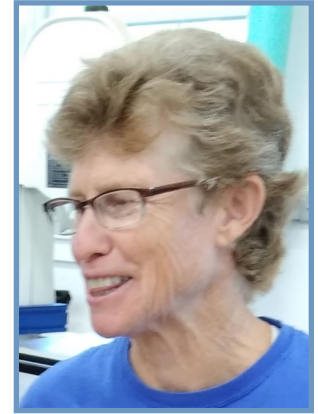


The Peter Becker Community

Woodworkers' Newsletter

April 2024



President's Message

Happy Spring! The shop has been busy with carving classes, building a mobile plywood cart, furniture restoration and other projects. We had a good first quarter and will continue to replenish our items for sale. Several of our members have finished projects on campus. John Walz and Bob Coble made a walking stick holder for the Gift Shop. Rick Layer painted and made new slats for two donated benches from Willow Grove Park, and Sue Elverson highlighted the lettering with gold paint. Great job everyone. We continue to work on tool maintenance, building a leveling sled for cutting the charcuterie boards and other small improvements. Dave Wolff and his neighbor Ron Hallman will paint the two sets of exterior doors once the weather improves and will get a nice brass plaque 'Taylor Woodshop' to install. We are so appreciative to have this wonderful facility and all these talented members. Thank you all for your contributions to our community.



Share Our Newsletter With Family & Friends

Family and friends can now see our newsletter by going on Peter Becker's website, Peterbeckercommunity.com. At the top of the page, click on "Community Life," then "Community Groups." Scroll down the page and you will see our newsletter.

Curt Michener Carves Reindeers



The reindeer pattern was found on the Internet by Curt's late wife, Peggy. Curt has used walnut and plum tree wood from cut down

trees on the PBC campus. Some of the reindeer have been sold in the Maple Corners Gift Shop, others were gifts for his family and friends.



John Walz repairs a chair for resident Ann Snyder.



Joe Bondi is teaching Larry Rush how to use the router to round over the edges of the oven squirrels.



Every Monday, Rick Layer and Jim Brasch put out the trash for the Woodshop. Jim kindly stepped in when Dave Wolff needed to take a break for health reasons.

Refurbished Home for Wrens



Dave Wolff holds a birdhouse which needs its roof replaced. The wrens have made this house their home for two years, and Dave is hoping they will show up again this spring. He did the housecleaning and made a new roof. Good luck, Dave!



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The Furniture Team

Pictured to the left are Wayne Whitney, Jody Law, and Dave Wolff, returning with a truckload of donated furniture. Pictured to the right is Mark de Porry working on repairing and restoring a desk with a pigeon hole interior. Wayne is chair of the Furniture



Committee, and he and Mark do most of the preparation of the furniture for sale in the Thrift/Furniture Store. Jody Law, Dave Wolff, Mike Quinn and Bill Kelly help with moving furniture. The monthly sales in the Annex are staffed by Joe and Rose Bondi, Lee Brooke and Ed McPeak. The total sales for January, February and March were \$4,789. All proceeds benefit the PBC Auxiliary.



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Billiard Door Repaired



Facilities Management asked the woodworkers to cut 1/4" off the billiard room door, and make a few other minor repairs. John Walz and Bob Coble tackled the task, making cuts with a router and doing minor repairs to the oak veneer. Those who play pool were delighted that they could now open and close the door without it dragging across the carpet.

On behalf of the PBC Woodworkers, Jody Law presented a charcuterie board to Jim and Beth Styer who previously donated a generous amount of walnut and ash slabs to the Woodworkers—the charcuterie board was made from wood they donated. Jim served one year on the PBC's Board of Directors, and currently is a member of the Finance Committee. Beth is Chet Bergey's niece. At Christmas, Jim received one of our cutting boards from our CEO.



A Child's China Closet

Chet Bergey is working on building another child's china closet. Years ago, he built the first one for a granddaughter. It is approximately 26" wide and 20" high. Since then he has built seven more for his great grandchildren. This one will be for Nodia, the newest great granddaughter.



This issue of the Newsletter will be posted on Peter Becker's Website and the Portal.

Walking Stick Holder



The Gift Shop asked the woodworkers to make a stand for their new walking sticks which feature a built-in compass and pointed tip for walking on ice and a removeable rubber cap. John Walz designed a base and he and Bob Coble made it out of plywood.

John Walz, PBC Woodworker, is the contact person if you have a minor furniture repair to a chair or other piece of furniture. Give him a call at 215-703-4166, and he will come and take a look at what needs to be done. You will be expected to cover the cost of materials, and you will be invited to make a donation to the PBC woodworkers.



Furniture Repairs for Residents



Charcuterie Board Jig

Working with live edge slabs can produce showcase projects. But without a very large planer and jointer, flattening and smoothing a rough slab can be a challenge. Joe Bondi and Roy Feiss are making a benchtop flattening jig out of plywood. The precision guide rails and the smooth sliding carriage will guide the router over the entirety of the surface, resulting in a flat and smooth top on our charcuterie boards.



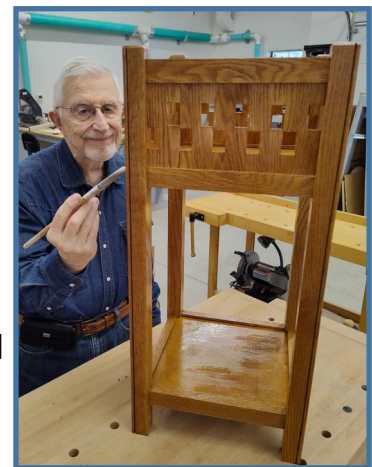
Newsletter

This publication features members of the Peter Becker Community Woodworkers' Association which has thirty members. Robert Coble, a woodworker, is editor and photographer, and he is assisted by Marilyn Derstine.

The President of the Association is Jody Law. For more information, please call her at 215-990-6420.

Oak Planter

Joe Bondi, using a plan from the September 2022 issue of Wood Magazine, made this beautiful oak planter. The first one he made in 2023 was for his home. Since then, his youngest daughter has been admiring it. So Joe decided to build another one for her upcoming birthday in June. The planter requires the use of mortise and tenon joints, and features an interesting design for the fence portion. Fortunately the Taylor Woodshop has a mortising tool which makes cutting easier. Unfortunately Joe is not taking any orders.



The Benches Are Finished



Willow Grove Park was an amusement park located in Willow Grove, PA, that operated for eighty years from 1896 until 1975. The park sat vacant until the land was cleared for a large shopping mall known as Willow Grove Park Mall. The Park was one of the premier amusement parks in the USA for quite a long time. Many of our residents have fond memories of the time they spent at the Park.

Pictured above are Susan Elverson and Rick Layer sitting on one of two restored benches from the former Willow Grove Park. They were donated by Pondview residents Bob and Loretta Gamble. Jeff Miles, Director of Mission Support, had the cast iron ends sand blasted and Rick Layer painted them black. Rick also made and replaced the oak slats, and Susan enhanced the embossed lettering with gold paint. The two benches will eventually be located on our campus.



Another Thunderbird Bowl



Pictured is Roy Feiss' third thunderbird variegated bowl made of walnut and maple. This one will be for sale in the Gift Shop and Roy has already started the fourth bowl. Cutting the pieces and turning the bowl takes great precision. Oops!

Sorry, but the bowl has already been sold.

