful chandelier. Abundant light cascades in from the many interior windows, and the natural light and special case lighting accentuate the jewelry throughout. Store owner Caroline Hill, who has a true passion for the jewelry industry, chose white and gray as the store's feature colors, with navy as a "pop color" to highlight the fireplace and center island. Their bench jeweler is set up in an area where customers can watch his work being done. Convenient parking is available in their own parking lot and on-street parking.

Though the location is new, the friendly, long tenured staff, fine products and special

events Van Scoy Jewelers has become known for remain tried and true. When you walk into Van Scoy Jewelers, you're greeted by a friendly, knowledgeable, and dedicated staff. "We don't view our customers as a one-time transaction... we strive to create lasting relationships with them," Caroline Hill said. "Often, that translates into generations of families coming to us because we care about the quality and integrity of the products we offer."

The knowledgeable and artistic staff is eager to help and create for customers. They are always staying up-to-date and bringing fresh ideas and gems to the table by attending trade shows and by taking continuing education classes. As a customer, you can bring your own design ideas and collaborate with the staff for a gorgeous finished product.

Van Scoy also offers timely turnaround for repairs and custom-made pieces to be completed and back into your hands.



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The in-house jeweler has many years of experience and expertise and has spent a good portion of his career working in high-end jewelry stores on the West Coast, specializing in setting diamonds and gems.

Van Scoy also offers a rewards program for customers to earn five percent back on purchases for future shopping. Earn and save even more by participating in the referral program. Keep your eyes peeled for special events and programs throughout the year. These include pop-ups featuring local jewelry designers and other artists, a girls' night with door prizes and the opportunity to create a wish list for the men in

your life to check out during men's night. Men can also enjoy special refreshments and time to bond with the guys. Other special events, programs and speakers are lining up, so keep your calendars open.

Van Scoy Jewelers has received the "Best of Berks" award over ten times which earned them the Lifetime Achievement Award and "Top 50 Businesses" from the Greater Reading Chamber Alliance three times. They are a locally owned and operated small business that has been in business for over 40 years.

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