

The Peter Becker Community

Woodworkers' Newsletter May-June 2025

A Message From Our President



As we finish the first half of 2025, I reflect back to what we have done so far.

Items sold in the Maple Corners Gift Shop - \$580.41
Furniture sold in the Thrift/Furniture Store - \$5635.35
Donations from residents for repairs - \$815.00

We are currently making 50 train engines for the Samaritan Purse project and continue to replenish our supply for the two upcoming craft shows – Peter Becker in early November and Pearl Buck in late November.

The woodshop is busy almost every day and we continue to show prospective residents what we make and the fantastic facility that we have. It is a great asset and selling point for Peter Becker.

Once again, thank you for all your time and talent. You help make the woodshop what it is – a wonderful asset for the Peter Becker Community.



Pictured to the left is Jim Brasch, one of several woodworkers working on the 50 train engines for the Samaritan Project. Also assisting is Teri Schwartz who has signed up for one of the new PBC apartments and graciously offered her assistance in painting the many wooden parts.

Serving the Community

Pictured are Dave Wolff, Bob Coble, John Walz who rebuilt a bench located near the Pavilion. Dave cleaned and sprayed the iron sides and back. Using oak, Bob and John replaced the seat and back slats, coating them with a stain and exterior grade polyurethane. Stainless steel hardware was used and a pressure-treated base was added. The three spent a total of 40+ hours rebuilding this bench.



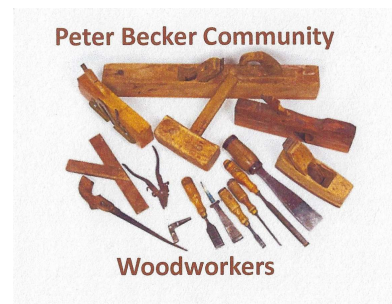
Cam

Pictured above on the left are Kristina Wakeley, Manager of the PBC Pharmacy, and Woodworker, Chet Kratz. Chet made a ball rack for Kristina's son, Cameron, pictured above on the right. He is the pitcher for the Bucks County Generals, U Black Team. Resident Victor Slaughter painted the artwork. Cam, who is thirteen years old, has been playing baseball since age 4.

Where's the Paintbrush?



Usually, Dave Wolff has a paintbrush in his hand, but here he is replacing the screen in his daughter's screen door.



Making New Memories from Old Cherished Memories

Thirty years ago, staff member Susan Plaughter purchased a table and chair set at an Amish shop near Lancaster. At the time, her oldest daughter was a toddler, but she used the set with all three of her children. Recently, she brought the set out of storage for her 14-month-old grandson, but discovered the top of the back support was broken. So, she asked woodworker John Walz, pictured to the right, if he could repair it. Using oak, he made a replacement piece and carefully stained it to match the rest of the set. Do you need a repair? If so, please call John at 215-703-4166.



A Beautiful Walnut Bench with Natural Edges



Pictured on the left is Joe Bondi putting the finishing touches on his walnut bench with a natural edge. It is approximately 17”high and 44” long. He finished the bench with semi-gloss polyurethane. Last fall Joe made two natural edge tables for the Pearl Buck Juried Show, and both sold before the Show opened for the public.

WELCOME BACK ROY FEISS

Roy took a break from woodworking for a month or two for physical therapy. But he is back making beautiful segmented bowls out of walnut and maple. He finishes them with several coats of wipe-on polyurethane and then buffs them on the lathe. When you touch them, they are as smooth as glass. Well done, Roy, and we are glad you are back. If you would like to see and touch them, visit the Maple Corners Gift Shop.



Who Are We?

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



A Rocking Good Time for Beth

Larry Kratz decided to make a special gift for his great granddaughter, Beth. Larry is grateful to the woodworkers who assisted him. Chet Kratz offered to cut out the parts and helped assemble them. Using her skills, Sue Elverson painted all the artwork. We heard that Beth is having a rocking good time, thanks to her Grandpa and his friends.



Mini Corn-Hole Boards



Rob Russell spent many hours making Mini Cornhole Board Games. He was assisted by John Walz who created the design. He made 7 sets, and each include 8 small cornhole bags. A young child will have fun playing the game on the floor or tabletop. As of printing, only five were left in the Gift Shop.

Hand Carved

Chet Bergey is very skilled at carving. Pictured to the right are two sets of salad serving spoons he hand carved from cherry and hickory. He then finished them with food safe mineral oil and waxes. They would make a great gift, and you will find them in the Maple Corners Gift Shop.



This Publication	
PBC Woodworkers	<p>This publication features members of the PBC Woodworkers' Association. Bob Coble is the editor and photographer, and he is assisted by Marilyn Derstine. For more information, please call our President, Jody Law, 215-990-6420.</p>