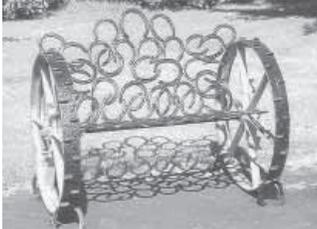




Plant stand (above left) is 2 ft. in dia. and 3 ft. high. It's made from 36 horseshoes. The "welcome" in the sign (above right) was formed by welding 9 horseshoes onto an old scythe blade.



Pasquier's 4-ft. bench (left) is supported by two lugged steel wheels. Decorative cordwood holder (right) measures 4 ft. wide. The base was made by welding horseshoes together on top of a metal frame.



He Specializes In "Horseshoe" Art

Bernard Pasquier, Quaker Hill, Ct., uses horseshoes to make unique signs, plant stands, benches, cordwood holders, and more.

"I used to work at a slaughterhouse that exported horse meat to Europe. As a result, I have a huge number of horseshoes piled up on my place - about eight tons worth," says Pasquier, who is retired now.

His plant stand is designed to support a metal wash tub that serves as a plant container. It measures 2 ft. in dia. and 3 ft. high and contains 36 horseshoes.

His welcome sign has a big metal heart inside an old steel wagon wheel. The heart is suspended from the top of the wheel by a pair of chains. The word "welcome" was formed by welding nine horseshoes onto an old

scythe blade. The wheel is supported on each side by a pair of horseshoe legs.

His 4-ft. wide bench features a seat and back made entirely from horseshoes and supported by two lugged steel wheels.

The decorative cordwood holder also measures 4 ft. wide and uses six inward-curving metal pieces to contain the wood, three on each side. The floor was made by welding horseshoes together on top of a metal frame.

Pasquier says he's willing to custom build his horseshoe art for others, with prices starting at \$100.

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Carroll's 180-lb. "twin rider" fits in the back of a pickup.

"Twin Rider" Great For Touring Shows

"By removing six pins and two set screws, the steering shaft, lawn mower wheels and seats can all be removed," says John Carroll, Pontiac, Ill., who hauls his 180-lb. "twin rider" in the back of his pickup. He and wife Marcia get a lot of attention when they drive it at farm and tractor shows.

A 4-hp vertical shaft Briggs & Stratton engine powers the 5-speed Spicer transaxle. It goes between 2 and 15 mph, controlled by two levers in front. "The back one is the clutch and brake. If you pull it back, it stops. The front lever is the gear shifter."

It's steered by a set of bicycle handle bars.

The seats and transaxle are new. "The rest of the parts came from a junk pile," Carroll says.

"My stepson, Jim Albertson and I spent about two days putting it together. The older grandchildren did most of the cleaning, sanding and painting," Carroll says. "Jim got so excited about it that he built one for his kids. It looks pretty much like mine except that it has a bigger engine in it. He had to outdo me somehow," he says laughing.

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Intact whiskey barrels have hundreds of uses, including craft work by artists on staves (right).

He Sells Kentucky Whiskey Barrels

FOR SALE WHISKEY BARRELS - Genuine new and vintage white oak Kentucky Bourbon whiskey barrels and barrel halves.

The above ad caught our attention recently so we gave the company a call.

Owner Dan Moffett told us that the white oak barrels are hand made in Kentucky and used to hold aging bourbon. To be considered "Kentucky" bourbon, it must be aged for at least 4 years since the barrels can only be used once to make bourbon, most are sold to European companies to make scotch and Irish whiskey. Moffett is trying to find better uses for the barrels here in North America. Kentucky Barrels sells whole and half barrels, barrelheads, staves, and hoops.

Moffett says customers use them for rain barrels, trash containers, tables or chairs and sink bases. "Craftsmen buy our barrel tops and barrel staves to paint on," he says.

The website is an effort to keep them in the U.S.

They also sell wine barrels, burlap bags, cedar crates and tobacco sticks.

Prices vary according to grades - new to vintage.

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Kentucky Barrels, P.O. Box 1684, Danville, Ky. 40423 (ph 606 346-9375; info@kentuckybarrels.com; www.kentuckybarrels.com).



Furniture makers use the barrels to make chairs. Folding stave chair (left) sells online for \$125. Sturdy barrel chair (right) sells for \$350.



Automatic Fuel Shut-Off Valve For Antique Tractors

If you hate having to shut off the gas valve after you turn the ignition off on an older-model tractor because you're afraid gas might leak, you'll be interested in Phil Smith's latest invention.

It's a small spring-loaded brass solenoid-activated valve that fits in the gas line and wires to the ignition switch. When the ignition is off, the valve is closed. It opens automatically when the ignition switch is turned "on."

Smith says this type of valve has been around for a long time. "It's not unusual for a lot of pickups with two gas tanks to have an electric switch that you turn on and off to go from one tank to another," he notes.

Although he originally designed the shutoff for 9N, 2N and 8N Fords, Smith says it'll fit on other antique tractors as well with a little modification. "With a couple of different fittings, it'll work on most tractors."

Sells for \$65 including shipping. Both 6 and 12-volt models are available.

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Solenoid-activated valve plumbs into gas line and wires into the ignition switch to automatically shut off the gas valve when the ignition shuts off. With a few modifications, it'll work on most antique tractors.

