

# Five ways to give Dad a fab Father's Day

By Sherry Lucas

Dad gets his day on Sunday, and a special, thoughtfully chosen gift makes the celebration all the sweeter for the fellow.

Olde Towne Clinton stands ready to help.

**Sporty and stylish:** It didn't take Winstead Clothing Company owner Davis Winstead long to settle on a weekend-worthy shirt that hits the mark for a Mississippi June.

"I've got these really cool Mountain Khaki button-up, short-sleeved shirts. They all feel good —some are cotton, some are performance material.

"They're cool, comfortable, casual. It's what I want to wear in summer," Winstead says. "It's a little more expensive item, but I think it's one Dad would get a lot of wear out of. And, of course, I've got shorts to go with it, if you need them."

**Clean-cut fun:** Working with a more moderate budget? Winstead suggests Duke Cannon soaps and shampoo and conditioner to hit the upper-end mark as a treat, but might be a more comfortable fit on the wal-

let. They also hit the masculine note with fun nods to beer, military themes and more.

"I've gotten a little spoiled, because their scents are just good and clean," says Winstead. Look for discounts on combos.

**Artful opportunities:** Wyatt Waters Gallery manager Cristan Dulaney spots just the thing: a Wyatt Waters original painting of a motorcycle. Paintings of Mississippi landmarks are frequent hits, too.

But, if the budget isn't full-throttle at the moment, there are other possibilities.

"If you can't own a Wyatt Waters original, we do have prints of his originals," Dulaney says, "and then we have mugs and T-shirts."

One mug in particular hits a serendipitous spotlight. It's a coffee mug with a vignette of a

coffee mug on the side.

"It's a very personal thing for Wyatt. It was his father's coffee mug," she says, honoring the late Bucky Waters, an educator and coach in Clinton and Florence. "I can't tell you how many paintings he incorporates that mug into."



Artwork by Sam Beibers

**Portrait perfect:** Olde Towne Clinton artists Paul Fayard and Sam Beibers also have a way with the brush — and it's one that can be commissioned to create custom works of art.

Fayard's house portraits have wound up in happy hands. Several women have commissioned the paintings for the men in their lives, capturing the spirit of a special abode. He recalls one done recently, of a recipient's little cabin on a pond for a birth-

day surprise.

"He almost cried, he thought it was the best gift ever," Fayard says. He paints the portrait of a house as an extension of the person, with an expressive, impressionistic and color style to capture the feeling and spirit of the place.

Beibers, as a fun after-hours and weekend sideline from his job as an exhibit supervisor at the Mississippi Museum of Natural Science, creates what he calls Mutt Mugs (or, if the dog's a really good boy or girl, or a cat, and the jail joke doesn't quite fit, Pet Portraits). A pet portrait in gouache (opaque watercolor) on an 8-by-10 panel could be a fun, lasting memento from one beloved family member to another.

**Wake-up call:** Cups An Espresso Café in Clinton has options for those who cherish that morning jolt, whether it's a convenient pound of coffee, a decorative mug or a gift card in any amount.

If Dad's into the coffee-making equipment, a French Press or a Chemex Coffeemaker might up his game.

Plenty of Mississippi College students come in with their parents, manager Caleb Ellison says, who load the students up with T-shirts, mugs and gift cards. Maybe it's time to pay back a little of that love, kids?

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