



NEWSLETTER

November 2025

"The MakerBarn is a member-driven family-friendly makerspace that exists to provide a place for our members to envision, design, and realize creative projects. We are dedicated to building a creative maker community among our membership and the community at large."

The MakerBarn Has New Equipment!

The MakerBarn continues to grow and improve! We recently added a brand-new OMTech Pronto 45 laser engraver to the laser room. This state-of-the-art machine gives members faster engraving speeds, greater precision, and a large work area like the other machines we have. Whether you're cutting wood, acrylic, or marking coated ceramic tiles, the Pronto 45 will help take your projects to the next level.

Investing in tools like this is part of our ongoing effort to keep The MakerBarn a top-notch creative space for our members. We're excited to see the amazing things you'll make with it!



Kathy Barbieri
President



MADE AT THE MAKERBARN!

A huge thank-you to Kathy Barbieri for planning and organizing the annual MakerBarn Manager Appreciation Dinner. Managers enjoy 24 hour access to the MB Shop, a delicious BBQ dinner once a year and (best of all!) a new MakerBarn T-Shirt!



Are you Manager Material?

The MakerBarn runs on volunteers. If you have been an active member for two months or more, we would like you to consider becoming a Shop MakerBarn Manager.

MakerBarn Managers work 3-4 hour shifts during which they supervise the general operation of the Shop keeping a close eye on safety and noting any maintenance issues that arise. They also devote a fair amount of time to general cleaning of the shop floor and emptying the dust collection and trash systems. They give prospective members tours and update MACS access cards as needed for members.

Oh, and they enjoy 24/7 access to the Shop!

If the Shop manager role sounds interesting to you, contact Jim Barron via Slack. Thanks!

MADE AT THE MAKERBARN!

David Grimmer made a tea box after he found his wife trimming tea packets because the tea box he built a few years ago was too small. This is made from walnut and has engraved artwork on the top. Table saw, planer, joiner and laser engraver were used.



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Jody Cochran made this sign.

Jody Cochran made laser engraved trophies for the kids in the Pinewood Derby last month.



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Joe Foster made a miniature ironing board for underwear and socks - ok, not really! It's a miniature ironing board for Pines Montessori school.

Joe Foster made stamps so children could stamp apples in one of their art projects associated with a science lesson on apples. The stamp back was 3d printed while the stamp front was left over foam cut with the laser and glued to the back.

