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The Second Annual Local Fair Trade and Gift Bazaar: Ms. Mint Holiday Bazaar

Opening Friday, December 16th and Saturday, December 17th

(Chicago, IL) Ms. Mint Holiday Bazaar is a curated shopping event that showcases over 50 innovative local and fair trade businesses.

The event will take place at the **Grossinger City Autoplex** (the state of Illinois' first LEED certified auto dealership), 1530 N. Dayton St. (at North and Clybourn) on both **Friday, December 16, 2011 from 3pm-8pm, and Saturday, December 17, 2011 from 11am-6pm.**

The cost of the event is \$5 at the door (children are free). Price includes a raffle ticket for fantastic door prizes from our vendors.

The second annual bazaar is organized by Kate Gross of Ms.Mint Trading Post (www.msmint.com). Gross brings together over 50 of the region's most dynamic and creative entrepreneurs- including food artisans, designers, fair trade businesses, community organizations, authors, and more. In addition to shopping, there will be a café featuring local food and beverage.

Customers will find the perfect gifts - buying directly from the producers or brand reps, and also have the opportunity to create their own artisan gift baskets with Ms. Mint's assistance! Ms. Mint Trading Post will sell baskets, goodies, and provide a list of suitable gift basket fare at the event. Additionally, our Post's unique artisnal gift baskets are available for pre-order and pick up at the event. <u>http://goodsie.com/store/msmint/msmint-gifts</u>. Wrapping and shipping will be available.

*Please visit our website for an updated vendor list; <u>http://www.msmint.com/ms-mints-holiday-bazaar-2011.html</u>

2011 Vendors:

<u>A La Card</u> <u>Bigfats Hot Sauce</u> <u>Bot Bakery</u> <u>Burton's Maple Syrup</u> <u>Century Sun Oil</u> <u>Claranette</u> Co-op Hot Sauce <u>COPPERPEACE</u> <u>Curry's Kitchen</u> <u>CroquisKnits</u> <u>Das Foods</u> <u>Drink Deck</u>

Earth First Farms Ethically Engineered Familyfarmed.org Fair Earth forward rewind design Franks N' Dawgs GoodEats Restaurant Group- Burger Bar & Sono Gracias! **Green Envee Organics** Green Sugar Press/ Tim Magner **GREENOLA** Grinderman Coffee The Guild Cafe Hand Knotted Pearls Hats by Angela Morano Indego Africa Jo Snow Syrups Katherine Anne Confections Koru Street

Majestic Nursery & Farm Marwen **MavaWorks** nomadic ant Paper Moon Bakery Puffs of Doom Rich Chocolates & Candies River Valley Kitchens Ruth & Phil's Gourmet Ice Cream The Scrumptious Pantry Kishr Tea **Rare Bird Preserves** Salted Caramel SenTEAmental Moods Squishy Press Sweet Girl Desserts Sweet Spot Macarons **Tomato Mountain** Wild Child Granola

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