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NEWS

Resident Wes Hunt in
the woodworking shop



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FRIENDSHIPS & PROJECTS

Are Built in LPW's Woodworking Shop

Retirement years offer lots of hope for gaining new skills – along with added time for pursuing them. One of Lake Prince Woods' best amenities for learning and exploring is its remarkable woodworking shop. It's a well-equipped getaway for building, restoring, repairing, experimenting, and bringing to life ideas born in the imagination.

The Founding Trio

Within weeks of Lake Prince Woods' initial opening in 2002, Wes Hunt, Bill Winner, and Bill Cloe met as new residents and wanted to establish a woodworking shop. They were given a third of the original maintenance shop to house it and used their skills to build a wall separating the two spaces, generating 900 square feet of dedicated shop space with 12' high ceilings. Furnishing the shop originally were a few pieces of basic equipment: a plain saw, a jointer, and a raised saw. That was soon to change.

Before retiring, Bill Winner had been a cabinet maker, and he brought his own drill press to the shop. Bill Cloe, a banker who made toys as a hobby, brought a band saw and miscellaneous tools to help set up the space. He used the proceeds of his toy-making to raise money for the shop. Wes Hunter had no experience in woodworking when he met the other two men, but once he learned from them, he started a cottage industry of sorts, creating more than 100 jewelry boxes over the years, along with a selection of other beautiful items.

Building Out the Shop

To help build out the shop, the three men made repairs to residents' furniture for a fee; otherwise, residents approached them with project ideas and paid for the necessary materials while the

men spearheaded the assembly and the finishing touches. As a team, Wes and the two Bills designed and built a table for the Portsmouth Room and a cabinet for the Assisted Living area. In time, other residents joined the group, some with experience and others just eager to learn the fundamentals of woodworking. Some of them also donated equipment for the workshop, adding to its scope and capabilities.

To help with cleanup, Lake Prince Woods received a grant for a dust-collecting system, which connects to all the major machinery and prevents sawdust from permeating the space. Steven Smith, a seasoned woodworker, and his wife Wendy made a generous donation of cedar and white and red oak from their own storage unit, making a wealth of raw material available for projects. When Hurricane Isabella came through eastern Virginia and felled trees on campus, they were milled for lumber and the boards stored in the shop for anyone to use.

The Next Generation

These days, following Bill Cloe's passing, David Liles, Wes Hunt, Robert Morell, and Walter Hammerle are the veteran woodworkers in the shop. David makes tabletop cornhole games sold in the gift shop, along with bluebird houses, and Wes Hunt continues to make his signature jewelry boxes. Walter, who was a woodworker before

moving to Lake Prince Woods, fixes furniture for residents and collaborates with Wes and Robert. Walter also kindly donated a lot of his equipment to the shop.

All of these men carry on the love of woodworking that Bill Cloe helped cultivate when the shop was first opened. Even today, his legacy lives on, thanks to projects he's shared with the greater community. Fire Station 6 in Suffolk (which serves Lake Prince Woods) displays a wooden fire truck of poplar and walnut that he made as a gift for the firefighters. He also created a wooden train for Lake Prince Woods' post office area that features an engine and 10 cars. Each year during the holidays, the handcrafted model is set out for folks to enjoy. He's also graced families and friends with rocking horses, pickup trucks, fire trucks, bulldozers, dump trucks, and furniture of all kinds.

New Woodworkers Wanted

Anyone who's interested in woodworking, no matter their level of experience, is welcome to visit the shop and talk more with the men who frequent it. David Liles holds the keys to the shop and refers to it as, "A gem in the raw that's not being used." The space is incredibly well stocked with machinery and accessories to prompt all sorts of creativity, along with a readymade supply of wood that would be expensive to purchase on its own.

Permeating the space is a spirit of generosity that characterizes the woodworkers who came before; it serves as a spark of inspiration for fledging and future crafters. With a little guidance, anyone – male or female – can explore, play, and experiment at their leisure. After all, there's no time like retirement to discover a new skill – and a new love!

