TIM GOULD reaches for a twist candle from the molding machine at Cathedral Candle Co. in Syracuse.

New Twist for the Holiday

Twist candles are made by Syracuse’s Cathedral Candle Co. only during the holiday season, for customers and friends of the 104-year-old company.

The candles are being sold for the first time this year in the gift shop of the Onondaga Historical Association.

The candle company was started in 1897 by Jacob Steigerwald.

His great-grandson, Lou Steigerwald, president of Cathedral, says the twist molding machine is one of the company’s oldest, dating to the late 1800s. It was made by the Homan Co., of Cincinnati.

The family-owned company makes candles for churches.

— Staff writer Charles McChesney