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Where can I find it?

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Q: My husband used to eat coquito nuts as a small child in Mexico. We saw them being used in a recipe on one of the cooking channels and would very much like to find this item, as they are said to be completely edible and very high in fiber. Where can I find coquito nuts in Atlanta? Please help.

— *Karla E. Hernandez, e-mail*

A: Coquito nuts hail from palm trees in Chile. These small edible snacks look like Lilliputian coconuts, and even have a similar flavor, but they come from a different type of palm tree. You can buy coquitos in bulk for \$24 per pound, which nets you a lot of nuts, at Bravo Farmers Market, 4975 Jimmy Carter Blvd., Norcross, 770-817-9950.

Q: Do you think you can find Malt-O-Meal maple and brown sugar locally? I can find this tasty cereal when I visit a friend out of state, but it seems impossible around here. I live near downtown and haven't come across it.

— *Stanley Eubanks, Atlanta*

A: Stanley, I found hefty 36-ounce boxes of Malt-O-Meal maple and brown sugar flavor for \$4.49 at Target, 1275 Caroline St. NE, Atlanta, 404-260-0200.

Q: I hope you can track down Naked Bee orange blossom lip balm in a tube. This seems to work better on my chapped lips than any other I've used. Thank you.

— *Ellen Nicolas, Atlanta*

A: The Naked Bee orange blossom honey lip balm is made with a variety of oils, including soybean, olive and hemp seed. The subtly scented balm also has beeswax as an ingredient. You'll find little yellow-and-black tubes for \$3 at Briarcliff Pharmacy, 2724 Clairmont Road, Atlanta, 404-728-0092.

Q: I am looking to buy a frame to make a quilt. Where can I find it?

— *Dorothy D. Jones, e-mail*

A: Dorothy, I'm not sure what kind of quilting you're doing and that makes a difference as to what type of frame you need. There are several from which to choose and they often need to be ordered. You can get the information you need by calling or stopping by the quilt shop Tiny Stitches, 2520 E. Piedmont Road, Marietta, 770-565-1113. Ask for Tina and she'll help you determine what you need.



Pepper Pot soup

Over the past few months, several readers have been complaining because they no longer can find Campbell's Pepper Pot soup. More of a stew than a soup, this spicy concoction has been around for decades. However, according to the folks at Campbell Soup Co., Pepper Pot soup has been discontinued because of low consumer demand and no longer is available.

Having trouble finding a particular item? We'll try to help you locate it. Because of the volume of mail, we cannot track down every request. Write to us at Buyer's Edge Find It, The Atlanta Journal-Constitution, 223 Perimeter Center Parkway N.E., Atlanta, GA 30346; e-mail smorrow@ajc.com (include your name, the city you live in and a daytime phone number); or call 404-526-7205.

Southern made

A little pillow talk

This week's favorites include posters designed in Atlanta, throw pillows from Smyrna and tasty pimento cheese from Pawleys Island, S.C. By **Linda Jerkins**, for The AJC



Lacefield Designs

Pillow talk

Pillows can add personality and a finishing touch to a room. Designer pillows from Smyrna-based Lacefield Designs can give a room that timeless look. Beth Lacefield, the company's founder and

director, studied interior design at the University of Georgia. She has been nominated for "product designer of the year" by the Accessories Resource Team, a trade group. Among the company's de-

signs: A 13-inch-by-19-inch mud linen lumbar pillow with fretwork trim (\$150); a 20-inch square appliqué, screen-print linen pillow (\$168); a 13-inch-by-19-inch chartreuse woven lumbar pillow with

fretwork trim (\$150); and a 20-inch square chartreuse woven pillow with jute fringe (\$168).

Pillows and textiles are available at www.lacefelddesigns.com



Methane Studios

Poster art

Methane Studios designs and produces posters with a vintage feel in their East Point studio for the Dave Matthews Band and other artists. In 1998, the company got its start when Mark McDevitt and Robert Lee began to produce silk screen posters for the Echo Lounge, an East Atlanta club.

Dave Matthews Band posters are top sellers, but the studio has other artwork, including Sufjan Stevens, Ray LaMontagne and TV on the Radio. A four-color poster for a Sufjan Stevens concert at the Tabernacle in Atlanta last November measures 18 inches by 24 inches. Available for \$50 at www.methanestudios.com.



Pawleys Island Specialty Foods

Say cheese

Southerners endlessly debate who has the best pimento cheese, a simple blend of cheese, mayonnaise and sweet peppers. Some Atlantans say the best pimento cheese is served on a hot dog at the Varsity. Others rave about the pimento cheese sandwiches at the Masters golf tournament in Augusta.

Sassy Henry, formerly of Atlanta, would say its her original recipe for Palmetto Cheese: The Pimento Cheese with Soul. When Henry and her family moved to Pawleys Island, S.C., to run the Sea View Inn, she served it to guests as an appetizer. Vertella Brown, a family friend and cook at the inn (her image is on the container) added the "soul" to the chunky spread, made with sharp cheddar cheese. Try the original version or the gourmet spread with jalapenos if you like a little kick. Use it for sandwiches, as a spread on crackers or celery, or in your cheese grits. Available for \$5.99 at Publix, \$3.99 at Costco and \$5.49 at www.palmettocheese.com.

Send us your best Southern find

Do you have favorite finds from across the South that you give as gifts, buy for your home or rave about to friends? If so, please share them with us. Send your "best find" to: ljerkins@bellsouth.net. In the subject line, write Southern Made. Please include your name and contact number.

Retailers become galleries of affordable artwork

Design enthusiasts with small budgets, rejoice: There are so many places to find affordable artwork that it is hard not to have impressive wall art. West Elm sells framed drawings by Jason Polan for \$16 to \$54, in stores and online, and Westelm.com

has links to Etsy artists like Chalk Chalk, who makes chalk drawings of antique bicycles, tricycles and wagons (under the heading "We Love"). Urban Outfitters sells prints from Society6, an international "community" of artists, from \$25 online.

ExhibitionA.com has canvas-printed limited editions by popular contemporary artists, from \$100 to \$500. And websites such as ArtStar.com and Aceditions.com follow the model established by 20x200.com, selling limited-edition prints at low prices.

Jen Bekman, who created 20x200 in 2007, doesn't seem troubled by the competition. "It's fine with me," she said, "as long as they're creating great products and respecting the artists."

Julie Scelfo, New York Times