



NEWSLETTER

September 2026

"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 Landed!

It's official - The MakerBarn is now the proud owner of our own piece of property! We closed on our new 1.5-acre property on September 26, marking a major milestone in The MakerBarn's history. After years of renting, we've finally taken the next step toward creating a permanent home for our makerspace and the community we serve.



And things are already happening! We have had the property lines located and the lot pins found and staked by a surveying company. George and several other members then walked the property and marked the perimeter with yellow tape, giving us our first real look at exactly what is ours. We've also hired a company to clear the lot and they are already working on it! It's exciting to see the property go from a piece of land on a survey to the future home of The MakerBarn!

This is the beginning of an exciting new chapter, and we'll keep you posted as the property takes shape. There is a lot of work ahead, but thanks to the incredible support of our members, donors, and friends, we are on our way!

Kathy Barbieri
President



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!

David Hawa made a “100 Trillion Zimbabwe Dollars” gift. The frame was made with walnut and red oak. Equipment used: Jointer, Planer, Table Saw, and Router. Unique birthday present!



MADE AT THE MAKERBARN!

Carlos Collantes made beer bottles into trays. He used the tile saw, because that makes cutting bottles easier



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David Hawa made Bee Picture frames - ExhibitBee frames were made with red oak, bees were 3d printed; pictures of bees were taken around houston. Canvas printing was outsourced online Equipment used: Jointer, Planer, Table Saw and Router. These will be donated to Texas Childrens Hospital.

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David Long made boxes for his granddaughters for them to save their letters from their father who is in basic training. It was a super quick and easy with the lasers and designs downloaded for free from <https://boxes.hackerspace-bamberg.de/boxes.py> Once they were cut out, he used CA glue to glue them together and the orbital sander to refine the edges.



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Joe Foster made a tree identification sign (one of 12). The sign face was done using sublimation, the silver bracket was 3-D printed, and the post was a Home Depot garden fence post. There were 12 different signs for the school's various trees.



Julia Tucker made bags and several other items at The MakerBarn



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Joe Foster made four flower presses this month for a teacher and her students. Three of the flower presses are 7"x10" and the fourth is 2"x4". They were made from scrap wood, cardboard, and paper. The materials were cut using one of the lasers. The G-code was created with Lightburn. For finish Joe used Minwax Polycrylic clear satin spray.



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Kevin Byrne made a table. He says a big thank you to The MakerBarn managers for their help as always!



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Stephanie Pan made several different ceramics pieces.



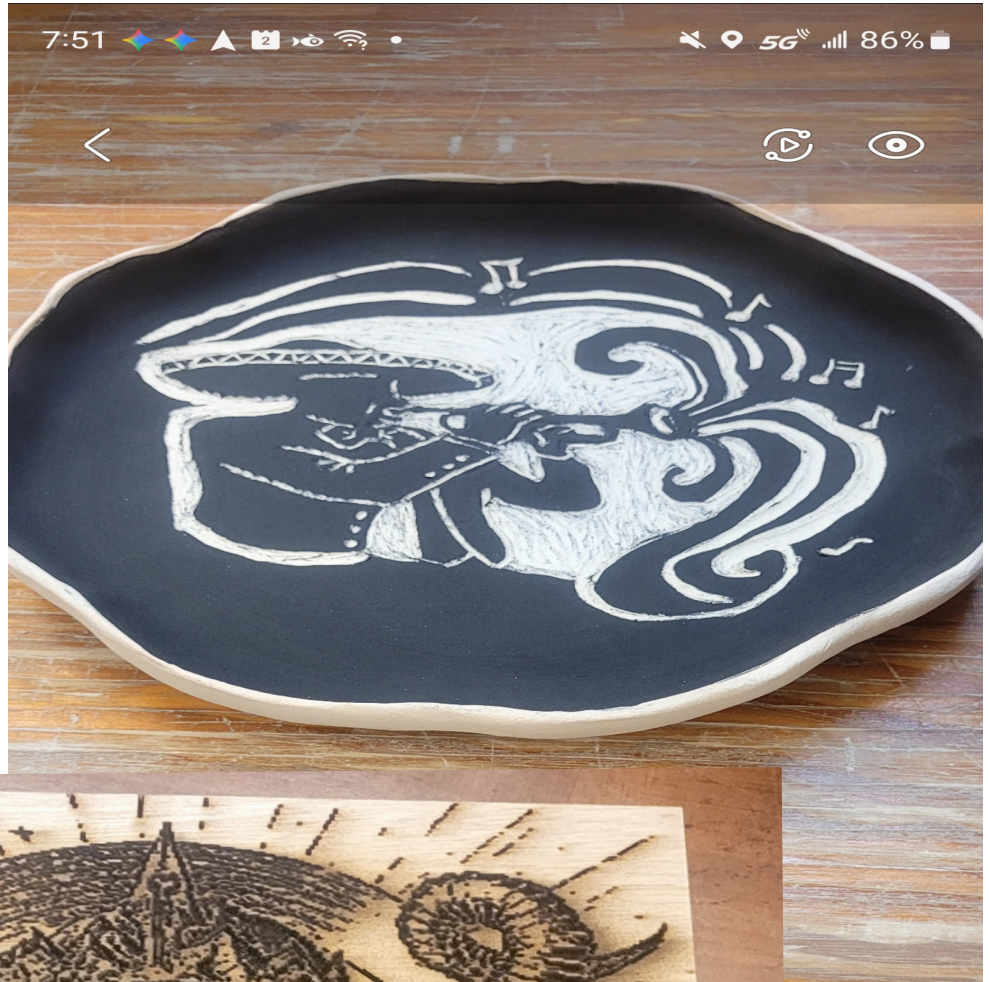
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Tony Cardiel made this 3 species endgrain board and a backlit mirror.



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Sara Cardiel made a ceramic mariachi plate for the plate challenge and a picture of the Lich from the cartoon adventure time that is laser burned and then engraved acrylic on top.



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Mike Durham and John Buckley took the All Points North (APN) Circus themed model railroad to the Austin Train Show in August. Nearly everything on the layout was designed and made at The MakerBarn.

	<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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