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## Notes from the Cabin

By Therica Breazeale  
Hello friends!

The newsletter is back after a long hiatus (not my choice) but that's ok. We are back now and I have new things to tell you all about. The craft shop has gone through some changes since May of 2016. I know it did affect some of you, my faithful friends, when you called or came to the shop and found it closed. I truly hate that the craft shop's loyal and faithful customers were inconvenienced and that new customers to the shop missed us. I do apologize for that. Some of you know it was out of my control, but not the good Lord's. Anyway we are open again, for the most part, 6 days a

week and going strong.

### *Changes*

As is true of any time of change, some things are different, and some stay the same. Let's start with those things that are the same.

First, the craft shop still only carries handmade and hand crafted items from folks in Appalachia. And, as before, the part the craft cabin serves in the ministry is to provide a free Market place for Appalachian crafters and their Arts and Crafts. And, as before, the craft shop could not and would not be able to continue without the folks that support it. Thanks to all of you for your support in all ways -- shopping, praying, donations, and spreading the word about us.

Finally, unchanged is that our good friends Linda & Tony Malcak, are helping with the newsletter. What I should say is they are making it look good.

Now for what is different. If you have visited recently you know that the look inside the shop has changed. The front has been remodeled to make room for my office and to accommodate a new combination computer/POS/cash Register. (I have to admit that I am still learning how to work it effectively.)

Another difference is the arrangement of the crafts inside the shop. I have moved some things around inside and redecorated somewhat on the outside.

Another change, and a sad one, is that my beloved friend and volunteer, Shirley Ogle, has retired due to some health issues. Shirley was a favorite here at the crafts cabin and she will be missed.

We have lost 2 long time crafters and, thus, their crafts.

Mr. Hilbert K. of Kentucky is no longer able to make his Nativity Sets and S&P Sets or his carved birds. He is getting up there in years, no longer has the mobility to do his wood working, and no one in his family wishes to continue his work. Two, Miss Elly D. of North Carolina is also no longer able to continue making her Hickory Nut Dolls due to health issues and she has no one to continue her work.

Both are going to be sadly missed by their fans and more so by me.

Finally we lost, to death, one of my quilters and doll makers, Ms. Louisa A., will also be missed.

### **Communication Update!**

CAM will always continue to increase our communication with our faith-filled community as we continue the mission of service here in Appalachia. Let me tell you what CAM is doing now.

**Facebook:** In the 2016 newsletter we reported that our Facebook page had 380 “likes” and that we were shooting for 450.

Here’s great news! We passed our 2016 goal, and now have 547 followers. We’re always looking for more....so please, if you haven’t yet signed up as a follower on Facebook, please visit our page, CAM Cabin Crafts and become a Facebook friend.

**The WEB:** CAM now has a [WEB PAGE](#) for the craft shop which I encourage you to visit. You can see the gorgeous crafts we stock in the cabin and order them on the site as well. The site can be found at [www.CAMCabinCrafts.com](http://www.CAMCabinCrafts.com). Please pass the word about both the Facebook and Web page to friends and family.

**Twitter:** For those of you who follow Twitter, CAM Cabin Crafts is there also.

**Newsletter:** The newsletter is back but the frequency with which we will publish has not yet been determined. Right now we are thinking between 2 and 4 times per year. Stay tuned for more information.

### **Prayer Requests**

Please keep the following in your prayers.

- Wanda Johns who is a faithful customer for our shop. Health issues.
- Larry Sweat, another faithful shop customer. Health issues.
- Fire Victims in Sevier County that are still dealing with all the changes that the fires made in their lives.

### **Our Visitors**

We had visitors from all across America and beyond. First, our foreign visitors:

- Ruth & Fvi Berant -- Israel
- Roger Gouguet—LaBorne, France

CAM was also visited by representatives of 36 of the 50 states. The top 10 of those states are:

1. Tennessee
2. Alabama
3. Florida
4. Mississippi
5. Indiana
6. North Carolina
7. Louisiana
8. Michigan
9. Ohio
10. Kentucky

In gratitude for your patronage, I also want to give shoutouts to: Virginia, Illinois, Texas, Arkansas, Georgia, Wisconsin, South Carolina, Pennsylvania, Colorado, California, Delaware, New Mexico, New Jersey,

Missouri, Iowa, Oregon, West Virginia, New York, Kansas, South Dakota, Arizona, Minnesota, Maryland, Massachusetts, Connecticut, and Vermont.

Listen to some of the quotes from our visitors:

- Christine Harden, Walnut Ridge, AR “Love this store”
- Debbie Mohler, Van Cleave, MS “My favorite place”
- Roger Gouget, LaBorne, France” I am very happy that I bought Your crafts and I adore everything you do.”

### **Special Church Shoutouts!**

We could not be successful without the help and support from all of our church friends. This newsletter I’d like to give a special shoutout (and thank you) to the following churches:

- Jerusalem Cumberland Presbyterian Church
- Brush Hill Cumberland Presbyterian Church
- Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Murfreesboro
- First Baptist Church, McCaysville, GA
- Talbot Cumberland Presbyterian Church, TN
- Rocky Glade Cumberland Presbyterian Church, TN
- New Providence Presbyterian Church, TN
- United Methodist Church, McCaysville, GA

### **Focus on Craft Success**

We have so many beautiful crafts in the cabin, but it’s always fun to evaluate which ones sold the best in a given year. So here is my report on the 2016 three top sellers. Check out these pictures.



#1. Wooden Whirlygigs



#2: Scrubbies



#3: Stained glass and nail cross

Each of these crafts represents the creative efforts and hard work of some dedicated and talented crafters. Please do what you can to support their work, and to bring something beautiful and practical into your home.

**Bible Trivia Question**

Be the first to submit your answer to this Bible Trivia Question. This newsletter's question is:

Which disciple of Jesus walked on

water?

**Bible Verse**

We all have favorite Bible verses, verses that speak to us no matter how many times we quote them or read them. What is yours? Please share your favorite verse with me, and I'll print the first one I receive in the newsletter so that we can all be lifted up together. Please include your name, city, state, and verse. Just email me at: [thericabcam@aol.com](mailto:thericabcam@aol.com)

**In Closing**

Friends this can't be said enough. CAM Cabin Crafts and the Ministry of CAM could not and would not be able to continue to be here and to help the folks in Appalachia without YOU. Your care, concern and support make the difference in so many lives, including mine. You may never see the impact your help has made, but I hope you know that God does see and I pray His blessings on you all.

Blessings to everyone.  
Therica Breazeale  
Administrator

**CAM Craft Cabin Hours**

Please check out these hours as they may be different from those that you remember in the past.

Shop hours:  
Monday – Thursday 10-5  
Friday 1-5  
Saturday 10-5  
Closed Sunday

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