



The Silver Cherry News

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24th 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!
A Creative And Imaginative Sales Force
Of Experts Here To Cater To Your Every
Whim!

Savings On Redway Furniture!
Jam-Packed Full Of
Fun Holiday Gifts!

Open and poised for action, The Silver Cherry revs up for our 24th Annual Christmas Open House Weekend. Come join us at our festive little Christmas shop for a rousing good time this weekend, and peruse through our store of imaginative gifts, and the finest cherry furniture.

We will feature our famous non-award winning Chili, samples of our homemade soups, Ko Ko Kana Cookies and of course popcorn popped in our new popcorn maker. Come-on in, get warm and have some great food, and see what's new at The Silver Cherry.



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



An Endangered Specie... Handmade American Furniture



The culture in America has changed. Almost nothing is made with quality and there is no attention to detail anymore. Consumer products are now considered disposable, and the scariest thing about the trend is that the American people have come to expect this and have accepted it. A refrigerator used to last for 30 to 40 years. Now you're lucky if it lasts 8 to 10 years.

This is also true when it comes to furniture. Stores like Bobs and Ikea have warehouses full of furniture that will never be passed on through the generations but rather relegated to land fills in just a few short years. Furniture is now considered a disposable item, and furniture stores count on this.

We have been making 18th Century Country and 19th Century Shaker furniture for almost 30 years, and I never found a way to create a shortcut without sacrificing quality. I still go to the lumberyard, drag heavy cherry planks out of crowded bins, and examine each and every one, looking through the rough-cut surface to judge the grain and color of the wood. Table tops are still made using a single board (when possible) so that grain and color match perfectly. Planks are flattened on a joiner before being planed, so they will be perfectly flat. Table frames are still articulated with double pinned mortise and tenon joinery, finished with hand-planed black walnut pegs. Drawers, steps and chests are joined with hand-cut dovetails using only handsaws and chisels. Dovetails still remain the strongest method of joining wood at right angles that has ever been invented. Our finishes are carefully prepared using several coats of hand-rubbed tung oil, rendering a silky, smooth feel.

From a 21st Century point of view, it looks like I screwed up. I made the huge mistake of creating furniture that if well cared for, will last over 200 years. Oops! Looks like we are 300 years behind the times. If you want to see how they used to do it, stop by The Silver Cherry this weekend and see the antiques of tomorrow. **10% off all furniture.**

Cool Popcorn Maker Makes Perfect Popcorn



When I was a kid my parents had this popcorn popper that looked like it was created by a blacksmith. It was a black metal box with a long handle and a top that slid open to add the oil and kernels. You shook it over a fire in your fireplace and in a few short minutes you incinerated the popcorn. It would have served better as a bed warmer than a popcorn maker. In the 1960s, Jiffy Pop became this huge break through in popcorn technology, yet it yielded the same burnt results except with some added special effects as the aluminum foil ball grew and grew threatening to explode. The late 1970s brought disco and the hot air popcorn popper. Pretty good popcorn, if you could stop it from flying all over the place. I used mine as a blow-dryer for those ultra-cool disco hair styles rather than popping some corn. In the 1980s came the infamous microwave popcorn the no muss/no fuss way to make popcorn with just a push of a button. The result was perfect popcorn in its own biohazard bag, saturated with toxic chemicals that caused a whole range of health problems. Technology moving forward.

The best popcorn maker ever made was invented around 1885 by Charles Cretors, which he introduced at the **Chicago Columbian Exposition** in 1893. This was the classic kettle popcorn wagon and the type you see at movie theaters.

The holiday season is stressful enough without having to worry about blowing the popcorn. Americans consume about one million pounds of popcorn each year. Stop the madness! Do it right this year. Its your turn to own this classic kettle popcorn popper that makes perfect popcorn every time. No burnt popcorn, mess, or dangerous chemicals. Just hot fresh popcorn from the classic design that started it all. Simply turn it on, add some vegetable oil, your kernels, and in just a few minutes the maker is full of popcorn. Each batch makes 10 cups. It even has its own festive light so you can watch the action as it unfolds with all the theatrics of Hollywood. A fun, easy-to-use holiday gift. **Only \$65.00**

Redway Signature Cherry/ Black Walnut Woodenware



Cutting Boards. Hand-crafted, solid cherry/black walnut cutting boards measure approximately 10" x 18" **Only \$28.00.**



Butter/Cheese Boards. Hand-crafted, solid cherry/black walnut cheese boards with solid cherry spreader. Measures approximately 3 3/4" x 7" **Only \$12.50.**



