

The Peter Becker Community

Woodworkers' Association Newsletter

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A MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR



Steve Kulp being introduced
By Curt Michener

For those who may have missed it, on May 10th Steven Kulp, a local area woodcarver, gave an excellent presentation on his woodcarving experiences and displayed a number of his carvings. More that 20 woodworkers, residents and future residents attended.

Steve learned to carve in 1983, and has competed in numerous woodcarving shows and has won many awards for his work. He has also authored several articles in Woodcarving Illustrated magazine. Steve has featured his work in regional and national woodcarving shows, including the well-known Dayton Ohio Artistry in Wood show, and the Richmond Carvers Society. He has won several awards for his work.

As you can see, Steve's work encompasses many different styles and techniques in woodcarving.



When asked about his favorite type of carving, Steve said he most enjoyed doing *Found Wood* carvings. This is where a carver finds a piece of wood lying around in the woods, yard, or wherever, and sees something in the wood waiting to get out. The carver then uses their vision to carve a figure, thus releasing it from the wood. The wood for the carving pictured to the right was found floating in a local creek.

Many thanks to Steve for a very enjoyable presentation.



50th Anniversary Celebration

Pictured to the right is Joe Bussmann who was cleaning shelves in preparation for 50th Anniversary Open House celebration. Others who also assisted included Jim Rich, Joe Bondi, Bob Coble, Roy Feiss, Bill Rose, Mark de Porry, Jody Law, and Sue Elverson.



Joe Bussmann



Roy Feiss greets Ruth Swingle
and her daughter, Kimberly Shields.

Our thanks to the following
woodworkers for their help with the
open house and demonstrations.
Greeters: Doug Law, Jody Law and John
Walz; Saw Stop safety features: Joe
Bondi; Lathes: Ron Foley and Roy Feiss;
Carvers: Curt Michener and Mark de
Porry; and Scroll Saw: Sue Elverson.



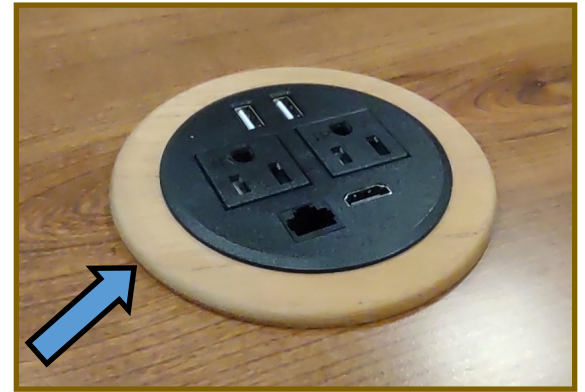
Ron Foley demonstrates using the lathe to
make small refrigerator magnets.



John Walz, Jody Law, Dave Wolff
welcome guests and help visitors signup for
the door prizes.

SERVING THE COMMUNITY

The Woodworkers were asked by Facilities Management to make two wooden adapters for the installation of a desktop power grommet connector for the table in the Board Room. Using the lathe, Curt Michener turned two adapters and delivered them the next day to FM.



Jan Streilein, who lives at Woodsedge H-2, is learning to carve and is a member of Curt Michener's carving class. The group meets on Tuesdays at 1pm in the Taylor Woodshop. If you wish to join, please speak with Curt or visit a class.



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Woodworkers

Elizabeth Olsen wrote, "Have you ever taken a moment to examine a piece of wooden furniture and found yourself wondering about how much effort, time, and patience it took to create it? Woodworking is the art of crafting things out of wood. While some people have built successful franchises by going into woodworking, others aspire to hone their woodworking skills simply because they enjoy it as a hobby." PBC's Woodshop provides us with a wonderful space to explore and expand our woodworking skills, learn from each other, and enjoy the fellowship of working together to serve the Peter Becker Community.

The Old Fashioned Way

Chet Bergey still does it the old fashioned way. He hand carved this 5" scoop from walnut. It can be used to serve candy or peanuts. Many of his hand-made items are on sale in the Thrift/Furniture Store.

