

NEWSLETTER May 2024

"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."

Springtime is Here!

We had a great turnout, about 30+ people, for the Spring Cleaning Day recently. The MakerBarn was a hive of activity with all those busy bees. I hope you notice the difference the next time you come in. A sincere thank you to all of you that could be there to help elevate The MakerBarn to be a better place to create.

Two big events are coming up in June. Our 8th anniversary party and Summer Fun Mondays.

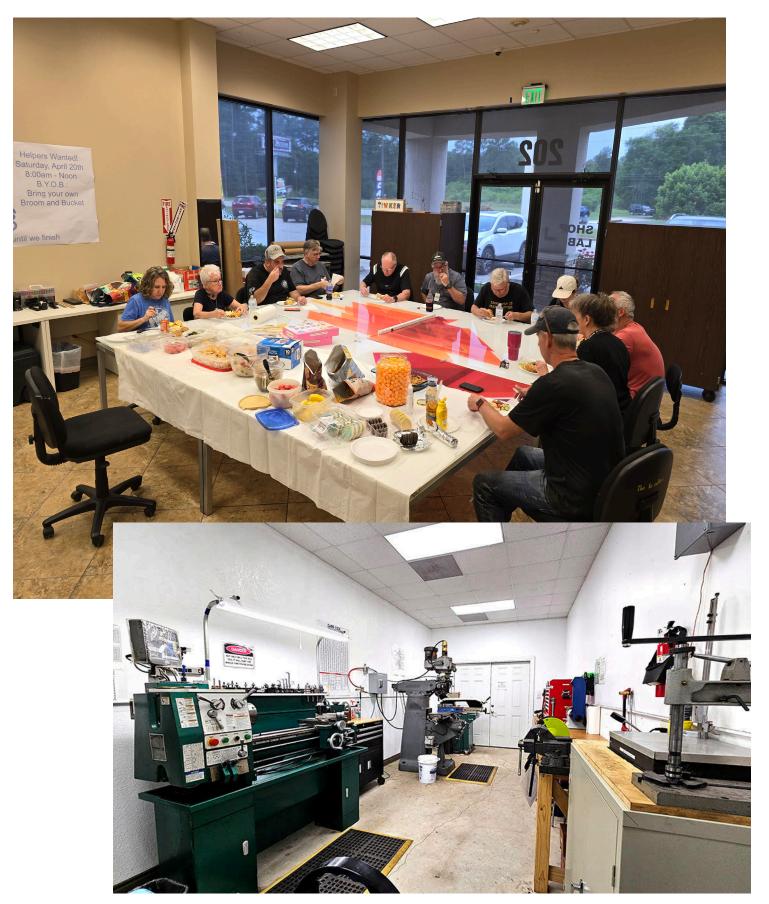
We're in the planning stages of a summer camp for our members' kids! All the details including dates, ages, and activities planned will be ironed out soon. If you're interested in leading an activity or in helping out in any way, come to the planning meeting on Thursday, May 2nd, at 2:00PM in The Lab.

Also, thanks to everyone who helped move our plasma cutter from the Shop to it's new home in the Welding Shed.

Kathy Barbieri President



Thank-you Spring Cleaning Volunteers!



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Laser SIG



Our area manager of Laser Printing, Greg Radliff will host a Laser SIG (Special Interest Group) to begin meeting at the Lab on the 4th Thursday of the month.

Anyone interested in talking about and sharing tips and tricks on laser cutters is welcome. Bring your projects for show and tell.

The next gathering will be May 23rd at 7:00pm until the discussions end.

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 MAKERBARN!

Colleen Helz made a vase from a Myrtle burl which was stabilized and cast with resin and turned on the wood lathe. She used bandsaw, cactus juice with vacuum pump, pressure pot and wood lathe.



Cynthia Grimmer made the first quilt completed on the new MakerBarn longarm machine!

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David Figueroa made three items;

- 1. Dye sub mug for a friend
- 2. Thanks to Kathy; A new sticker for his wife's car
- 3. Embroidered my wife's new clay apron



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Meet the Area Managers



WOODWORKING

Mark Bush is area manager of woodworking. Contact him via SLACK.



LASER PRINTING

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



METALWORKING

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.



3D PRINTING

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.



ELECTRONICS

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.



CERAMICS

Lisa Lane is area manager for ceramics. Contact her via SLACK.



WELDING

Joe Foster is area manager for welding. Contact him via SLACK.



CNC MACHINING

Gary Alose is area manager for CNC metal machining. Still learning but happy to help! 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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