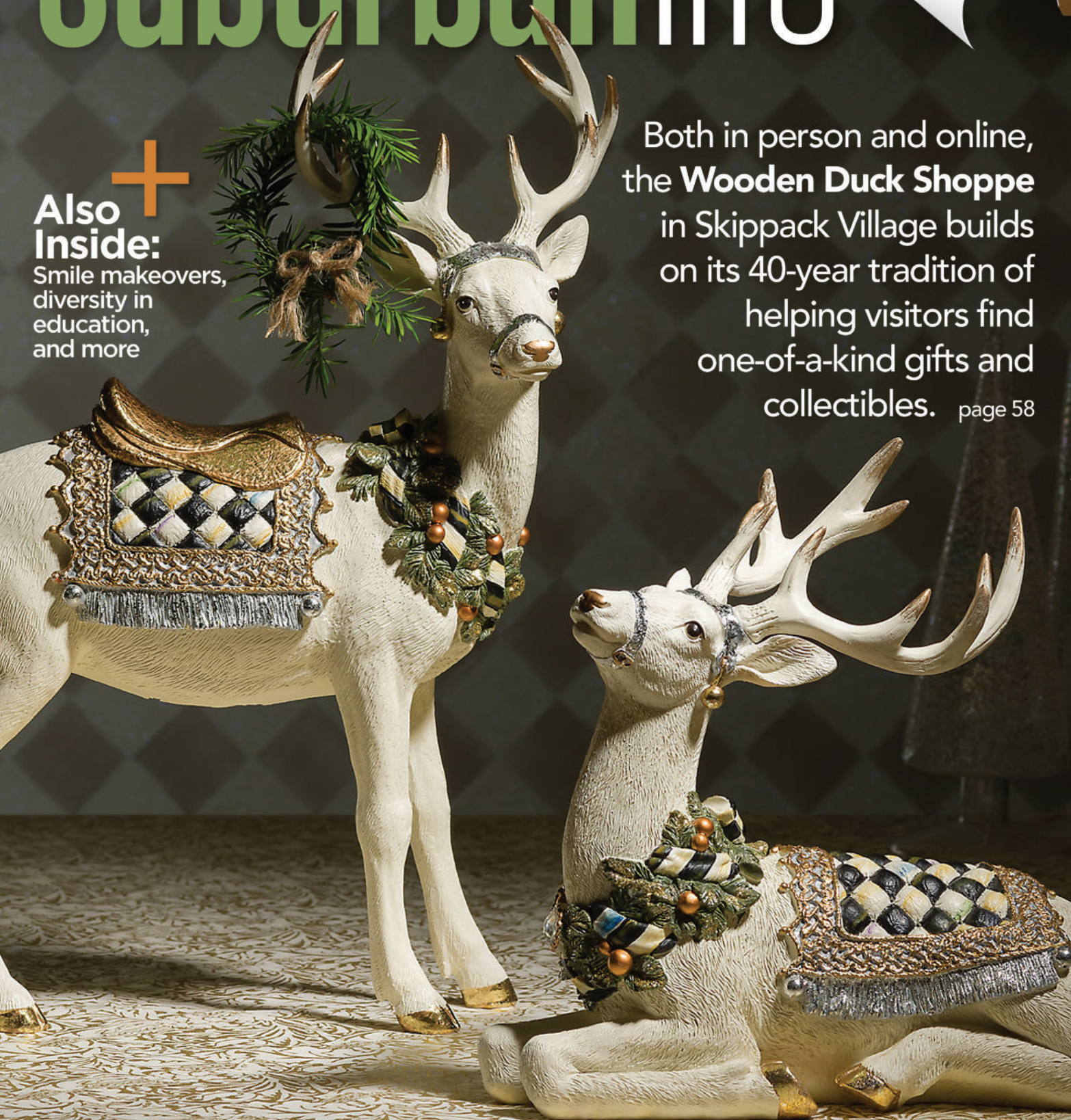


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Truly Unique

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People flock to Montgomery County's Skippack Village for its walkability, idyllic locale, and breadth of restaurants and retail destinations. Many unique shops dot the town's landscape, perhaps none more distinctive than the Wooden Duck Shoppe. Visitors from nearby towns—and much farther afield, thanks to a flourishing online business—have been delighting in the Wooden Duck's selection of one-of-a-kind crafts and collectibles for four decades and counting.

Like the rest of Skippack Village, the Wooden Duck is reminiscent of a beloved yet bygone era. The original "Wooden Duck" sign remains from the store's time as a specialty provider of carved wooden ducks. Inside the shop, wooden beams above feature an odd pulley or lantern that may very well have been hanging there for 40 years. Visitors appreciate the shop's charm and rustic



and home décor; Brighton jewelry and accessories; textiles from Aunt Liz's Attic; Byers' Choice Carolers; Department 56 villages and accessories; collectible figurines from Patience Brewster and Lori Mitchell; and women's apparel from Renuar, French Dressing, Tribal, and Boho Chic, among others. The store even carries wooden duck carvings as a nod to its storied past.

The Wooden Duck is on the cusp of one of its busiest times of the year. With Christmas within reach, the shop has become a winter wonderland of sorts, its showrooms brimming with stunning wreaths, tabletop displays and figures, and other specialty wintertime gifts. Of course, patrons will still find the same unique gifts as they would any other time of year, including items that have been handmade by American artists and craftspeople.

Although the Wooden Duck has its beginnings as a small-town duck carving shop, the shop has evolved into a contemporary boutique with a far-reaching

presence. For those who are unable to browse the store's selection in person, the Wooden Duck has a robust online presence notable for its selection and service. The store offers most of its products online through its easy-to-navigate website, woodenduckshoppe.com. While many of its online orders originate from customers who live within driving distance of Skippack Village, the Wooden Duck receives orders from loyal patrons across the country and around the globe.

The Wooden Duck's owners welcome guests to "drop in" anytime and peruse the selection, either in person or through the website from the comfort of their homes. ■

character, but they come specifically to peruse the merchandise on display.

Throughout its many rooms, the Wooden Duck features a distinctive lineup of fun and beautiful merchandise, much of it American made, including some items that cannot be found anywhere else. Notable items include Mackenzie-Childs seasonal



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