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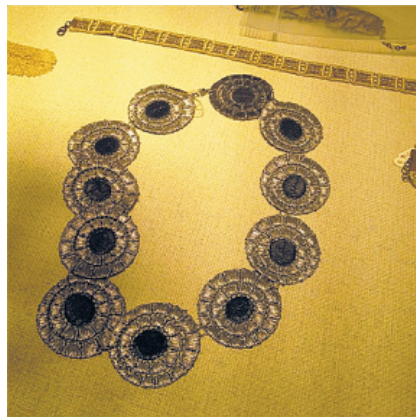
THE RIGHT GIFT IS HERE. OR AT LEAST IT'S FUN.

One of a Kind Show may manage to fill all your holiday needs

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When it comes to holiday gift giving, my mother receives an ultimatum every Halloween. If she pays an admission fee, has the ability to meet the artisan and the goods are sold from a folding table — the gift tag should not have my name on it. But she could travel to the One of a Kind show this weekend and find gifts for others and, admittedly, a few for me. With more than 600 artists in disciplines ranging from fine art to gourmet foodstuffs setting up shop, there is a gift for everyone on the list. Here are a few stops on the shop trail worth a look.

The One of a Kind Show and Sale continues 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday at the Merchandise Mart, 222 W. Merchandise Mart. Admission is \$12.



FOR THE WEARABLE-ART FAN

Spanish fashion designer (Mango, Zara) Paz Sintes hand-paints haute couture embellishments and weaves them into intricate necklaces, earrings and bracelets. Each piece is silk, custom-made and a break from heavy metal pieces. From \$40. Booth 8055



FOR THE MICROWAVE CHEF

You could pull pans from the oven with a standard-issue hot pad, but why? Costumers Stacy Rauba and Yutaka Fujita use remnants from their sewing business and create bespoke hot pads, some with a different gauge of hot. Like smoking hot. \$20 for two. Booth 7053



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FOR THE EDGY 'ARTISTE'

Brooklyn-based artist Mauro Baiocco takes over-the-top dreary oil paintings and adds whimsical monsters to the canvas. For One of a Kind, he created a line of limited prints with iconic Chicago landmarks photo-bombed by his monsters. Or just straight monster portraits. From \$20. Booth 8051



FOR THE IRONIC MUSTACHE MAN

Forget wearing your heart on your sleeve — tequila cat in a sombrero on a T-shirt is a better mood indicator. Graphic designer Jason Laurits started his line with shirts and has parlayed his signature kitsch onto rocks glasses. From \$9. Booth 8067

CHRISTMAS LIST

Hitting the slopes

These Airwave 1.5 ski goggles by Oakley integrate smartphone technology into the head display to show incoming text messages and calls while also analyzing your speed, jumps and more. If your friends have it, you can track them down the slopes or across the mountain. \$649.99 at the Oakley Store at Woodfield Mall, O'Hare International Airport or Water Tower Place.



Absolut-ly Chicago

The limited-edition vodka showcases not only the city's icons, but also gives a nod to our dynamic culinary scene. Olive and rosemary blend together to create a taste that is distinctly modern, while keeping the spirit a classic. Threadless, an on-line design community, crowdsourced the bottle's design, which includes the Ferris Wheel at Navy Pier and the Chicago flag. (\$19.99, Binny's Beverage Depot) —Adrienne Samuels Gibbs

