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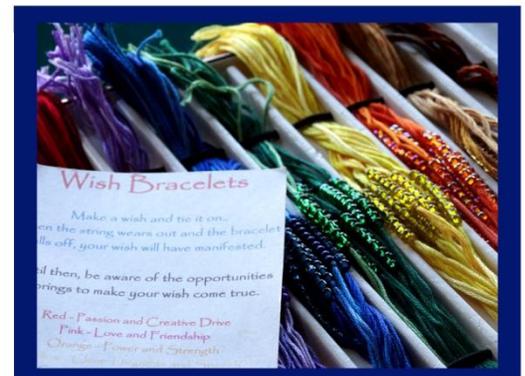
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All it takes is one look of the outside of Once Upon a Silver Moon and immediately you are drawn in by its energy. This store, owned by Ande Spencer, specializes in metaphysical gifts, occult supplies, and psychic readings. When I asked Ande how she got started in this specific area of interest she said that it ran in her family, she then added that for the first part of her career she was actually involved in commercial photography before deciding to return to her roots which as she described, "just wouldn't let her go!"



Her shop had been open at a different location, until due to unfortunate circumstances they had to temporarily close their doors and find a new location. When Ande was deciding on a new location she wanted an area that would have good space, good vibes, and feel more like a boutique.

So what exactly do you find in a metaphysical gifts, occult supplies, and psychic readings store? Well just to name a few, Once Upon a Silver Moon carries a wide variety of items ranging from tumbled stones, crystals, fossils, pendants, jewelry, herbs, incense, body washes and lotions, tarot cards, spell craft items, oils, books covering a wide variety of topics and even handmade soaps made by Ande herself.





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Along with these items, Ande also offers spiritual counseling and tarot readings. These can last for as long as you need, and her goal is first and foremost to help you acquire the self-reflection and answers you are looking for.



We at The Welcoming Project would like to take a section of this article to express our sincere thanks to Ande for donating \$100 to our scholarship fund! This money came from donations from those who have visited her shop, as well as contributing herself! Starting last year we started offering two \$500 scholarships, one to an undergraduate and one to a graduate, to individuals who exhibit LGBTQ activism in their lives. These scholarships come solely from donations received by members of the community who support our project.



When I asked Ande what made her decide to contribute these funds to our organization she said that she had been looking for something good to put the money towards and was wanting something close to home. When she heard about our scholarship she saw it as a great way to give back and support what we do. If you weren't already interested in checking out her store, then consider this the icing on the cake. Swing by and see Ande and all that her store has to offer, show your appreciation of her commitment to our project!