

Wichita Alternative Gift Market quotations and testimonials

“Market Day is FUN. You'll meet new people, learn new things, and come away KNOWING that you've done something real to help someone else.”

—Laura McFall, 2019 Co-chair

“It was so much fun, such variety!”

“One personal reason I love the Market is it affords me the opportunity to honor my late mother. I seek out the causes she would love, then I donate to them and send the cards (and ornaments!) to my siblings in honor of our mom.”

—Jeanine Hathaway

“A beautiful way to shop.”

—Beth Larsen

“Unique gifts that you can't find at a typical store.”

—Jennifer Holt

“I'm always happy to find so many options in countries not generally on my radar. Also grateful for attention to women and girls who need our help.”

—2018 shopper

“I like the people I see each year – sometimes only at the market – but they are folks who care about the earth and about other people. It is a chance to enjoy community with a few of the many people of good will here in Wichita.” ... “It is always a bit of a fun puzzle to figure out what gifts will work for which family members. But I can sit by the café at the market and munch on some of their home-made goodies while I deliberate, so it is best to draw it out as long as possible!”

—Meme Overholt

“I have enough random stuff. My family members have enough too. It's getting more important to make conscious shopping choices and to buy gifts that have meaning. What if we just gave each other more friendship and presence for holidays, and shared our spending dollars with people in need? My family has mostly adopted this concept, and December is SO much more relaxing and fun, with more space to truly celebrate Christmas.” ... “I love the items that help someone start a business, or begin a goat herd, or plant trees, because I believe empowering others is the best way to make positive change in the world. If I want something tangible to give, I also enjoy Fair Trade gifts because I know they empowered someone across the globe to make a living for their family.”

—Katy Penner

“This event has exposed me to so many worthwhile causes over the years! You should put this date on your calendar and buy a Holiday “gift” that means something.”

—April Pameticky, Wichita Public Schools

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