

The Silver Cherry News



Christmas 2004

Newsletter of The Silver Cherry

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14th Annual Christmas Open House Weekend!

This Weekend
December 4th And 5th
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 Fun
Holiday Gifts!*

Open and poised for action, The Silver Cherry revs up for our 14th Annual Christmas Open House Weekend. Come join us at our festive little shop for a rousing good time this weekend, and peruse through our shop of imaginative gifts, and the finest cherry furniture.

Wicked Good Hor d'oeuvres!

This year we are featuring dishes from the Silver Cherry Cookbook, Uncle Bill's Chili, Smith Point Chowder, and Elephant Wings.



The Silver Cherry Holiday Hours

Tuesday - Friday 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Saturday 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Sunday 11:00 AM - 3:30 PM
Close Mondays



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

There is no more endearing or enduring gift you can give someone this holiday season than a hand-crafted, solid cherry piece of furniture. Our furniture has a classic New England look, designed to never go out of style, and made to last for generations to come. But best of all, it is priced about 1/2 to 1/3 the price of comparable handmade solid cherry furniture. Just log on to the Internet and see for yourself. I just don't understand how some furniture makers can charge what they do for their work. This is not brain surgery here. It's woodworking. I think there is a degree of arrogant, snobbishness among some woodworkers.

I remember being at Hancock Shaker Village one day and talking to one of the resident furniture makers there. The furniture making shop is an open barn, and visitors can just walk up and talk to the woodworkers who work on their own projects. A visitor from California walked up and blurted out that he had a better way of doing a technique than the Hancock woodworker. When asked what that technique was, the California guy bluntly said, "It's a secret!" To me and to the Hancock furniture maker, there are no secrets in woodworking. Secrets are for high school girls, not woodworkers.

That kind of arrogance is certainly not very festive. So in the spirit of the season, we are discounting all of our in stock furniture 10% off this weekend. You can leave our shop with a reasonably priced piece of furniture, and we will even tell you how we made it.



"Do your work as though it were to last a thousand years and you were to die tomorrow," said Mother Ann Lee, who founded the Shakers the last quarter of the 18th century.

Merry Christmas

Tales From The Silver Cherry Cookbook II... Mulligatawny Soup

In the fast pace world of the Internet, e-mail, Instant-Messaging, cell phone Direct-Connect, and fast food, no wonder I always hear people complain that they have no time to cook things like homemade soups. I don't understand this at all. They act as if they are the actual embodiment of the stove by saying, "I don't have all day to cook this soup!" Or as if they will be standing there hour after hour holding their Burns-O-Matic blow torch under the pot while their Mulligatawny soup cooks. The stove is doing the cooking here! Not you!. You just need a few minutes to prepare stuff so the stove can do its job.

This whole, "No Time For Cooking" stuff is nothing new. Back in the 1960s my mother had a cookbook called, the "I Hate To Cook Book" which was a guide to preparing meals in the least amount of time. They probably should have called it the "I Hate To Eat Cookbook," because if you don't like to cook, than how could you ever cook anything that would taste good. If your heart is not into it than why bother. I like to cook. In fact in the fall we make a lot of soups, and pasta sauces on Sunday afternoons. A great way to past the time while watching the New York Giants lose on TV. You yell at the Giants. You stir the pot. What could be easier. We have a wood stove in our living room that has a dandy cook top on it. And on that cook top is where our recipe starts.

Every good soup starts with a good stock, unless you want your soup to taste like a bullion cube. We make our own beef stock. We start by going to the local supermarket and buying one of those giant, yaba daba doo, Fred Flintstone, 7 bone chuck steaks. You know the one's I am talking about, They are these giant steaks, big enough to feed a family of 15. The moment it enters your shopping cart a sudden tinge of anxiety sets in. You are now in possession of one of the most embarrassing cuts of beef known to all of creation. As it slowly begins rolling down that conveyor belt in the checkout line, panic consumes you as that Fred Flintstone steak becomes the culinary equivalent of having a copy of Hustler Magazine intermingled with the rest of your groceries. You feel compelled to make some sort of an excuse about it. You nervously mumble, "Well its not really for me. I am buying it for a friend....Well I am actually making soup stock."

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Hand-Made Wool Fleece Christmas Ornaments By Judy Standerford

Judy Standerford was one of the original Silver Cherry crafters when we opened in 1990. Known for her runners and rugs, Judy has always made these fun wool fleece ornaments. We are happy to have these ornaments back at The Silver Cherry this Christmas Season.



These charming little lambs are handmade using natural fleece. They are available in two sizes, large (approximately 3" x 2 1/2") and small (approximately 2 1/4" x 1 3/4").

