

The Peter Becker Community Woodworkers' Newsletter October 2025

Operation Christmas Child

At the October 20th Association Meeting, 50 wooden engines were presented to Carla Tuhacek, Coordinator of Operation Christmas Child, a project of Samaritan's Purse. Thousands of churches, schools, and individuals collect shoeboxes and fill them with toys, school supplies, and personal items for children. John Walz designed the engine, and he and Bob Coble cut out all the parts. Dave Wolff planned and coordinated the painting. He was assisted by Jim Brasch, Sue Elverson, Ron Foley, Chet Kratz, and Rick Layer.



Pictured above from L-R, are Sue Elverson, Chet Kratz, Carla Tuhacek, Dave Wolff, John Walz, Bob Coble, and Ron Foley.

PBC Woodworkers' Quarterly Meeting October 20, 2025



Pictured above are the new officers elected for the PBC Woodworkers Association. From L-R Chuck Forsythe, Secretary; Dave Wolff, Treasurer; Bob Coble, Vice President; and John Walz, President. All will serve a one-year term. Everyone expressed gratitude to Jody Law, our retiring President, who served a two-year term. John Walz thanked her for her leadership and faithful service and presented her with a gift from all the Woodworkers.



Welcome Lutheran Home at Telford



On September 29th, 3 residents and a staff member of the Lutheran Home at Telford visited the PBC Woodshop. Pictured above, from L-R, are Don Fosco, Robin Titus, Nicole Brennan – Director of Life Enrichment, and Jeff Sklarow. Their community is planning to renovate an old barn into a woodshop. They were very impressed with our layout of equipment, and organization of the shop. John Walz and Bob Coble conducted the tour.



Skilled on the Lathe

Many of the woodworkers have made items for the PBC and the Pearl Buck Holiday Craft Shows. Pictured below is Ron Foley who made 9 beautiful ballpoint pens; a pizza cutter with a birch handle; a cheese slicer; 4 ice cream scoops; 2 kaleidoscopes; and 1 pen holder. The pens will be on sale at the PBC Holiday Craft Show and the Maple Corners Gift Shop.



Pictured below from L – R are Harry Busch and John Walz. Harry, and his wife Sue, live in Maplewood Estates and asked Woodworker John to repair 3 chairs. One of the back rests was missing, so a new one was made and installed. Harry and Sue were delighted with the results .

Each chair, top and bottom, was completely disassembled and reglued. John was assisted by Bob Coble.





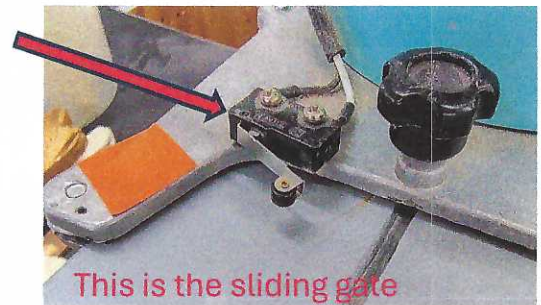
Nightlight Display Table

Pictured to the left is Linda Kratz, a cashier and a member of the Maple Corners Gift Shop Committee. She asked if the Woodworkers could make a customized table to display the seasonal nightlights. So, Bob Coble built two of them, and one is pictured to the left. He was assisted by Chet Kratz.



Attention Woodworkers

When using the vacuum gates, please close them slowly so as not to damage the micro switches. (The red arrow is pointing to the micro switch). We have already replaced several of them.



Santa is Coming to the Peter Becker Community

Pictured to the left is Dave Wolff using his paintbrush to touch up Santa's house. Several years ago, Curt Michener installed a mechanism whereby Santa would come out and greet visitors. That device wore out and Curt is working on replacing it.

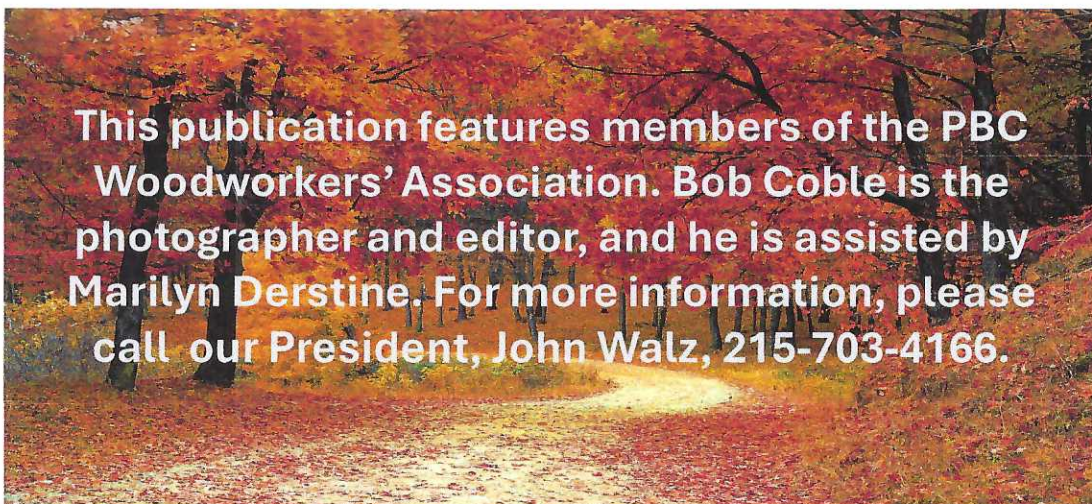




Thank you to Marilyn Derstine who has faithfully proofed our newsletter for years. I could not do it without her. On the average, she finds 10-15 corrections in each issue for grammar, spelling, punctuation, and hyphenation. For example, Marilyn caught this spelling error. Can you find it in this sentence? “Roy Feiss makes beautiful wooden variegated bowels.” -Bob Coble, Editor.

Furniture Donations Needed

Do you have a piece of furniture to donate? If so, please call Wayne Whitney at 267-261-4457. Wayne reported that furniture sales for September totaled \$730.80. So far sales year to date total \$7,600. Lately donations have been sparse. All proceeds benefit the PBC Auxiliary.



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