

The Silver Cherry News



Christmas 2010

Newsletter of The Silver Cherry

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20th 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!
A Creative And Imaginative Sales
Force Of Experts Here To Cater To
Your Every Whim!
15% Savings On Redway Furniture!
Jammed-Packed Full Of Fun Holiday
Gifts!

Open and poised for action, The Silver Cherry revs up for our 20th 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 soups from our new 2011 Silver Cherry Soup Cookbook. Come-on in, get warm and have some soup.



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



James Redway 25 Years Of American Furniture



It has been 25 years since I adapted a 1760 Break-fast table and created a little stand called The Christmas Table. I sold 20 Christmas Tables in 3 weeks in the fall of 1986 and decided to start a business. Since then, thousands of board feet have been transformed from rough-cut American Black Cherry to beautiful pieces of furniture that sit in homes all through the nation, and some even abroad. Each made one at a time, using classic joinery techniques, and hand-rubbed finishes.

I can never understand why some people buy cheap furniture. I mean cheap in the sense, it's not well made. Cheap furniture is not necessarily inexpensive. Why is it that one would never think of buying furniture that would last a lifetime, and who would ever think of building furniture with the intention of not lasting a lifetime? We build our furniture as the Shakers did. As the Shakers said;

"Do your work as though you had a thousand years to live and as you were to die tomorrow" Don't make something unless it is both necessary and useful; but if it is both necessary and useful, don't hesitate to make it beautiful."

Our furniture is necessary, useful, and beautiful. It is made to last for generations, and compared to others who make hand-made furniture it is rather inexpensive. It is guaranteed for my lifetime, not 30 days, 90 days or a year, and my name and hallmark is branded on the bottom of every piece I make.

To celebrate our 25th year we wanted to have a big sale, so here it is. **This weekend December 4th and 5th, 2010, we are taking 15% off all our in stock furniture.** This includes online orders as well as store pickup. First come, first serve. Since we price our furniture at a fair price right from the start, I think this is a great deal that will not likely be repeated anytime soon.

No Soup For You Unless You Are Cookin' One Of Our Soups



The first colonial cookbook that contained soup recipes was published in Williamsburg, Virginia in 1742. Since then there have been literally thousands of soup cookbooks published. A quick search at Amazon.com shows more than 2500 soup cookbooks. By gum, that's probably more cookbooks than people actually cooking their own soup in this country.

Bad soups of today can be blamed on Dr. John T. Dorrance. He was a chemist for the Campbell Soup Company. In 1897 he invented the process of making condensed soup. Today Campbell's Tomato, Cream of Mushroom, and Chicken Noodle soups are the most popular soups in America. WHAT? The most popular soup was invented by a Chemist, and not a chef? Has the world gone mad?

And then there the so-called "Pocket Soups," dehydrated ingredients invented by colonial travelers. I can see it being a bearable substitute for the military, covered wagon trains, chuck wagons, and astronauts, but how did these soups ever infiltrate the American dining room?

It is time to stop the bleeding. It is time to stop the damage caused by generations of those who took one of the best foods you can create and turned it into something that was portable, condensed, reconstituted, dehydrated, radiated, and basically culinary effluent.

Thus the Silver Cherry Soup Cookbook. Let's bring some sanity back into the kitchen. Let's bring taste back to the table. Let's not let the art of cooking disappear from the American landscape. Invest in what you serve on your table.

These are soups that we serve every year at our Silver Cherry Christmas Open House. Here is your chance to have the same great recipes. We did not forget the bread recipes either. The dinner roll recipe is worth the price of the cookbook.

Guess What This Thing Really Works Great



If you did not buy one of these little knife sharpeners last year, you have absolutely no idea what you are missing out on. This is the easiest knife sharpener that you will every use. **HONEST!**

The sharpener looks like there is absolutely no way it could possibly work. Here you have these two small metal wheels that are loosely attached to this little metal base. All you do is insert the knife at the lowest edge of the blade between the two wheels, and pull the blade back towards you, so the blade slides through the metal wheels. Do that 10 to 12 times and your done.