Hot Cocoa Mix Gift Set. Hot chocolate is the working-man's breakfast in Spain, and hugely popular as a national drink in Mexico. Here in America its a great gift for someone who loves piping hot cocoa. Five dazzling flavors to choose from that include; Milk Chocolate, Caramel Cream, French Vanilla, Dark Chocolate Sensation and Mint Chocolate. A total of 20 packs included to please the ultimate hot cocoa connoisseur. **Only \$12.00.**

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



The Silver Cherry Open House Chili Kit



Since our first Christmas Open House we have served our nearly-famous chili. Here's your opportunity to recreate the magic right in your own kitchen. Unless you've tasted our chili, I know what you're thinking... "I make great chili," or "Nobody makes better chili than my Uncle Bill!" WELL, I've had Uncle Bill's chili, and it tastes like he marinated the meat under his armpits! Its not tasty and its certainly not pretty.

Our chili is highly refined, fresh-tasting and easy to make. This holiday season your in luck! You can now serve it to all your holiday guests in our smart-looking Silver Cherry Chili Bowls. This attractive gift comes with two bowls and our chili recipe printed out, laminated for water resistance and poised for action. It makes a great gift for anyone in your family. Especially Uncle Bill. **Only \$18.00**

The Amazing Rada Mini Server



From the company that brought you the amazing Tomato Slicer and the equally amazing Knife Sharpener, now comes yet another amazing product. Behold the amazing Rada Mini Slicer. This mini slicer may look small, but it packs a powerful punch as it effortlessly careens through casseroles, makes mincemeat out of your minced pies, and Girl Scouts out of your brownies. You will be blessed with the most exciting serving utensil that has ever graced your dining room table. It does an incredible job serving bars, cakes, cobblers, pies and yes much, much more.

The face of this smart-looking server is 2 x 1 7/8 inches and sports an overall length of 7 1/2 inches. Made of high-quality stainless steal and is supported with a sturdy ridge for added stability. It features an angled face that makes it perfect for serving all sorts of culinary creations, and it comes with Rada's lifetime warranty. This holiday season empower yourself with the most perfectly designed serving tool that has ever been created. No, this is not too good to be true. Selling this year for the ridiculous low price of **Only \$7.50.**

The Amazing Miracle Glove



The potholder has long been taken for granted in the American kitchen. It only gets attention when you frantically need one. Surprisingly the history of potholders is relatively short lived. Egyptian tomb paintings from 2500 BC show fire-related cooking activities, but no potholders are being used when handling hot pots. Those Egyptians were tough. Museum collections have revealed absolutely no pot holders that are more than two centuries old. Kind of scary how I know this, isn't it?

Regardless, potholders at there best are poorly designed. They are cutesy-crafty squares of thin material sewn together in a few layers. They hardly boost your confidence in their ability to insulate you from whatever you are burning in the oven.

Then there is the giant mitten variety type that is made with a lot heavier material, but who has a hand shaped like that?

Bygum, we have the solution. It's our Miracle Glove. The Miracle Glove is crafted in the same shape as your hand. What a unique concept? The Miracle Glove dramatically extends the time you can handle hot objects in your hand withstanding a dazzling 480 degrees F. Great for kitchen or barbecue use. This holiday season, be as tough as an Egyptian with your Miracle Glove. Now if you were not impressed enough, we don't just include one glove, but heck, you have two hands, so you should have two Miracle Gloves ...**ACT NOW! SUPPLIES LIMITED! Only \$8.95 for both!**

Festive Bird Deterrent



Keep those pesky song birds away from your home this holiday season with our festive Bird Bell. Fashioned in the shape of a holiday bell these babies are made of everything birds can't stand. Sure there are a few sunflower seeds here and there, but those weird orange things just don't hack it. We hung one outside and after 2 days, not one bird. A great gift for humans, not so much for birds, but heck, its the thought that counts. **Only \$5.95**

Cool LED Light Strings



Really cool LED Light Strings run on 2 AA batteries. Enhance your house plants, make creative Christmas decorations, jazz-up flower arrangements, or use as accent lighting, even in water. These micro lights cast a very bright light and because the lights are LEDs, they last a really long time. We have been using ours for a month now, and its still as bright as it was the day we put the batteries in. The light consists of 18 warm white lights, spaced 2 inches apart over a 36 inch length of bendable wire. **Only \$6.95.**

Cool LED Branch Lights



Branch lights will liven up any holiday arrangement this season. At 16 inches tall, these branch lights will cast a festive glow over your holiday table. They come in either natural, brown, silver, white, or gold finishes, and run on 3 AA batteries. Because they are LED, these lights will last for months without having to change the batteries. Who knew putting a few lights on a bunch of branches could look so cool. Batteries not included, and why is that? They did not give us any so we can't give you any, but we do have them available at The Silver Cherry for only 35 cents a piece. **Only \$6.95.**

Watch Movies In Bed With Peerimid Tablet Holder



Back about 6 or 7 years ago we purchased a few of these babies for the shop. They were suppose to be book holders that would hold your book while you read in bed. They were terrible. The book kept falling over.

