

The Peter Becker Community

Woodworkers' Association Newsletter

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On July 29, the residents and woodworkers of the Peter Becker Community presented 50 wooden toy trucks to Sister Joann Sosler, one of sisters of St. Basil the Great convent in Jenkintown, Pa. The Administration was represented by Barbara Keller, Vice President of marketing and sales, who said, "To have a group of such talented and giving residents here in the Peter Becker Community is overwhelming." Joe Bondi presented an extra one of the trucks to Sister Joann for her to display at the convent. Robert Keeler from *The Reporter* newspaper wrote a beautiful story which included several photographs. A similar article and photos also appeared in several area newspapers.



Bringing Back the Wood

It was Tuesday, July 20, when a group of woodworkers and a staff member went to the home of Jim Styer in Telford to load two trucks and a trailer with mostly black walnut. Jim was a former member of PBC's BOD and is serving on the Finance Committee. He kindly donated approximately over 7,000

board feet of hardwood for the woodworkers. When we returned to the Taylor Woodshop, Jack Reese, Roy Feiss, and Jerry Lee were on hand to help unload all the wood. What a gift! Our thanks to Chet Bergey who helped make these arrangements and who is related to Jim Styer.



Pictured above are Bill Rose, Jim Styer, Joe Bussmann, Dave Wolff, Jeff Miles . Bob Coble took the photo.



Jack Reese comes into the woodshop Wednesday mornings and helps clean, repair and restore furniture for sale in the Thrift/Furniture Store. Thanks Jack!!!



Meet "Olaf"

Rosemary Forsythe is in Curt Michener's carving class and recently finished carving and painting "Olaf" pictured above. Way to go, Rosemary!

Please speak with Curt for more info on the carving class.



Chet Bergey is making a beautiful cutting/serving board of maple and walnut. He hand-carved the handle, and the board will be on sale in the Thrift Store. Chet, you are a Pro!

At the Association meeting on August 5, all the members signed a "Thank You" card to Marilyn Derstine to express appreciation for proofing our newsletters and other documents. In an email, Marilyn responded to the card: "Please pass on to the members of the Woodshop my sincere appreciation for the beautiful Thank You card. What a nice surprise! It is a pleasure to be associated with such a fine organization. Thank you for all you do for PBC, and the world (Ukraine) as you share your many talents."



CUSTOM DOOR STOP

Betty Schantz is excited about her new door stop on a dowel which helps her when leaving her apartment on her mobile cart. Bob Coble designed and built it after three



modifications. Many of the Maplewood apartment doors have a magnetic catch, but Betty's apartment does not have a wall where the magnet could be mounted. This door stop was pre-approved by PBC's Risk Management Committee.

The Woodworkers have been making items for sale for the last couple of years, but sales were restricted just to the Maple Corner Gift Shop in Maplewood Estates. Covid shut down the campus and then in February 2022, the sprinkler system flood closed the Gift Shop. Therefore we were left in a quandary as to where to sell our wooden crafts.



Jody Law

It was then decided to sell items in the Thrift/Furniture Store, and with the outside traffic and word of mouth, sales have been steady and profitable.

We started selling items in the Thrift/Furniture Store on February 24, 2022, with only two sales that month, but since then 43 items have been sold, totaling \$1100, of which 20% will go to the Auxiliary. These funds are used by the Woodworkers to purchase supplies, new tools, wood and general maintenance of equipment.

The most popular items are the oven squirrels, cutting boards, and segmented bowls. Children's toys, including puzzles, trucks, and trains are to be offered soon. As you can see from the picture, we have an assortment of stools, cutting boards, mortar and pestles, bowls, pens, and much more. All of these items make wonderful gifts for weddings, anniversaries, birthdays and retirements. Come out and support the Woodworkers and the Auxiliary.

—Jody Law, Vice President

Finally a Home

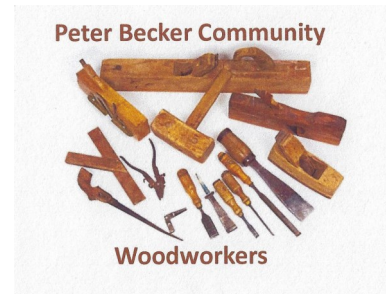


For the last year, our five long and heavy Bessey parallel clamps were moved here and there, usually falling over onto the floor. But John Walz came up with a good idea to hang the clamps on the end of the mobile cart, and now they finally have a safe home. John made up a special hanging bracket out of 2" x 4"s and attached it to the end posts on the cart. He painted it our "woodshop gray." Thanks John for helping to continue to organize our new woodshop.



WELCOME BOB O'BRIEN

Say hello to our newest woodworker. Bob, who moved to PBC three months ago, resides in MWE 206. He worked for the Federal Government as head of contracting for the Air Force at Willow Grove Air Base. After his wife, Nancy, passed over a year ago, he decided to move from Hatfield to PBC. He proudly has four children, six grandchildren, and seven great grandchildren. Bob had a woodshop in his Hatfield home and is now looking forward to making gifts for, well, can you guess who?



Our Bowlsey Twins



Roy Feiss and Bill Rose

You have heard of the novel series called the Bobbsey Twins. We have the Bowlsey Twins because Roy and Bill are always at the lathes turning beautiful bowls. Seriously, Thanks guys!!

What's the best way to carve wood?

Whittle by Whittle.



MORE TRUCKS

Pictured to the left are Joe Bondi and George Finnin who are working on making wooden toy trucks similar to the ones made

for the Ukrainian children. Some of these trucks will feature the American flag and will soon be on sale in the Thrift/Furniture Store to benefit the Woodworkers and the PBC Auxiliary.

I was going to make up a joke about carpentry, but I can't think of any that wood work.

VISITORS FROM PINE RUN CCRC

Three woodworkers from Pine Run Retirement Community in Doylestown visited the Taylor Woodshop. They saw the article about our shop in *Wood Magazine* and asked if they could visit.



Walt, Harry, and Lou

On Saturday, August 13, they toured our shop and several of our woodworkers shared information about our history, furniture restoration, serving our residents and community, and our electrical and dust collection systems.

Those who helped with the program included Chet Bergey, Joe Bondi, Bob Coble, Roy Feiss, Mark de Porry, Jim Rich, Bill Rose, John Walz, and Wayne Whitney.

Mission Statement

We are a diverse group of Peter Becker residents who explore, share, and expand our woodworking skills. We value: creativity, quality, safety, teamwork, a clean environment, and sharing skills. Our goal: To have our members use the woodshop for both individual and selective community projects.

This Mission statement was drafted by a committee of the Woodworkers led by Jody Law and adopted at the Quarterly Association Meeting on August 5.



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