

# The Silver Cherry News



Christmas 2003

Newsletter of The Silver Cherry

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## 13th Annual Christmas Open House Weekend!

This Weekend  
December 6th And 7th  
10:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
Both Saturday & Sunday

*Wicked Good Hor d'oeuvres &  
Refreshments!  
A Creative And Imaginative Sales  
Force Of Experts Here To Cater To  
Your Every Whim!  
10% Off On Redway Furniture!  
Jammed-Packed Full Of Creative  
Holiday Gifts!*

Believe it or not The Silver Cherry will actually be open for this festive holiday season. I know that will come as an incredible shock to those who have tried to visit us throughout the year. Doors will open promptly at 10:00 AM on Saturday for our 13th Annual Christmas Open House Weekend. Come visit our festive store for some great deals on our solid cherry furniture, and some of our highly creative holiday gifts, as well as some *Wicked Good Hor d'oeuvres!*



## The Silver Cherry Holiday Hours

Tuesday - Friday 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM  
Saturday 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
Sunday 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM  
Close Mondays



## All In Stock Redway Furniture 10% Off!!! This Weekend Only!

In the world of staples, hot glue guns, and furniture made from particle board and photo veneers its amazing that anyone even knows what a solid piece of furniture looks like anymore. The words double pinned mortise and tenon construction and hand dovetails are never uttered from the lips of the furniture salesman when you walk into those big furniture stores. After you get by the introductory salutation..."How you doing today folks?" ..the only thing they will want to talk to you about is price. They can't talk about quality, because there is no quality. When you come into our shop, we will say hi and then actually leave you alone, until you want to talk to us. Here is the soft sell. Our furniture is made from solid American Black Cherry. We use traditional, time-tested joinery techniques. Our furniture has classic lines, designed to never go out of style, and intended to be passed down from generation to generation. That's all there is to it.

This Christmas, outside of giving your loved one a rock from your garden, there is no more permanent gift than handcrafted, solid cherry furniture from James Redway. Okay, here is the hard sell part. **If you act this weekend—YES THIS WEEK-END ONLY!!! (I am shouting here) YOU CAN GET A FULL 10% OFF The Regular Price.**



**Our Classic Christmas Table**  
Sale Price \$234.00  
Regular Price \$260.00

This amazing sale will end Sunday December 7th after the last chicken wing has been polished off from our festive table of wicked-good hor d'oeuvres.

## Tales From The Silver Cherry Cookbook II... Chicken Out-Back

When you are a guy and are young and in school the last thing you ever want to admit to anyone is that someone else can do something better than yourself. As you get older and your toys become more complex and expensive, you realize you basically do not know anything about most everything. A sobering thought after years of higher education. This is especially true, when you buy a house. I quickly learned I was not equipped to handle even the most elementary home repairs. For instance, plumbing. The most important thing I ever learned about plumbing was my plumber's phone number. I had a perfect plumbing record at my house, which followed one simple rule. If I had a small plumbing problem, I would make it into a horrendous plumbing problem. The only thing I know about electricity is what my father taught me and what I am following in tradition and teaching my own sons. "Don't touch it!" I also remember some other good advice that my father gave me ... Never take anything a part that has a spring. If you do, your doomed. I learn that one the hard way. If you take it apart, you can guarantee the spring will spring off somewhere, and you will never find it...GAME OVER! The law of selected gravity. If it is important, it will most definitely land somewhere that you would never dream of looking.

When I joined the Fire Department 15 years ago, one of the biggest, and completely unexpected bonuses of belonging to this organization was the access it gave you to the almost unlimited talents of the members, and the willingness of those members to share their expertise. Whatever you need, there is always someone at the MVFD that knows how to do it. I admire a lot of the talents the members possess, but if you really want to measure a person's mechanical expertise. You ask one simple question, "Can he assemble a gas grill? Yes, the age old question that commands the respect from the most talented home-handymen. I could build a living room full of furniture in less time than it took me to assemble my gas grill.

I remember the very day, it was a snowy day, and Liza and I forged through chest-deep snow to the store to purchase it. After returning home braving the elements, we worked on the grill for untold hours. *continued on last page*

Merry Christmas

## Predict The Weather With Our Super Amazing Woodsman's Weatherstick



No need for satellite maps, radar or computer models. All you need is our Woodsman's Weatherstick (say that 3 times in a row) to predict the weather. Easy to use. Simply hang it on an outside wall or door casing which is exposed to the weather. When the stick bends down it foretells of foul weather. When it bends up, good weather is on the way. Believe it or not, it actually works quite well. We have had one for years. Made in Maine. Makes a great stocking stuffer. **Only \$6.00.**

## Cut Your Own Soap



This is great soap...honest. You will love it. Come to the Silver Cherry and cut your own bar of soap off one of our giant slabs. We have the following flavors: Garden Medley, Oatmeal Vitamin E, Lemon Verbena, Spearmint, Cranberry-rose, and Cucumber-lime. If you are too shy of our trusty pastry cutter, we have experts standing by to assist you.