SHOP EQUIPMENT

The inventory consists of the following:

- 10" Delta table saw and outfeed tables
- 14" wood cutting band saw
- 5/8" 1/2hp 5-speed drill press
- 16" variable speed scroll saw
- router table, edge guide, height insert table
- 6 1/8" joiner planer
- 1" x 42" belt and 6" disc sander
- bench oscillating spindle sander
- 13" two-speed finishing planer
- 10" radial arm saw
- 12" compound miter saw
- 12" wood-turning lathe
- 13" heavy-duty portable thickness planer
- 12" slide compound miter saw
- 6" belt/9" disc sander
- benchtop mortising machine
- 5" bench grinder
- 3hp/15 gal/150 psi tank-mounted air compressor
- 3hp cyclonic dust collector
- 16 gal wet/dry shop vacuum
- 5 gal wet/dry shop vacuum
- 30" x 60" woodworkers bench (2 vises)
- hazardous materials storage cabinet
- 12" floor fan
- bar clamps and storage rack
- wooden dowel storage container
- 5 woodworking benches (custom-made)
- wood storage rack
- hand tool storage (bin) rack
- sandpaper storage box
- wood-drying box
- 2 sets of sawhorses
- 5' stepladder
- 3 outfeed stands (adjustable)
- 4" machinist's vise
- 5 trash cans
- handtruck



welcome new residents

SINCE JUNE 1, 2022

Michael Scotece – Chesapeake, VA

John & Anne Dickinson – Windsor, VA

John & Virginia Crocker – Sunbury, NC

Brenda Gwyn – Suffolk, VA

Frank & Jean Labrecque – Williamsburg, VA

Barbara Ellington – Newton, NC

Judith Brown – Punta Gorda, FL

Linda Grasso – Chesapeake, VA

Dale & Janie Fowler – Smithfield, VA

Pat & Karen Callahan – Portsmouth, VA

Tom & Jean Brennaman – Suffolk, VA

Sandra Elliott – Suffolk, VA

Hannah Holland – Zuni, VA

Pat Millington – San Clemente, CA



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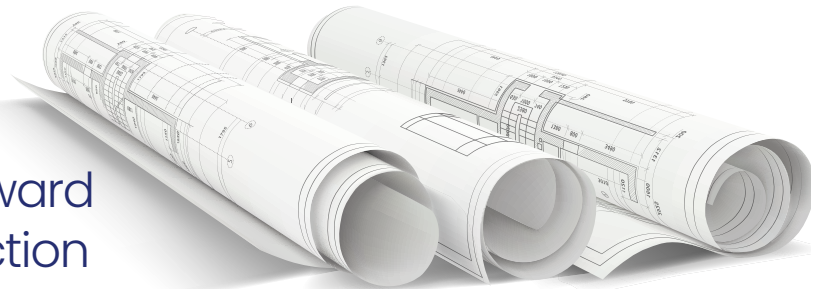
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Lake Prince Woods Moves Forward with Wellness Center Construction



Thanks to a successful capital campaign that raised \$1,467,047, Lake Prince Woods is in the midst of an exciting construction project that will create a new Wellness Center and make upgrades to the Commons area. The groundbreaking took place this past September on the 20th anniversary of Lake Prince Woods' original grand opening. The project is expected to be complete in early 2024.

At Lake Prince Woods, wellness is a lifestyle choice, and the new Wellness Center will promote intellectual interests, physical abilities, and relationships with other residents and the environment. New and revitalized spaces in Phase 1 of the building project will add to existing wellness-enhancing resources, like our library, outdoor trails and gardens, and chapel, to name just a few.

Phase 2 of the project will focus on increasing capacity for Memory Care residents and improving efficiency and specialized care for Assisted Living and Memory Care residents.

The Wellness Center will offer:

- Dedicated areas for wellness and fitness
- Art studio and classroom space
- Billiards room and pub with a bar
- Salon and massage space
- Space for Bible study and book clubs
- Spaces for bridge and other activities
- A place to entertain family and friends
- More and larger spaces to gather with the community
- Improved accessibility