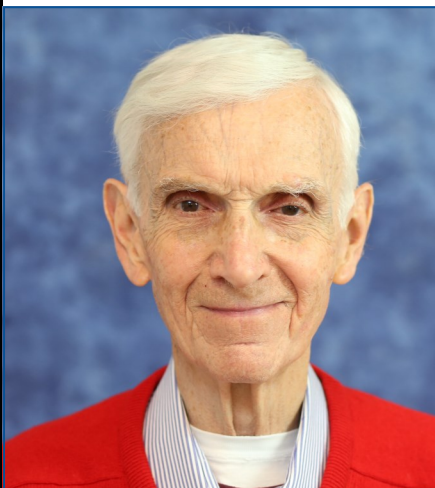
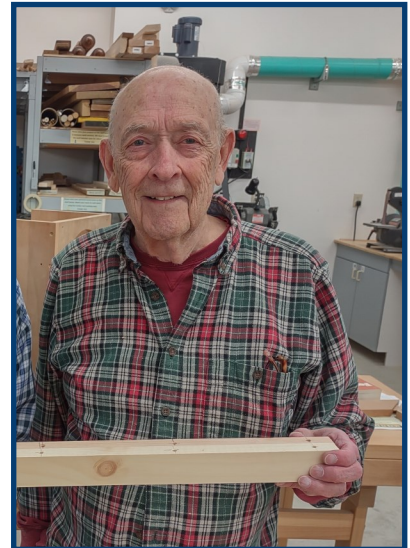


Welcome New Members



Welcome **Sue Elverson**! Sue, and her husband Al, recently moved into Woodsedge B-3 and are still unpacking and setting up their cottage. Years ago Sue enjoyed building doll houses and is looking forward to expanding her woodworking skills in our new woodshop. Her first project was cutting out “Oven Squirrels” on the scroll saw. She is in the process of building miniature Cornhole Boards for children and using her sewing skills to make small bags filled with rice.

Say hello to **Jack Reese**. Jack and his wife Evie, joined PBC in February and live in Maplewood Estates #209. They have been married for 65 years—Congratulations! In April he joined the woodworkers to help with the restoration of furniture which is sold in the Thrift/Furniture Store. Jack, a graduate of Penn State University and Temple University, served for thirty years as a Doctor of Podiatric Medicine (DPM). In his former home he had a small workshop and enjoyed building closets and making other repairs to their home.



We welcome **Jerry Lee**. Jerry and Maude Lee moved to PBC CC-23 in December 2021. Prior to that they lived in Franconia Twp (Morwood area) for 48 years. Jerry worked in a medium size manufacturing plant for 41 years and served as their Quality Assurance manager for 34 years. About two decades ago he started woodworking as a hobby and is experienced in refinishing old and new furniture items including dining room tables and chairs, desks, caned ladder-back chairs, mirrors, an antique octagon lamp table, Salem style display shelves, and a plant stand. He also made from plans/kits a Shaker style plant stand, birdhouse planter and several other small pieces. Jerry is already helping to repair and restore items donated to the Thrift/Furniture Store.



Frank Batson to the Rescue

We were frustrated after several attempts to mix a custom color to paint the top of a piece of furniture. Resident artist Frank Batson visited the woodshop and, in a few minutes, mixed a color which was an excellent match. He did a better job than the computer at a local hardware store. Thanks Frank!!!



Here's Some Good News

As you probably know, a group of woodworkers and residents clean, repair, and do minor refinishing to donated furniture which is sold in the Thrift/Furniture Store. Pictured to the left is Joe Bondi working on cleaning and repairing a toy rocking horse. He even carved a new wooden seat.



During the month of April, fifteen pieces of furniture were sold for a total of \$918.50. Our thanks to Dave Merrick who chairs the Furniture Committee and the following woodworkers who assist in a variety of ways: Wayne Whitney, Jody Law, Mark de Porry, Bob Coble, Jerry Lee, Ray Mills, Jack Reese, Barry Troxel, Dave Wolff and Carlene Pagnotto. All proceeds benefit the PBC Auxiliary.



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