## THIS WEEKEND KO KO KANA COOKIES



Come in this weekend for a bag of our famous Ko Ko Kana Spicy Ginger and Molasses Cookies freshly baked for your enjoyment. A Silver Cherry Holiday Tradition. They're Ko Ko Kana good.

## New Software For Woodworker's

Back in 1995, while sitting around the Silver Cherry fluffing bunnies and waiting for customers to come in, I came up with an idea about writing a software program that could actually teach people how to build furniture. I knew nothing about programming, but I thought, what the heck, I would try it. Its better than sitting here fluffing bunnies. Without going through all the boring details, I worked on the project for a year and got nowhere. It was too big of a project for me. I decided to write something smaller and a little easier. I thought if I could learn more, then I could come back later and finish this project. I wrote a simple study program for firefighters. Thus the birth of Knightlite Software. After 16 software titles and over 15,000 customers later I came back and finally wrote the program I wanted to work on 8 years before.



Knightlite Creative Workshop Series presents, Small Table Making - Building The Christmas Table. **Learn to build a small table using rough-cut lumber, step-by-step using traditional 18th Century joinery.**

This software program takes you step-by-step through the entire process, using over 350 pictures and illustrations, full motion video, and animated agents that hold your hand through the entire process. You can even set the software to self running mode for over 3 hours of instruction. We cover the entire process from choosing the correct lumber, to applying the last coat of finish. Also included are modules that help you calculate board feet and lumber costs, estimate the moisture content of your lumber, calculate skirt sizes for other projects, as well as 12 other Redway designs you can use in case you would rather build another table besides the Christmas Table. For more information visit the following web page:

<http://www.knightlite.com/creative>

**Sale For Silver Cherry Customers \$29.95  
-Regular Price \$39.95.**

## Hand Painted Glass



According To The Company's Website - Garden Party has been producing quality hand painted glassware since 1995. Their products are each individually hand painted by one of two dozen home based artists who lovingly reproduce their designs from the comfort of their homes, located throughout the state of Vermont. Each artist signs and dates their work making each piece a collectable one of a kind item.

We are carrying their handy-dandy kitchen bottles and soap pump bottles. No more plastic soap bottles for you. Your moving up to handpainted glass. Remember each bottle is lovingly handpainted, so rest assured that not one of these bottles is hated by anyone. The Silver Cherry does not buy hated bottles. But of course I can't prove that. If I sat around all day painting flowers on bottles, I might start to hate them. But of course I don't live in Vermont either, so who really knows.

## Handcrafted Cut And Pierced Lamp Shades On Small Brass Finished Lamp Bases



Lamps By Lynne has been making quality Hand Crafted lampshades for more than 20-years. They specialize in creating cut & pierced lampshades that offer a sophisticated elegant look. I don't know how sophisticatedly a snowman can be, but if a snowman can be sophisticated then we have ourselves one sophisticated snowman here at the Silver Cherry. We have snow scenes, floral and some festive holiday designs. These cool lamp shades are cut in such a way as to let the light become part of the scene. They stand 10 inches high. **Shade and lamp Only \$29.95.**

## Holiday Decorations



### Tiny Pierced Tin Lantern Light Holders

Come in Five Colors - White, Red, Mustard, and Green. Hang them on your tree and stick your little white lights in the back to illuminate them. **Only \$4.50**



### Tiny Mason Jar Light Holders

Tiny little mason jars for your tree. Simply stick your tiny white light through the tops and they case a nice soft glow. **Only \$4.50**



### Lantern Nightlights

Festive Nightlights come in Green, Blue and Red. **Only \$6.98**



### Electric Candlesticks

These festive lights make excellent accent lighting, and look terrific sitting on top of a Redway Christmas Table.

**Only \$29.95**



Rarely Seen Sights At The Silver Cherry.  
***This is our Oil Burner Switch!***

## Ken Schlitter Pottery



I think most of our customers would agree, that Ken Schlitter creates the finest stoneware pottery money can buy. His unique glazes and designs, along with its high degree of functionality, elevates Ken Schlitter's Stoneware Pottery well above others in the field.

Each piece of stoneware pottery has been handthrown on the potter's wheel by Ken Schlitter. Fired in a gas kiln to 2400 degrees, its quite durable and intended to be used and enjoyed daily.

The glazes are safe for use with food, and the pottery may be used in the oven, dishwasher, and microwave.

We were very fortunate to have Ken come aboard with us at the Silver Cherry 13 years ago. His work in our shop was the backbone of The Silver Cherry. We are delighted to announce that Ken Schlitter's Pottery will be returning to The Silver Cherry this holiday season. We don't know how much we are going to get. It all depends on his sales at his last show. It may actually be here on day 2 of the Open House Weekend.

