A Message From Our President

Peter Becker Community Woodworkers
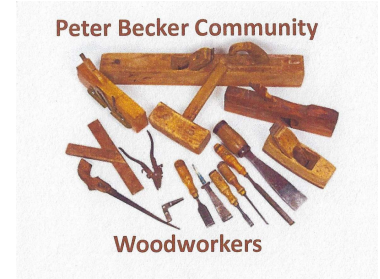
The other day I had the pleasure of showing the Woodshop to a potential couple. Their eyes grew big as he and his wife looked around, and we talked about what we make and the community projects that we participate in. While they said they were looking at other CCRC's, ours was by far the most impressive in all areas. The thought of working on something for the joy of it was a new concept for him.

The joy of working on a new project, making a lovely chest for a great grandchild or making the trains for the Samaritan Purse project, that is what I see when I walk into the shop. We are so fortunate to have this wonderful facility. Thank you all for taking such good care of it so we can pass our joy to others. All of you are commended for your love of this place- let's continue to pass it on. *Jody Law - President*

The Association Quarterly Meeting – July 8

Getting Ready For Christmas

Pictured above is Chet Bergey holding a jewelry box he made for his six-year-old great granddaughter who lives in Ohio. He lined it with red felt and it features a drawer in the bottom. Chet spent six years in East Africa teaching woodshop skills, so he glued in an Africa coin from Kenya.

Chet Kratz was thinking of the holidays when he created this Christmas centerpiece. Using poplar, he cut a snow-flake on the scroll saw and turned a candle holder on the lathe. Then he finished the flake with glitter and the rest with polyurethane.

Do you know what these are? They are some of the 200 wheels and axles for a Christmas present for children. See page 3 for the details.
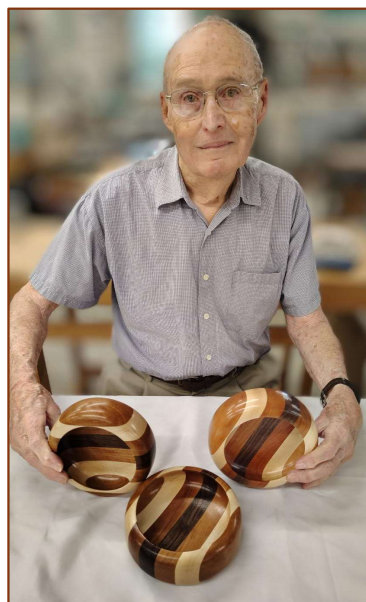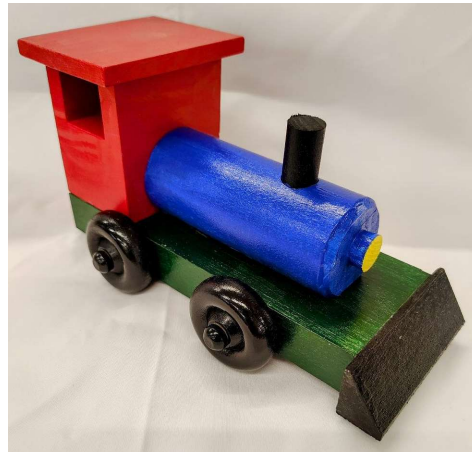
The Bowl Maker

Using a lathe, Roy Feiss turned three more beautiful bowls made of walnut, cherry, and maple. They were finished with polyurethane, wax, and then buffed. These small 6.5" bowls make a great gift.

Dave Wolff

Jim Brasch

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

In October, the PBC Woodworkers will be donating fifty wooden engines for the Samaritan Purse project called Operation Christmas Child. Thousands of churches, schools, groups, and individuals collect shoeboxes filled with toys, school supplies and personal items for children. This is our fifth year of making and donating wooden toys. The shoeboxes are delivered to over 100 countries world-wide.
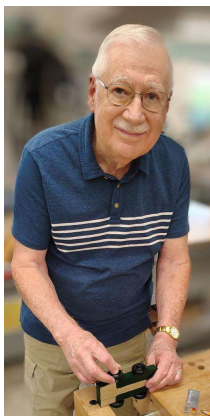
John Walz designed this engine and he and Bob Coble cut out all the parts. Then Dave Wolff planned and coordinated the painting of five different pieces and the 200 wheels and axles. He was assisted by Jim Brasch, Sue Elverson, Ron Foley, Chet Kratz, and Rick Layer.
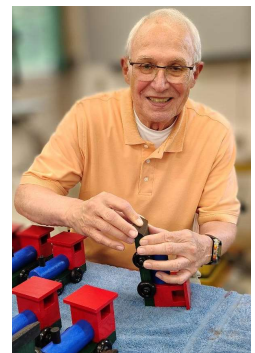

Ron Foley
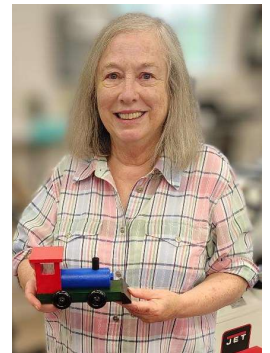
Sue Elverson

John Walz

Rick Layer

Chet Kratz

Bob Coble

Joe Bondi's Walnut Tables

I receive many compliments on the live-edged tables I have been making. Quite honestly, the effort is not what one might imagine. First, it all comes down to what wood is available and what might lend itself to something attractive. As I often say, God created the wood and the grain, I only find one that looks unique! The grain is there and often the shape is due to the way the person who cut the tree into slabs chose to do it. The major work comes from planing and sanding the wood to get a smooth finish, cleaning the sides where the bark was and cutting the length depending on what are the most stable (free of cracks or crevices) parts. Often, knotholes or rot is cleaned and filled with epoxy which is the subject for another article at another time. Choice of wooden or metal legs is a final step prior to finishing the wood with usually a semi-gloss or satin polyurethane finish.
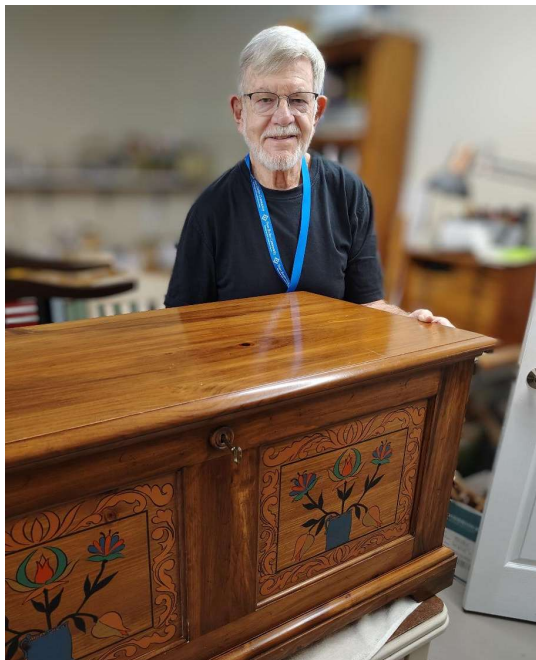
Pictured above is Wayne Whitney wiping down a beautiful blanket chest which has a handpainted front. All furniture sales in the Thrift/Furniture Store benefit the PBC Auxiliary. In July, sales totaled $436.50.