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What will you make?

October 2026 Newsletter

Looking for a satisfying creative outlet, to learn new skills, or finally tackle that woodworking project? MakerSphere's new Shop Nights series offers a flexible way to get into the woodshop without a long-term commitment.

The new one-night series is designed for a range of interests and experience levels. **Make It in One Night** gives beginners the chance to create a useful or decorative project in one night with guidance from experienced staff.

Tool School focuses on learning how to safely and confidently use common woodworking tools. Each night focuses on one or two tools, helping learners gain skills in a more comfortably paced fashion. The first Tool Night, on October 15, will cover the table saw. This is a great opportunity to learn its safe operation, capabilities and common usages. Other evenings will cover a variety of major tools that makers would likely be using for their projects. Learners can sign up for one or more tool nights.

And, for experienced woodworkers, **Open Shop** provides three-hour blocks of time per visit to access the shop space, tools and equipment, with staff available for basic assistance. Now available on Wednesdays 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm and Sundays 9:00 am - 12:00 pm. **Register here.**

Whether you want to make a project, learn how to use tools, or simply have a place to work, the shop is a great community resource for makers.

Upcoming Make It In One Night Workshops

- November 5 - Make a Serving Tray
- November 19 - Make Picture Frames
- December 10 - Make a Wine Bottle Holder

Register here.

Upcoming Tool Nights

- October 15 - Table Saw
- October 29 - General Shop Overview of Power Tools; Choosing the Right Tool
- November 12 - Chop Saw & Band Saw
- December 3 - Jointer, Planer & Clamps

Register here.

More Adult Beginner Woodworking Programs

Beginner Woodworking Skills; Build a Bluebird Box
Saturday, October 17, 2026 from 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM. Adults 18+, no experience required. Fee: $85 includes all materials/supplies. Get hands-on experience and learn how to operate a number of the most commonly used machines safely. **Details & Register here.**

Beginner Woodworking Skills; Make a Cutting Board
October 22, 24, & 27 (see listing for times). Adults: 18+, no experience. Early Bird Seat: $175. After October 10: $195. Includes all materials/supplies.
Get hands-on experience and learn how to use the miter saw, thickness planer, table saw, jointer, and router. Students should plan to attend all three classes. **Details & Register here.**

United We Stitch

United We Stitch was a nationwide community art project held on the weekend of September 19 in honor of the International Day of Peace. Artists and makers were invited to create flag-sized 3′ x 5′ fabric panels expressing their hopes for America. Exhibits were displayed across the US, including here in Vermont. On September 19, approximately 50 flags dressed the grounds beside the Vermont Supreme Court and State Capitol building. Many flags carried messages of unity, hope, justice and equality. A flag made by the Waterbury community at the MakerSphere Arts Fest tent was among those displayed as well as several other flags made by MakerSphere artists. Local organizers shared a great video of the flags which you can **view here.**

The 17th Annual River of Light Lantern Parade is coming December 5th!

Free Lantern making workshops!

- Nov 7 & 8 Artists Large Scale
- Nov 14 Family Large Scale
- Nov 15 Family & Community

Info & Register Here.

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