## Impress Your Friends With The Help Of Cornell Lab Of Ornithology

How many people do you know, who can recognize the songs of our local birds. The only person I know who could do such a thing is my Father. He can recognize any song. Working with the National Audubon Society, Wild Republic has created these little birds that when you squeeze these suckers will emit the authentic song of its specie. We have a whole flock of them in stock, each with their own realistic digital song. A fun gift for kids as well as adults. **ONLY \$6.75 Each**



## Other Holiday Gifts



**Song Bird Dinner Trays Only \$17.00 Each**



### Make A Light After You Get Lit!

Impress your friends with your skill at lamp making. All you need to do is to polish off a bottle of your favorite wine, then stick in our handy-dandy bottle lamp adaptor, and presto, you have a new lamp that will enhance the decor of any living space. So whether it be Don Perignon or Thunder Bird you can make a meaningful holiday gift this season without actually having one creative bone in your body. If you don't like the wine bottle idea you can also use a candlestick (shown above) or glass decanter. **Only \$9.50.**



### Make Your Own Water Fountain.

Installs in seconds. All you need is your own sealed pot or bucket. You can use these fountains indoors or outdoors to provide a relaxing natural flowing water sound. Attach a bamboo water spout to a submersible pump. Rest it on any sealed container. Add water to the container, plug in the pump and your done. Comes with it's own water pump. **Only \$29.95**

## Gas Grill Continued From Page 1

Assembling and unassembling the same parts over and over, until we were faced with the dreaded task of, yes... Reading the directions!!! Which by the way were in 28 languages. We skipped over the part that warned of the 126 ways our gas grill could kill us, and how we should not use it to dry our clothes or fire it up in our living room if the power went out. Of course as one who has used a hot-air popcorn popper as a blow-dryer I probably should have read that part.

As the snow piled up outside, tension was piling up inside, as one miss-fitting piece was placed in the wrong spot and we would have to take it apart yet once again. As I was stripping the threads off yet another bolt, I remembered another mechanical quote from my father... Don't force it!!! That is great advice to give someone when you are not directly involved with screwing it up. You appear to sound engaged, but you are removed from the situation. It is basically a phrase you can use universally. See someone having trouble loosening something, just say "Don't force it!", and presto you are automatically part of the project, but won't have to share the blame if its screws up, because after all you warned them.

Anyway, getting back to the gas grill saga, as we prepared ourselves for the "BIG Moment" of mounting the top of the grill that had been carefully packed in the remaining packaging, horror consumed us as our eyes fixed in disbelief on the 8 inch crack in the top of the grill. Yes, I did it a again. You see, I have an uncanny ability to always know subconsciously which item on the shelf is defective. I then proceed in selecting that item to purchase. I used to use my mother's method of selecting merchandise, which was, always pick the one on the bottom, but I still proved that my accuracy for picking the defective item in the stack was more accurate than the atomic clock.

So back to the store we went through the chest-deep snow to claim what was rightfully ours. A gas grill without a crack in the top. The store manager listened intently as we explained our problem and showed him the 8 inch long crack in the grill top. When we finished, he said calmly, No problem, bring the old grill back and we will give you another one. If it was not for the calmness of my wife, I believe a hostage situation may have developed at the store. No way was I putting together another grill. For a moment, I contemplated grabbing the top from another grill and making a run for it, but logic told me, the store had already attached the top of the demo. While I was searching the store for hand-tools, my wife explained to the manager our plight that we had spend untold hours putting together the grill, and that all we really needed was a new top.

I thought to myself. That will never go over. It makes too much sense. They would never go for it. Surprisingly enough he did go for it and they allowed us, just to switch tops. One look in his eyes, and I knew, he had been there.

So off we went again through the chest deep snow to finally finish the epic assembly of our gas grill, which now brings us to the recipe. Most barbecue connoisseurs turn up their noses at even using a gas grill, but they do have their place, especially in the winter time when you want to throw on something quick, and it is too cold out to sit around in your Hawaiian shirt drinking beers and watching a pork roast smoke... always a difficult job. This recipe we call Chicken Out Back. We created it to mimic a recipe they serve at the Outback Steak house. Yup, we take the chicken and go cook it out back, chest deep snow or not. It is one of those recipes that does well on gas, as long as there is no crack in the top. Download this from the site below.

<http://www.redway.com/recipes>

## Other Gift Ideas From The Silver Cherry



### Buoy Bells Of New England

Listen to the haunting buoy bells of New England as they ring in the new year in the winds of winter. A great gift. I love these bells. Every time they strike, they remind me of the ocean and all the good times we have had in days-gone-by.

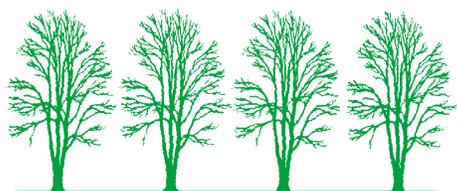


### Wise Guy

A brand new Tucker Jones Tavern Puzzle. Moderately difficult. **Only \$15.00.**



**Butter Boards \$10.00 Each**



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## Merry Christmas



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**OPEN HOUSE THIS WEEKEND!**