

Lilley Pad introduces soy-based products

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Joan Lilley of The Lilley Pad Candles and Soaps is busy getting ready to participate in her third Lunenburg Festival of Crafts.

"I love the people," says Ms Lilley about the patrons and crafters who frequent the annual event.

From her home on Jubilee Road, Ms Lilley devotes her time to making and packaging scented candles, soaps, bath salts, lotions and lip balms.

Ms Lilley's soy and wax votives, tea lights, melts and hearts are scented with quality fragrances. Her soaps are made with goat's milk, aloe vera or honey bases. The moisturizing body and hand lotions contain extracts of camomile, aloe vera, avocado, goat's milk and hemp oil.

It was 2001 when Ms Lilley started making candles as a hobby once she retired. She learned about the craft by researching it on the internet. She remembers ordering a kit and made her first blueberry muffin-scented candle. That activity led to two and before she knew it, Ms Lilley was making candles for friends.

In February of 2002, her home business was born. At that time, she added soaps to her product line. Shortly after, she started offering hand and body lotions and bath salts.

Her latest addition is products that contain soy wax. She says the soaps made with the soy product also contain extra moisturizing abilities.

Ms Lilley says the soy wax products are beginning to catch on. When she introduced the product, it made up 10 per cent of her sales. Now, about 50 per cent of her sales are of the soy-based products.

"It's a really nice feel," says Ms Lilley about soy soap. "It's such a versatile little bean."

However, those who are faithful to the goat's milk soaps can still purchase their favourite.

In addition to the soaps, Ms Lilley makes and sells round and square votives, tea lights, tarts, Smellie Jellies, pillar candles, chunked and plain scented soaps, lotions and scented sachets. Each item comes in a variety of scents including fruit and melon, food, floral, garden and nature, and fall and Christmas. She has about 200 fragrances and essential oils.



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Joan Lilley of The Lily Pad Candles and Soaps is getting ready for the Lunenburg Festival of Crafts. Here she threads a wick into one of her candles.