The first time you do it, you are shocked by the horrendous sound this process makes. You think to yourself, what in the world am I doing? I'm going to ruin this knife. But stand tough, be strong and stick it out until you have completed the process. You will be richly rewarded with an incredibly sharp knife.

Impress your friends this holiday season with this incredible knife sharpener, that will give them the edge they will need to carve the perfect standing rib roast or roasted turkey. Nothing says Merry Christmas more than a knife sharpener? Trust me!

And for only \$6.95 each, keep one for yourself. Money Back Guarantee if you are not 100% satisfied with this baby. Remember there is nothing more dangerous in the kitchen than a dull knife, except for a dull chef.

THIS WEEKEND KO KO KANA COOKIES

Come in this weekend for some of our famous Ko Ko Kana Spicy Ginger and Molasses Cookies freshly baked for your enjoyment. A Silver Cherry Holiday Tradition. These are the best cookies in the world! **They are Ko Ko Kana Good!**



\$5.75/Bag

Wicked Cool Atomic Projection Clock



Ever wake up in the middle of a cold and blustery winter night when the wind is howling and wonder what the heck the temperature is outside? Wonder no more. With our new projection clock, you'll not only know what the temperature is outside, but what the time is as well, all without rolling over. You see, this clock will alternate projecting the time and the outside temperature on your ceiling or wall in a nice, warm, reddish glow. This baby is also an atomic clock, which means it is constantly communicating with the U.S. Naval Observatory's atomic clock and returning the exact time. It never needs to be set, even with changes in daylight savings time.

The unit comes with a temperature sensor that you mount outside. It is completely wireless, and has a transmission range of 330 feet.

The clock will also give you the inside temperature and the relative humidity.

Other less spectacular features include an LED backlight, and time alarm with snooze. It comes with an AC power adaptor, but can also run on AA batteries. The temperature sensor runs on AA batteries. Batteries last 24 months.

But, the real cool thing about this clock is that you never have to set it, and that it projects the temperature and time right on your ceiling. **Only \$34.95**



The amazing Tomato Slicer knife will dazzle your friends and family as you skillfully slice tomatoes incredibly thin. They will not be able to contain themselves as you create the perfect slice of tomato the first time and every time you pick up this knife. Manufactured by Rada Cutlery, the Tomato slicer is created with dual serrations to make sure every cut is straight and even. It also works for left-handers. A great stocking stuffer. **Only \$6.00.**

Bold Tasting Steaks With Bullfighter Sauce



Here is a little story. In the early 1800s Mrs. Grey, the author of the Gambler's wife, traveled to Ombersley Court to visit Lady Sandys. Lady Sandys complained that she could not get her hands on any decent curry powder. Mrs. Gray mentioned that she had in her possession a recipe her uncle, Sir Charles, had brought back from India. Lady Sandys was ecstatic, and said she knew of two clever chemists who may be able to make such a powder from the recipe.

Thus, the job was given to John Wheeley Lea, and William Henry Perrins. They doubted they could make the recipe or find the ingredients, but decided to give it a whirl. They eventually created some sort of powder and forwarded it on to Lady Sandys who was delighted. In an afterthought they came up with the idea to add a little water to the powder and make a sauce. The resulting product was so inedible that the barrel of sauce was banished to the basement.

Two years later the chemists were cleaning out the basement when they came across the barrel of sauce. Apparently throwing caution to the wind, sampled the sauce to see if it had gotten any better with age. And to their surprise it had. It had fermented and mellowed so it was now palatable. So in 1838 the first bottles of Lea and Perrins Worcestershire Sauce hit the markets.

Bullfighter Sauce is Worcestershire sauce with an attitude, and as bold as the Bullfighter himself. Not some sissy boy, thin watery fish sauce may by a bunch of British chemists. Bullfighter is thick and tangy and tastes great on a burger or a 1 inch slab of prime rib.

