

Gift Garden Opens Downtown

Part-time passion leads to full-time job

A long-time attraction to Broken Arrow – plus a part-time passion for making custom toiletries – has added up to a full-time business for Brigette Caldwell.



The owner of the Gift Garden, 516 N. Main St., said she moved from Mililani, Hawaii, to the Tulsa area a little more than a year ago and has “been drawn to Broken Arrow.” Caldwell – holding bachelor’s and master’s degrees in business – said she’d “been making soaps, party favors and those types of things on the side at home, so I asked myself, ‘Why not make it a full-time business in a small town?’”

The Gift Garden specializes in custom-made soaps, shower gels and other handmade toiletries along with several different types of gifts.

“I supply gift baskets, birth announcements and party favors, and I make most of the items by hand,” she said. “I also use other Oklahoma-based artisans for many of the products I sell.” For those customers who want to add their own ingredients or use additives supplied by Caldwell to make lotions and soaps, the Gift Garden has an area set up to make the creations.

“For a flat fee, customers can come in and work as long as they like,” she said. Caldwell said making custom soaps and gift baskets is also a party opportunity for children or adults. “With people moving back to more natural products,” Caldwell said, “this is a great place for kids to come and learn how to make these types of items.”

To make a reservation for the work area or learn more about what the Gift Garden has to offer, log on to www.egiftgarden.com or check out Brigette’s blog at egiftgarden.blogspot.com.

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