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CHRISTMAS IN COLDWATER



THE PLACE: Pamela Martin opened **The Christmas Villager** after visiting many types of Christmas stores in her travels. “Christmas has always been a wonderful time of year for us and I wanted to be in that type of environment on a daily basis,” she says. In 2010, Martin found a wonderful space on the main street in Coldwater that had the perfect blend of heritage, history and ambience where she opened the festive shop.

THE STYLE: It’s Christmas all year long at this charming store. “Even though we do offer a wide range of Christmas decorating items, we also have a great selection of unique, hard to find, educational and retro toys,” explains Pamela. “Our prices are very competitive, we don’t believe in overpricing our stock. We want our customers to walk away feeling good about their purchase.” The store carries products from Russia, Bethlehem, Germany, Lithuania, Poland, the U.S. and, of course, Canada.

OLD FAVOURITES: There are many here. Hand-blown glass ornaments and bubble lights rekindle a memory of Christmases past, says Pamela. “We also carry Raggedy Anne and Andy, Gumby and Pokey, Lamb Chop, Jack-in-the-Box and many other



toys from days gone by. Often we hear a sentence that starts with ‘Oh, I remember these.’” Frasier Fir products by Thymes is a beautiful line you’ll love.

NEW THIS YEAR: Hand-carved nativities made in Bethlehem from the wood of an olive tree are special. The Flatzy candles from Lithuania are unique, as are the paper napkins from Poland. You’ll also find the new release of customer favourites: Snowbabies, Snowpinions, From the Heart and Jim Shore. The new Playmobil advent calendars are in too.

MUST HAVES: Adult Colouring! Pamela says adult colouring books are the most popular items of the year so far! She also carries beautiful Kissing Krystals that are great for a hostess gift, gift exchange or to enjoy in your own home. The most popular tree ornament is a time capsule, hand-made in Quebec – Baby’s First Christmas. There’s a scroll inside for baby’s info and room for the first lost tooth, hospital bracelet and a lock of hair.

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