It was created especially for burgers and beef, and combines a premium blend of spices, vegetable extracts, and cayenne pepper. You can use it as a marinade, but we think it is better used as a dipping sauce at the table.

Makes a great stocking stuffer. Be as bold as the bullfighter and give the sauce that has some backbone.

\$3.25



Shaker Peanut Baskets With An Attitude



Our Shaker Peanut Baskets are actually two baskets in one. On one side you dump in your peanuts, and on the other side you throw in your discarded shells. What could be easier? The perfect gift for the neat freak. These are very sturdy baskets and will last for years.

This year we include a bag of regular salted peanuts and not to be out done, we also include another bag of HOT Nuts, which are Cajun Creole Peanuts that will heat up this holiday season with one single peanut. These babies are wicked hot. Both bags of peanuts are produced by Hampton Farms, a family farm since 1917. They are known for growing the finest and freshest peanuts, and boast that they are involved with every aspect of the process.

Going to a Superbowl Party in January? What a great hostess gift.

\$24.95 With Red Gift Bow

The Silver Cherry Holiday Blade Pack



Finely polished solid American Black Cherry cooking tools are handmade by James Redway. Our new Holiday Blade Pack comes with three handy dandy kitchen tools.

First you get our world-famous Redway Blade, an incredible cooking utensil that you won't want to put down. Use it to effortlessly deglaze a pan, making it easy to scrape off all those tasty bits of flavor left behind by conventional cooking utensils. Next we have our new Soup and Sauce Blade, perfect for preparing soups. Finally our Creme Fraiche Blade. Comes with 3 recipes. These are finely polished cherry and feel silky-smooth in your hand.

Only \$21.00

Timothy Tea Gift Collection



Timothy Tea Gift Box Collection. Teas for this collection come from some of the finest plantations on the island of Sri Lanka, formally known as Celon. One of the many names by which Sri Lanka was known in the past is "Serendib", for which "Serendipity" was coined by Horace Walpole to mean, "the facility of making happy discoveries by accident." One of the happiest discoveries the pioneer tea planters in the latter part of the 19th Century discovered was the effect of the diverse climates on tea production. This serendipitous discovery has resulted in an array of fine teas which are unique to each agro climatic districts of Sri Lanka.

What a happy discovery for the Silver Cherry customer to find out that you don't have to travel all the way to Sri Lanka for a sample of these great teas. It will be total serendipity to find that we have them in stock in our little store, packaged in a beautiful hexagonal gift box. Twelve unique teas are included. They include: English Breakfast, Green Passion Fruit Tea, Irish Breakfast, White Tea Chai, Peach Tea, Green Lemon Tea, Earl Gray, Scottish Breakfast, Green Pomegranate Tea, Green Orange Jasmine Tea, Apricot Tea, Red Raspberry Tea. There are 96 sachet tea bags included in this collection. The perfect gift for the tea loving person in your family.

Only \$11.95

Predict The Weather With Our Maine Weather Sticks



Maine Woodsman Weather sticks have been predicting weather, delighting their owners, and amazing new acquaintances all around the world for years. We have had one for years and they really work. Hang the stick on an outside wall or door casing exposed to the weather, stick bends down to foretell foul weather and up for fair weather. Approximately 12" to 16" long. Each stick comes packaged with the story of the weather stick and simple instructions... Nail it to something... Where is the challenge?

Only \$7.50 Each.

Draft Stoppers



Help stop drafts in your home this winter with our attractive Draft Stoppers. These are really nice. They measure 36" long, some look a lot like suede, and have a sturdy rope handle. They also have quarry pebble stones sawn at each end to give the draft stopper some weight. We have red, green, beige, and blue plaid in stock.

By the way, the white tags you see in the picture are little threatening messages. I would have removed them, but feared brutal retribution from our federal government. These important tags tell you, the customer, that the draft stopper is 100% polyester. That IS important information. There is also another tag attached which says that the article meets the flammability requirements of the California Bureau of Home Furnishings Technical Bulletin 17. That should be really great news for those living in California.