Well, it turned out these babies appeared on the market way before their time. With the advent of tablets such as the iPad, these little pyramid-shaped pillows make an excellent stand for viewing movies and TV shows in bed. If you like to climb into bed at night and watch something on your iPad, this is a perfect solution. It holds the iPad securely at the correct angle for viewing in bed. It won't fall over like a book does. A great gift for someone who needs a great way to support a tablet while in bed. **Only 29.00.**

New This Year Our Amazing Bread/Bagel Knife



If you have read any of our past newsletters, I'm sure you have noticed we are really big on making our own breads, and we think you should be making your own breads as well. Last year we had homemade sourdough bread and ciabatta bread recipes in years before. But one thing has always been lacking... How the heck are you going to cut that bad boy after you have baked it. We know unless you bought our amazing knife sharpener in the past, you probably don't have any sharp knives in your home. (Pretty presumptuous aren't we? But work with us here, we are trying to sell the knives.) Even so, regular knives don't hack it. They either crush or tear the bread rendering an uneven slab of cooked dough.

We now have the answer. Its our new hand-crafted Silver Cherry Bread slicer. That's right. We have created our own bread cutter. It works on the same principle as one of those bow saws you use to cut down your Christmas tree. We first take native lumber and plane it to size and craft the bow frame. Then we take high-quality carbon steel bread cutting blades and mount them under tension to the frames. These babies are the same blades used in commercial bread cutting machines, and I can tell you they are wicked sharp. A few mishaps during the blade mounting process made me a believer.

Each knife is hand-made by myself and polished relentlessly until a silky smooth finish is achieved. The knives are available in either solid cherry (of course), black walnut, oak, ash, hard maple, and curly maple. They are finished with several coats of tung oil.

These knives are not only incredibly attractive, incredibly sharp, but also work superbly. They are comfortable to hold, and will effortlessly cut through freshly baked bread or bagels with the speed of 1000 stallions. That's pretty fast sport. These knives work great, and make a wonderful gift this holiday season. Pick one up today. Fresh bread recipe with every knife sold. **Only \$20.00.**



Middlebury
Fine Wine & Spirits

Hey! Nothing Goes Better With Our Breads Than A Great Bottle of Wine! And, for a great bottle of wine visit our friends at the Middlebury Fine Wine and Spirits, 1255 Middlebury Rd in Middlebury. Friendly, knowledgeable service. The official wine provider of The Silver Cherry. Weekly wine tastings. Check them out on Facebook.

Give The Gift Of Van Gogh's Irises



On May 8, 1889. Vincent Van Gogh committed himself to the asylum at Saint Paul-de-Mausole in Saint-Remy, France. During his time there he painted 130 paintings many depicting the surroundings of the clinic. His most famous pieces were The Starry Night and Irises. In 1987 Irises sold for a whopping 54 million dollars and was one of the most expensive paintings ever sold.

You may not be able to afford the painting, but you can still have the Irises. The Van Gogh Collection is a Blue Iris Indoor Grow Kit and comes in an attractive weathered basket, containing 10 bulbs. Appropriately, the Van Gogh Iris Grow Kit is a product of Holland and sells for only **\$12.95**

A## Kickin Hot Sauce



Holy smokes, A## Kickin Hot Sauce? What the heck is this doing here?. This is a family newsletter. We don't talk like that, but this hot sauce has a message of its own. Its not one of those sissy boy hot sauces you make chicken wings with. A## Kickin sauces are a perfect marriage between great taste and quality ingredients. The Red Savino Habanero peppers are grown on the hot desert at Pepper Acres in Arizona, adjacent to the plant that manufactures the hot sauce. It takes 6 months until they are ready for use. The same people who make the sauce grow the peppers.

