

Warp & Woof offers great gift ideas

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The Warp & Woof started out as an ice cream shop way back in 1921 in the community of Chester. The name Warp & Woof is actually a weaving term and has nothing to do with dairy products, but was the beginning of the great sense of humour that has stayed with the store for the past 87 years.

Even with a couple of relocations and new owners here and there its charismatic charm hasn't changed. The store is now owned by John and Gwen Dueck-Shearson, and with all the little pieces of personality the store has kept from each owner over the years, the Warp & Woof is still growing and changing while offering exquisite items and articles for all age groups.

However, there is no ice cream anymore, so the only scoops that will be handed out these days are ones that deal with great gift ideas.

After many years of high profile banking in New York, the Canadian-born Shearson's were longing to come back home. John's family had been summering in Chester since after the war, and even though he and his wife Gwen were just looking for property to put some roots down it seems that they were found by the store instead.

"Our personalities fit the mood of the store. It is humorous, bright, and quirky and we wanted to be part of it and add to it," explains Gwen.

In 1995 the Shearson's purchased the Warp & Woof at its long time location on Water Street in Chester. With a cool breeze and the aromatic salt air



Sara Dorey, Gwen Dueck-Shearson and John Shearson are three of the smiling faces and exuberant personalities that make the Warp & Woof shopping experience people come from all over to enjoy.

this area is enjoyable during any season, and with a quick peak in the large windows of the Warp & Woof it is the unique colours, items and displays that beckon you inside.

Be prepared to lose track of time, discovering all the treasures will become your goal. Ornaments, glassware, home décor, jewelry and many other

items fill this shop. It is the perfect place to purchase a funky bracelet for a teen or an elegant one for you. There is something to interest every age group and all price points and keep you covered for any occasion that might sneak up on you.

"We are very conscious about what we stock; we chose products made

with recycled products. We purchase paintings, jewelry, hooked rugs and other items from local artists. It is also important to us to have a lot of Canadian made items and when we deal with European and other foreign goods we research and find artisans and production plants that do fair trade," explains Gwen.

The Warp & Woof is a store of humour, unique items and more. From the first Saturday in the Sunday after Thanksgiving, Warp & Woof is a shopping and delight. This is what makes the oldest continuous sea shop in the Maritimes, and signs of stopping anytime