

FOREVER AFTER FINDS MAKES MEMORIES ONE BEAUTIFUL PIECE AT A TIME!

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A unique little shop, located in a residential area of Oswego (across from the Chamber of Commerce office) at 74 W Van Buren (331/725-4684), is one you should not miss! Owner Teresa Nighelli has brought together some amazing merchandise in her store which just recently opened in June of this year. Currently, she is a part time science teacher in a small private school who hopes to eventually devote more of her efforts to her new venture.

Her background includes being part of a family that has always enjoyed crafts. Teresa says relatives ignited her love of creating at a very early age; learning to turn trash into treasures came naturally to the ladies that raised her. Grandmother Teresa (after whom she is named) taught them how to make hand crafted Christmas ornaments. That legacy led her to develop her own designs and talents, first to make gifts for friends and family, then to participating in various small shows, and now, to opening a retail store. The interesting accumulation of high quality handmade items from select vendors, her mother Linda and sister Krista among them, will absolutely surprise customers.



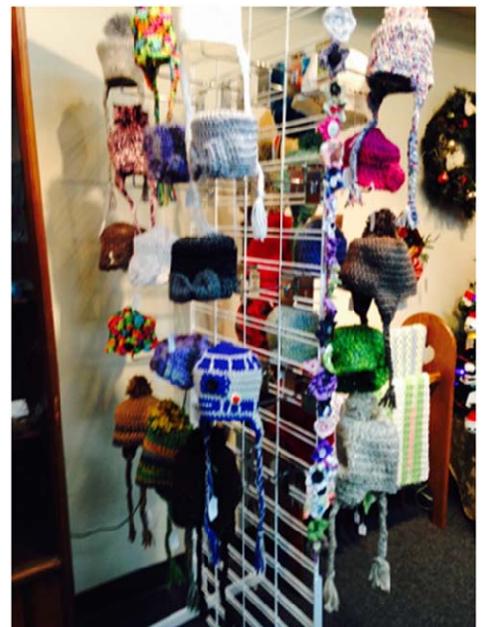
Teresa's specialty is jewelry, lovingly created from natural stones and crystals. "We like sparkly pretty things," she says. She offers to repair heirloom jewelry that needs some tender loving care.

We seek pieces from local vendors like thrift and dollar stores and turn them into something lovely, some of which, for example, are Vintage painted and jeweled spoons and children's chairs hand painted with characters girls love and toys and/or trucks boys appreciate. "In essence, we adorn the things we find," she added.

Linda provides beautifully crocheted hats (in all sizes and colors, some with

crocheted flowers attached), scarves, shawls, baby blankets, scrunchies, and baby headbands, plus children's clothing (such as pillow case dresses made from Vintage fabric). Teresa has unique jeweled broaches on hand which can be affixed to the hats as well. Krista's creations include florals and refinished furniture. Another vendor, Carrie Lupitan, displays her pretty hairbows at the shop. Customers will also find an extensive supply of Essential Oils (Teresa is a trained Reiki healer), Soaps and Lotions from Peace, Love, Happy Apothecary and Bath Bombs from Amor London. She mentioned that she intends to add a supply of Honey to the store soon.

Two hour private parties or classes are available at Forever After Finds. Limited classroom space can accommodate up to 8 students at a time. Coming up on September 23rd is a "Frozen" Movie Night from 6 – 8 PM for kids which will include crafts and treats; parents are welcome to drop them off and go shopping. An adult craft class is planned for October 21 (rescheduled from an earlier date due to a death in the family).



Teresa still participates in area craft shows and community festivals such as Burgoo in Utica. She avidly supports local small business and has created a special Houston Hope Stars necklace; a major portion of the purchase of each piece is donated to relief efforts. Christmas at the store will feature many special events (craft nights, an appearance by "Frozen's Olaf" participation in the local Holiday Cookie Walk, old fashioned stick candy and extended hours). Go to the website, Foreverafterfinds.com, for information on all activities.

There is off-street parking, prices are moderate and credit cards are accepted. Store hours are Wednesday, 2 – 6 PM, Thursday & Friday, 2 – 7 PM, Saturday, 10 AM to 6 PM and Sunday, 10 AM to 2 PM, Closed Monday & Tuesday.

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