Small Sheep - \$5.00 Each
Large Sheep - \$7.00 Each



Snowmen are made from wool fleece and are approximately 5" tall. They are felted to keep their shape. Then a hat, scarf and "lumps of coal" are added to give each of them their own "personality."

Snowmen - \$15.00 Each

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.

Learn How To Build A Small Table With Our New Software

The conventional wisdom believes that instructional woodworking and computer software do not make a very good match. This notion is astounding to me, since there never has been computer software that has taught woodworking... Until Now! James Redway Furniture Makers and Knightlite Software have created the ultimate instructional tool for teaching woodworking hobbyists how to build a small side table. **This is the perfect holiday gift for anyone interested in building furniture.**

We take you through the entire process of building the Christmas Table from start to finish using over 45 minutes of full-motion video, animated agents that can read out all the text out loud to you, and over 350 images. You can set the software to "Presentation Mode" and sit back and watch the software self-run, just like a movie and receive over 3 1/2 hours of detailed instruction. Unlike books or videos, we leave nothing out. We cover every single, solitary step of the process. This is better than taking a live class, because unlike a live class you can go back and review the material anytime with just a click of the mouse. We even help you avoid mistakes before they happen.

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>

In stock And On Sale At
 The Silver Cherry
\$19.95 - Regular Price \$24.95

The Perfect Gift For Any Woodworker



The Woodbury Mirror Returns To The Silver Cherry

The Woodbury Mirror combines the beauty of flowers with the warm texture of wood. Back in 1981 we came up with a way to make "Flower Photograms." Utilizing a unique process in photography, freshly cut flowers were carefully arranged between glass. In the darkroom we flashed light through the arrangement onto *Cibachrome II* color photography paper. The result, a quality print with the softness of watercolors and the illusion of pressed flowers. Unlike other types of photography, *Cibachrome II* prints do not lose their color or fade with age. We have mirrors over 20 years old that look as fresh as the day we picked the flowers. We have now perfected the process using our computers and can create an archival print using archival pigments that will last in excess of 70 years.



\$140.00

The flower photogram is then mounted to a 11" x 24" mirror, bordered with grosgrain ribbon, and protectively covered with an additional sheet of float glass. All Woodbury Mirrors are handsomely framed in handcrafted native Cherry or Black Walnut moldings.

Woodbury Mirrors are available on limited run additions and are only available at *The Silver Cherry*. **They make a great holiday gift. We have also found customers love to give these mirrors as wedding gifts.**

We have produced 6 different styles of prints for 2005. You can see all the prints and the choices of ribbons and molding on our website: <http://www.redway.com/mirrors>. You can choose your molding color, ribbon color, and photogram and we will put it all together for you in time for the holidays. Already made up Woodbury Mirrors can also be purchased at The Silver Cherry

Priced At \$140.00

Holiday Ideas



Festive Holiday Tray Basket
\$25.95



Nantucket Lights
\$18.00

Nantucket Bay Scallop Shell Lights will brighten up any home no matter what season it is. Use all year-round.



Holiday Kitchen In A Bag
\$14.00

Everything you need for the festive holiday kitchen. Includes 12 pieces - 4 Place Mats, 4 Napkins, 1 Wine Tote, 1 Pot Holder, 1 Oven Mitt, and 1 Kitchen Towel.



Rarely seen images at The Silver Cherry. This is our fire extinguisher.

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.

The Big Bell Has Returned



The Really Big Bell is back!. If you need a really big bell, we have one. I don't believe you can buy a really big bell anywhere else in Woodbury, but here at the Silver Cherry. Total Measurements: 18" Wide, 28" Long

Ring In The New Year At \$75.00



Peanut And Pistachio Baskets

Fill one side with the supplied peanuts or pistachios, and discard the shells on the other side.

Priced At \$24.95

Terrific Log Carrier

With the high cost of heating oil many of us are firing up our old wood stoves and fireplaces again. Of course we have always burned wood. It is the only way we can get rid of the scrap from our workshop. We actually burn some of the most expensive firewood in the world. With cherry running \$6.00 to \$7.00 a board foot, we probably are spending \$5.00 to \$10.00 in wood just to get the wood stove going. Once we tried burning all of our planer shavings. What an idea. Fill up a grocery bag full of these shavings and toss it in the stove. We called them "**soft logs.**" They burned great, but a little too fast, as well as not throwing off too much heat. So as most people know, hardwood logs such as oak and maple are the best way to generate the maximum amount of BTUs. Unfortunately, we do not build oak furniture - even at "gunpoint", so we have no scrap oak hanging around the house. We don't use maple either, unless of course it is "Tiger Maple", and no one around here has the heart to throw a piece of Tiger Maple of any size into any fire.



