



NEWSLETTER

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"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."

Fundraising Success - We Did It!



What an incredible four weeks! Thanks to the generosity, enthusiasm, and belief of our community, The MakerBarn has successfully met our fundraising goal for the purchase of our new land.

This achievement was made possible through an amazing combination of generous donations from both members and friends of The MakerBarn, members who chose to prepay two years of dues, and those who stepped forward with low-interest lending agreements that provided the final push we needed to cross the finish line.

Every contribution, large or small, played an important part in making this dream a reality. This wasn't the work of a few people; it was the result of an entire community coming together to invest in the future of The MakerBarn. Perhaps the most rewarding part of this campaign was seeing just how deeply people value this makerspace and what it represents. Your generosity is a powerful reminder that The MakerBarn is far more than a building filled with tools - it's a community worth investing in.

Because of your support, we can now begin the exciting journey of creating a permanent home where makers will continue to learn, teach, invent, and inspire for generations to come. Your support tells us that what we've built together over the past decade truly matters.

From the bottom of our hearts, thank you for believing in our mission and helping turn this dream into reality. The best is yet to come!

Kathy Barbieri
President

NOTE: There are still a few slots open to current members if you wish to do the 2 year pre-pay, and donations are also accepted which will help defray costs in the construction phase. The member loan program has been closed.



MakerBarn welcomes its newest members:

Craig Nifong
Brooke Driscoll
Joseph Delarosa
Dennis Daniel
Billy York
Keith Williby
Abby Wong
Trudy
Kenneth Tyner
Robert Purdom
JoAnn Monette
Ivana Christanmas
Dodd Melcher

Dennis Serig
Amy Carrillo Cotten
Robert Yanka
Colleen Galvan
Wayne Sheppard
Geraldine Fox
Wayne Cross
Julia Tucker
William Rash
Joseph Diehl
Cameron Schaefer
Lauren Hill

Are you Manager Material?

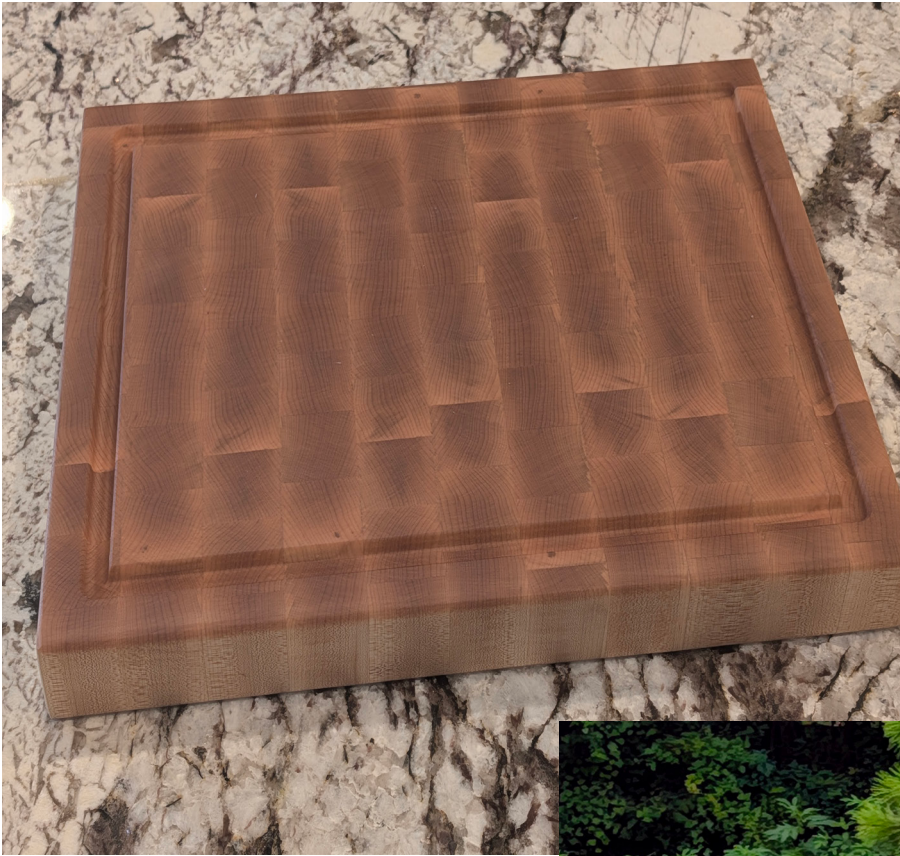
The MakerBarn runs on volunteers. If you have been an active member for two months or more, we would like you to consider becoming a Shop MakerBarn Manager.