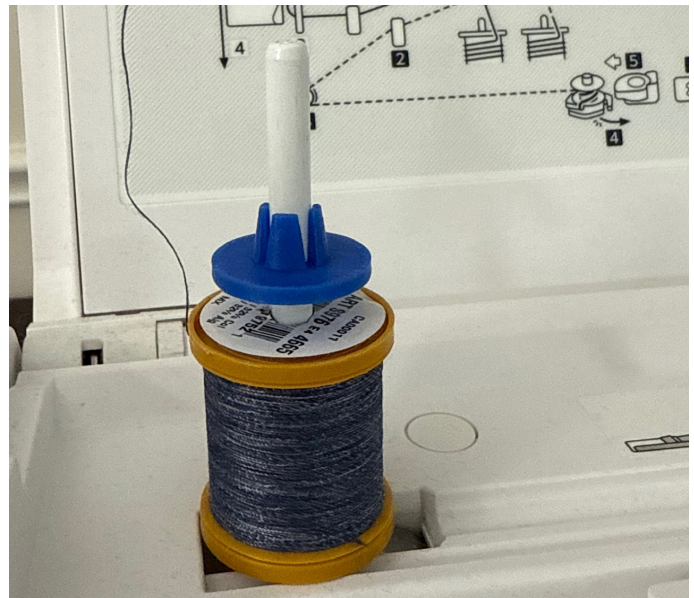
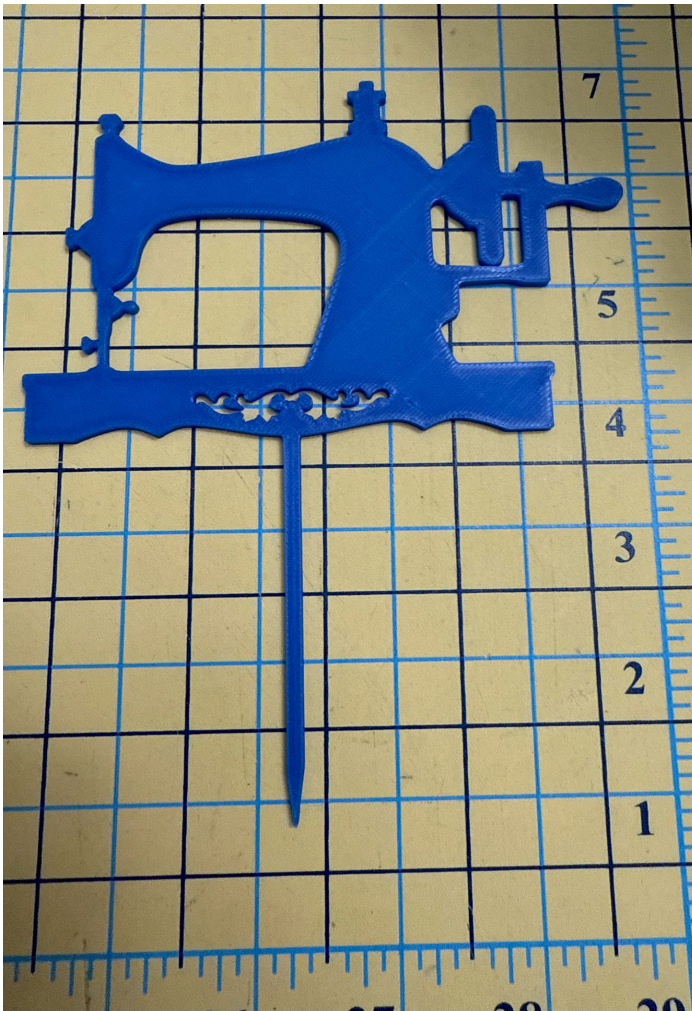
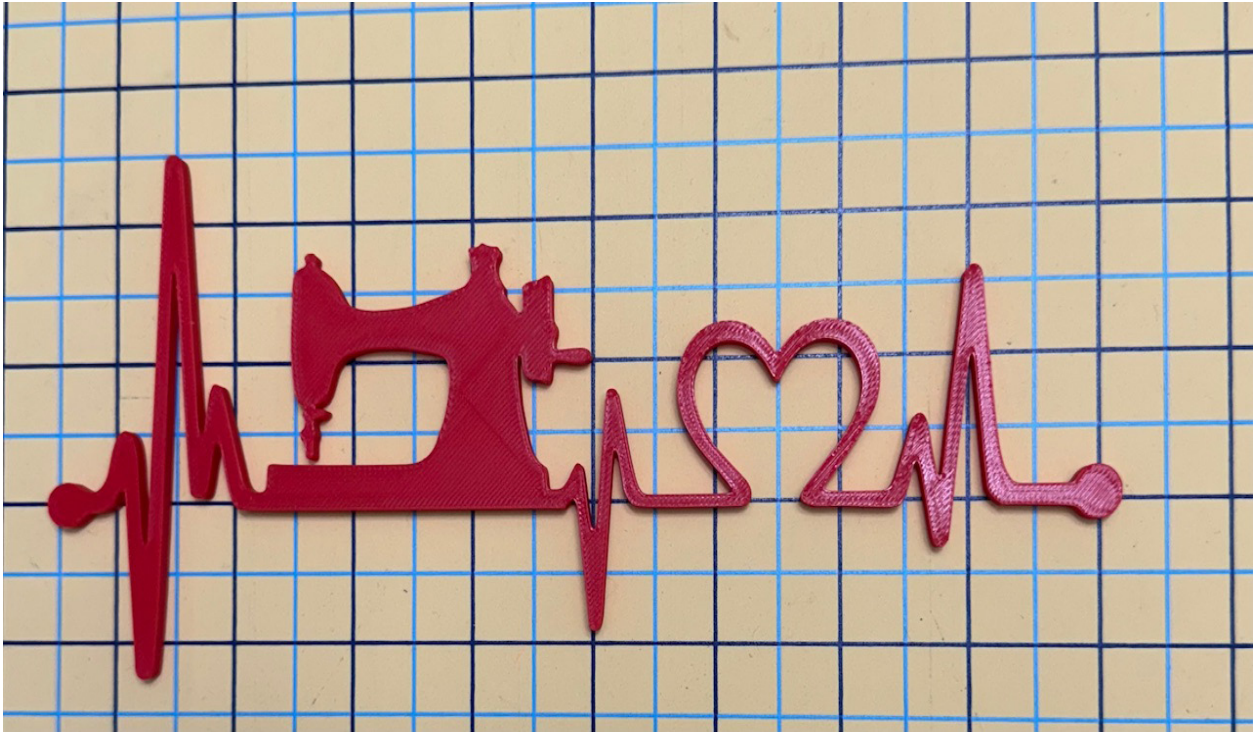


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Paul DuBose made a mug and a small vase. These were made from scrapwood found in the scrap bin! The mug was made from a small oak log, and the small vase is walnut scraps that are glued up and then turned.



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Sheri Acosta made a cake topper and thread spool covers. She is just learning 3D printing and started with a wall decoration for her sewing passion!

Meet the Area Managers



WOODWORKING

Mark Bush is area manager of woodworking. Contact him via SLACK.



LASER PRINTING

Greg Radliff is an artist and expert at using Laser Cutter and Engravers. Greg can show you the LightBurn software we use and can check you out for use of the Laser printers in the Lab. Contact him via SLACK



METALWORKING

Bryan Manka is area manager for metalworking which includes the metal mill and the metal lathe at the Barn. He can check you out for use of either of these machines. Contact him via SLACK.



3D PRINTING

Jody Cochran is a graphic artist with deep experience in 3D printing and other graphics tools. Jody can show you slicer and other software used with the 3D printers. Contact him via SLACK.



ELECTRONICS

Raul Garcia is area manager for electronics. More of a fixer than designer, but willing to help and learn together. See Raul for anything related to microcontrollers, electronic devices or other electronics related projects. Contact him via SLACK.



CERAMICS

Lisa Lane is area manager for ceramics. Contact her via SLACK.



WELDING

Joe Foster is area manager for welding. Contact him via SLACK.



CNC MACHINING

Gary Alose is area manager for CNC metal machining. Still learning but happy to help! Contact him via SLACK.

For New Members

WELCOME to the wonderful world of making!! We know you will come to love this place as much as we do.

First and foremost, this place is about the people. We would like to encourage you to see yourself as more than just a member. We are a community. Because we don't have any employees, we rely heavily on our community to keep things running. So please join in, pitch in, and get involved. Ask lots of questions. We are a really friendly group and love to help one another. The MakerBarn is a fantastic community of makers and we are glad you are here!



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3D Printing - Jody Cochran
Metalworking - Bryan Manka
Electronics - Raul Garcia
Welding - Joe Foster
Ceramics - Lisa Lane
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