So, its off through chest deep snow to the wood pile armed with our trusty Silver Cherry firewood carrier. This is a really nice wood carrier. It is made of heavy-duty canvas. What I like about it is that it has these nice high sides. Not only can you dump a whole bunch of firewood in it, but it prevents all those little pieces of bark and chips of wood from spilling out all over your nice clean carpet. Those high sides are even lined with PVC material that makes it water-resistant. The canvas straps run from one handle all the way around to the next handle, with added reinforcement bands. It can accommodate up to a 24 inch log. This is a real heavy duty sucker, and would make a perfect gift whether you are carrying those heavy oak logs, or your expensive cherry scraps.

Priced At \$15.00

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The checkout girl shakes her head in disbelief, hands you your receipt and you head for the door, home-free and that much closer to preparing one of the best soups you have ever served.

Here is how we make our stock. We start with the bacon fat left over from Sunday breakfast. We cook about 5 slices. Place that in a large soup pot and heat under medium heat. Next we add a large onion (chopped), 2 large shallots (chopped), about a cup of chopped celery including the tops, a few carrots, parsley, and a can of whole tomatoes chopped. Pull out your Fred Flintstone steak and cut some of the excess fat off, and trim the meat away from the bone. Add the meat and the bones to the pot. Add about a gallon of water and cook for 6 to 8 hours. We just let it sit on the woodstove all day. It fills the house with a great aroma, and it gives you a great homey feeling. Next we strain the stock through a colander, and take the left over meat and vegetables and put it through a Foley food mill as much as possible. This makes the stock even richer. Allow the stock to cool overnight in the refrigerator, and then skim the excess fat off the top in the morning. You can then freeze the stock for all sorts of dishes, or use it for your Mulligatawny soup.

'Pepper Water' was the nearest thing to soup in the cuisine of India, and indeed the word mulligatawny comes from the Tamil words *molegoo* (pepper) and *tunes* (water). It was originally a vegetarian 'sauce', but the British added meat and various other ingredients to create a variety of mulligatawnies which were popular in India and Ceylon, but had an extremely bad press back home in England! Over the years the recipe has change about a zillion times with almost anything being call Mulligatawny. Here is our recipe.

- 2 Tbs Peanut Oil
- 2 Tbs Butter
- 2 Tbs Bacon Fat
- 4 Cups Redway Beef Stock
- 2 Cups Water
- 1 Large Red Onion Chopped.
- 1 Cup Sliced Mushrooms
- 1/2 Cup Diced Celery.

- 1 Carrot Thinly Diced
- 1 Potato Diced
- 1 Frying Pepper Diced
- 1/2 Cup Shelled Pistachios
- 1/2 Cup Cashews
- 1 Can Whole Tomatoes w/ Sauce 28 oz. Chopped
- 1/2 Cup Fresh Squeezed Lemon Juice.
- 1/2 Cup Corn
- 3/4 Cup Marsala Wine
- 2 Tbs Freshly Chopped Parsley
- 1 Bay Leaf
- 1 Pinch Marjoram
- 1 Pinch Thyme.
- 1/4 Tsp Curry Powder.
- Salt And Pepper To Taste

Add oil and bacon fat to the dutch oven. Add onions, mushrooms, pepper, carrots, and celery. Saute for 15 minutes. Add butter and saute for another 5 minutes under medium heat. Place the nuts into a plastic bag and crush them using a heavy spoon until you have a bunch of small chunks, and then add them to the soup. Add everything else except for the wine. Cook slowly for 5 hours uncovered so most of the water is reduced. We put the pot on top of the wood stove. Add the wine and cook for another 30 minutes. The soup should be cooked until it is thick and has a lot of body. It has a great flavor, and no one will be able to guess what's in it.



Stone Coasters \$16.50

Stone coasters are both beautiful and functional. Designed to soak up the condensation from beverage glasses. They protect your Redway table while allowing you to enjoy a cool drink on a steamy day. Sold in sets of 4, and available in three styles.

Other Gift Ideas



Squirrel Proof Bird Feeder

Heavy-Duty mesh covering the feeder prevents squirrels from stealing your bird feed. We even supply you with a full feeder of sunflower seeds. **\$19.95**



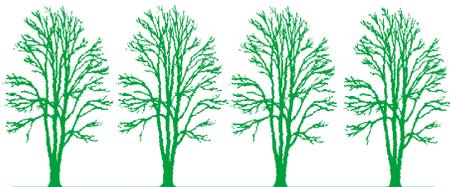
Indoor/Outdoor Stoneware Thermometer

Made of durable stoneware, these thermometers were designed to endure outdoor temperatures and last for years to come

\$10.50



Bird Houses \$24.95 Snow Globe Cork \$2.00



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Merry Christmas



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OPEN HOUSE THIS WEEKEND!