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 cutting board made of maple end grain. The MakerBarn tools used to create this were the jointer, planer, table saw, miter saw, wide belt, sander, router table and CNC router.

David Grimmer's grandson is a very good baseball player. He spent at week with David this summer and they made a 30" baseball bat from a nice piece of Ash!



MADE AT THE MAKERBARN!

Erle Wynn made a beautiful wood bench. The bench needs a few more things to be considered complete and will send photos of the final result.



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Robert Meyer made a planter for his daughter using scrap wood.

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Joe Foster and **Carlos Collantes** have been making slump bottles in the glass kiln. Joe made one of the bottles into a charcuterie board.



Joe Foster made a 10" silicon seal using the laser. The seal is for a 50 year old bollard light fixture.

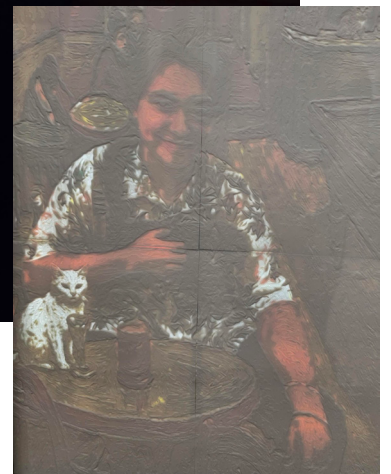
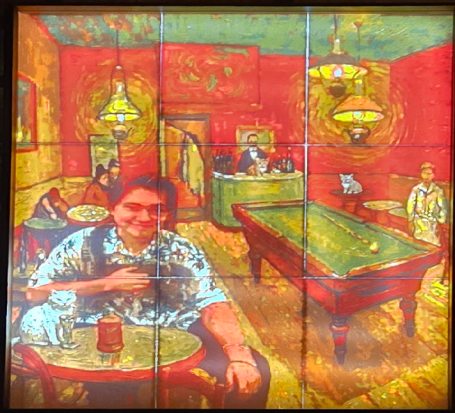
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Sara Cardiel made a Simpson family tumbler using dye-sublimation.

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Tony Cardiel made a color 3D printed lithograph and used the MakerBarn Shop to create framing for it. Tools used include the miter saw, table saw, dado saw, 3D printer w AMS.



MADE AT THE MAKERBARN!



Daniel Robles made lion puzzle kits for his kids to assemble. The Three Stooges (otherwise known as MakerBarn laser printers) helped!



MADE AT THE MAKERBARN!



Tony Cardiel carved a brass coin with the fiber laser.

Tony Cardiel made a laser engraving of an image for a family member. The image is from a movie called “Spirited Away.”



	<i>Meet the Area Managers</i>
	<u>WOODWORKING</u> Mark Bush is area manager of woodworking. Contact him via SLACK.
	<u>LASER PRINTING</u> 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
	<u>METALWORKING</u> 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.
	<u>3D PRINTING</u> 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.
	<u>ELECTRONICS</u> 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.
	<u>CERAMICS</u> Lisa Lane is area manager for ceramics. Contact her via SLACK.
	<u>WELDING</u> Joe Foster is area manager for welding. Contact him via SLACK.
	<u>CNC MACHINING</u> Doug Baugher is area manager for CNC. 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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