We have added three varieties to our inventory of incredibly creative gifts. They include, **Japanese Wasabi Horseradish** blended with habanera pepper that will bring a tear to your eye. Then we have the **Original Recipe** which is the perfect blend of Habanero and Serrano Peppers that form a thick rich flavor that transforms an ordinary meal into a ... well you know. Last but certainly not least we have the ever-so-popular **Roasted Garlic** variety, roasted garlic combined with Habanero and Jalapeno peppers to provide a flavorful sauce bursting with bulbous pleasure.

These hot sauces all have a lot of flavor, and yes they are quite hot. Use them on the side for dipping. **Only \$5.00**

Wicked Good Knightlite Firehouse Blend Seasoning

The art of cooking in America is being replaced by tasteless microwave solutions that are more about convenience than they are about taste. The definition of flavor in the new millennium comes down to large concentrations of sugar, fat and salt. The more you have of each, the better the flavor. Its like three teenagers who decide to form a garage band. Just play loud enough and it will sound good. That's a terrible approach to cooking. We suggest you cook like the Boston Pops playing Sleigh Ride in the Shed at Tanglewood. Seasoning that helps bring out the flavor of food, enhancing it in a well organized and balanced fashion. Replace culinary dissonance with a culinary symphony.

If you buy just one item at The Silver Cherry this Christmas, it should be our Knightlite Firehouse Blend Seasoning. Knightlite Software is our company and we have gotten together with a local Connecticut spice company to create this special Firehouse Seasoning blend. Firehouses across this land are filled with great chefs that take the time to still prepare food the way their parents and grandparents did. This seasoning is for those who still care about the way they cook.

Knightlite Firehouse Seasoning is a full-bodied, all purpose seasoning containing onion, garlic, pepper, carrot, tomato, orange, basil, celery seed, mustard, citric acid, parsley, lemon, coriander, cumin, lemon and vegetable oils, red pepper, oregano, marjoram, and bay leaves. It gives lively flavor to chicken, steaks, lamb chops, burgers, potatoes, vegetable dishes, salad dressings, dips, and sandwiches. Its GLUTEN FREE, SUGAR and SODIUM FREE, and contains NO MSG!

So what the heck do you do with it? Read on to the right to see our chicken recipe.

Only \$6.50 For 8 oz Bottle.



Chicken With Knightlite Firehouse Seasoning



This is a really great recipe whether you cook it on the grill or in the oven. Its incredibly easy to cook, and when you cook it inside it fills your home with such a wonderful aroma that everyone will be standing around saying, "What the HECK SMELLS SO GOOD? Honest. Your guests will think you are some sort of culinary genius.

All you need is some chicken parts. We remove the skins for less fat, but you can keep them on if you want.

Mix together
 1/2 Stick Melted Butter (real stuff)
 1/3 Cup Red Hot Sauce.
 1 Lime Juiced

Season with - Knightlite Firehouse Blend Seasoning, Garlic Salt and Pepper.

When cooking inside, we place the chicken on a screen over a roasting pan. Heat your oven to 375 degrees F. Position the rack near the top of the oven. Baste the chicken with the hot sauce/butter/lime blend and liberally sprinkle the Knightlite Firehouse Blend Seasoning on to the chicken, followed by some garlic salt and pepper. Cook for about 15 minutes then turn and repeat the process. Frequently baste the chicken with the hot sauce blend and add more seasoning if it cooks off. When the chicken is almost done, we switch to broil to toast up the surface a little.

When cooking on the grill, and everyone is standing around saying "What the HECK SMELLS SO GOOD?," ... baste the chicken every 6 to 7 minutes and add a little more Firehouse Blend Seasoning. Don't overdue the garlic salt or the pepper, but the more layers of the Firehouse Blend Seasoning the better.

Scallop Lights From The Beaches Of Nantucket

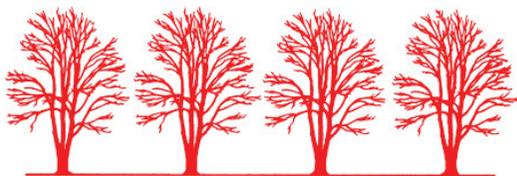


Bay Scallop Lights - Handmade from the beaches of Nantucket. These are lights you can use all year round, not just during the holidays. Each string has 50 lights with every other light covered with perfectly matched bay scallop shells. **Only \$19.95.**



New For 2014

New for 2014 - Hearts Desire - They say there are two tragedies in life. One is not to get your hearts desire. The other is to gain it. My guess the former will be the norm for this holiday season with this new handmade tavern puzzle by Tucker Jones. This one is considered difficult and the object is to remove the heart, without the use of an acetylene torch. **Only \$21.00.**



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