

The Craft Line 

Seattle Rainwater Makes Soap

BY MARIE ARY

It's raining soap in Seattle: Innovative and affordable soaps feature rainwater Rain that keeps Seattle green is the key ingredient of the innovative soaps and skin care products thoughtfully handcrafted in small batches by dynamic husband-and-wife business partners Scott Alberts and Becky Bouch, of Seattle Rainwater Soap Co.

October marks their third anniversary of a line of soaps and Lip and Skin Smoothies that include an original signature fragrance line inspired by Seattle's natural beauty and scenic landmarks.

"I joke that soap is universal because everyone needs soap," said Becky. "This makes our soaps ideal small token gifts to take back home for house sitters, or for friends at work, or for the sister who deserves a nice gift."

Each batch of skin care product begins with purified Seattle rainwater to which Alberts and Bouch add an all-vegetable oil base.

"Our soaps are actually made from purified Seattle rainwater," said Bouch. "I tell customers rain is free and plentiful and that purified rain makes good soap."



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Becky Bouch, of Seattle Rainwater Soap Co. reminds us that everyone needs soap.

her mother who said, 'Go ahead.'

"The girl said to me, 'You have a lot of Washington scents; you should have a wine scent,'" continued Bouch. "The girl was right and Northwest Vineyard has been very popular."

A Christmassy scent is currently under development.

"After October, we switch our seasonal fragrance to a Christmas scent with some kind of frankincense and pine," she said. "In preparation

"Our soaps are simple, they work well, and you don't need to add a lot of stuff," she continued. "That's my philosophy."

Simple, effective soaps that rely on natural ingredients crafted for upscale quality.

"All of our products are paraben-free and cruelty-free," she said. "We never use paraben, detergents, petroleum waxes or oils, or animal fats, so our products are mild and gentle, yet effective."

Skin Smoothies, a skin lotion in small, attractive tin containers and Lip Smoothies or lip balms, con-

tain Vitamin E and shea nut butter.

Intriguing original soap and Smoothies scents inspired by Northwest living include manly Elliott Bay Rum, seasonal Northwest Vineyard, outdoors-y Cascade Trials and fresh Puget Spa.

"Our original scents, which we created, are inspired by the Northwest," explained Bouch. "Whether it's the Washington fruits and flowers, Seattle coffee culture, or area locations like Elliott Bay, our products are a way to take a little piece of Seattle back home."

She explains that Seattle Rainwater Soap Co. product scents are "Fruits and Flowers, Warm and Rich which includes the Seattle coffee Culture, Fresh and one seasonal scent like autumn's Northwest Vineyard, inspired by an 11-year-old customer. One day, an 11-year-old girl was whispering shyly to

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