The tag also goes on to say that care should be exercised when utilizing your draft stopper around open flames. So unless you are planning to use your draft stopper to roast chestnuts this holiday season, you have little to worry about unless, of course, your door suddenly bursts into flames.

Only \$7.95

Solid Cherry And Black Walnut Woodenware



Come see our new woodenware collection. We have cheese boards and spreaders, Holiday Board gift packs, hand-turned cherry rolling pins, magazine ladders, cooling racks. Great holiday gifts.



Rairly Seen Images Of The Silver Cherry
Autographed Table Saw Blade From
Norm Abram

Formal Dinner Candles



Good candles are not easy to find. Good formal dinner candles are even harder to find. I know this personally, because last year my wife asked for nice dinner candles for Christmas. I could not find anything decent at any store.

I tried all the discount stores. All I could find were cheap 8 inch tapers which were really thin. Those are the ones that are colored on the outside, but are white on the inside, and last about as long as a Roman Candle does, spewing wax all over your table like an erupting volcano.

I also attempted Yankee Candle. That's the shop in all the malls that you can smell all the way out in the parking lot. You actually need self-contained breathing apparatus just to enter the store. These highly scented candles are great for fumigating your home, but not something you want to use for a romantic holiday dinner.

This year we decided to take matters into our own hands and seek out the best candles we could find to sell at The Silver Cherry. We found them.

The Silver Cherry now carries quality formal dining candles. They are a full 0.88 inches thick, 12 inches tall, and are colored throughout. They are made in America, and burn evenly for 12 full hours without dripping. We carry four colors: Red, Hunter Green, Burgundy, and Off White.

\$3.98/Pair, \$22.00 per box of 12

Holiday Boards



These oval-shaped boards are handcrafted by James Redway out of quarter sawn solid American Black Cherry and Black Walnut. They measure approximately 10" x 16" and are as beautiful as they are functional. Use it in the kitchen as a light and convenient cutting board for cutting up vegetables or making a sandwich. Use it in your living room to serve soft cheeses and other hor d'oeuvres. Use it in your dining room for serving breads. You can even use it as a handsome trivet. They are great little boards that are easy to clean and easy to maintain. **Only \$25.00.**

Super Deluxe Vegetable Peeler



It's hard to admit I know, but face it, you have spent most of your life with a run-of-the-mill vegetable peeler. You may believe a vegetable peeler is not very important, nor a glamorous kitchen tool. You'll never see it on the cover of Bon Appetit and you never gave it a bit of credit for that Thanksgiving Apple Pie you made last week. You totally took it for granted. How insensitive! But maybe things would have been different IF you had the DELUXE PEELER! Our Deluxe Peeler is the Crocodile Dundee size peeler. The blade is 2" wide and it has an overall length of 8 1/8". That certainly a peeler that commands respect. Made in America by Rada. Give the gift that keeps on giving. **Only \$8.50**

The Silver Cherry Kango-Klunk Boomerang



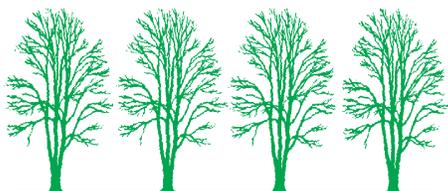
How about a little excitement this holiday season? Try our Kango-Klunk Boomerang. Nothing says Merry Christmas better than a hand-made solid cherry-plywood boomerang. **Honest!**

We first offered the nearly-famous Kango-Klunk in our Christmas 1994 Newsletter, and to this day it still the most talked-about holiday gift of 1994. 16 years later, its back, and in its glory, just in time for the 2010 holiday season.

Its a perfect gift for the most unpopular person in your family, because they can play with this baby all by themselves. Comes complete with throwing instructions. **Only \$6.00.**



Want to read late at night, and don't want to wake up your spouse with a glary-Larry bedroom light? Use our amazing **LED Clip Light**. Just clip it to your book and read for hours without disturbing anyone. **Only \$4.50**



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