



# The Silver Cherry News

Christmas 2017

Newsletter of The Silver Cherry

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## 27th Annual Christmas Open House Weekend!

This Weekend  
December 2nd And 3rd  
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 27th 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 be featuring some recipes from our cookbook **The Redway House Cookbook - 33 of The Best Recipes From The Redway Family**. Included will be various soups, our Welch Rabbit (Rarebit) recipe, and other tempting dishes from the pages of the Redway House Cookbook.



## The Silver Cherry Holiday Hours

Tuesday - Friday 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM  
Saturday 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
Sunday 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM  
Close Mondays



## James Redway's 300th Christmas Table



Rush Limbaugh once wrote in his **Second 35 Undeniable Truths of Life**, that "The most beautiful thing about a tree is what you do with it after you cut it down." As woodworkers, we would agree with that for the most part, but would also add that it takes approximately 75 years to grow a cherry tree to a sufficient size, so what you make with it better be worthwhile even though a new tree will start growing from the cut stump.

The Shakers made very simple furniture, but they strived to find the most beautiful lumber to construct their furniture with. One of the first tables I ever created back in 1986 was called The Breakfast Table, which was an adaption of one built in New England during the 1760s. I scaled this table down and started an entire business from the smaller adapted version, and called it The Christmas Table.

When I made the Breakfast Table, like the Shakers, I selected some very unique lumber for the top. It not only had some beautiful figure, but also these dark streaks of pitch pockets that shot through the top like the Nasca Lines of Peru. I had about a half-dozen boards that had these great lines in them, so I decided to save the lumber and make something meaningful sometime in the future. For 30 years I have been picking up those boards and then putting them back down, waiting to make something special.

After 30 years we had made almost 300 Christmas Tables, and I finally decided to use one of those "Private Stock" boards to make the top of the 300th Christmas Table. So here it is, the 30 Year Commemorative Christmas Table #300, made with 30-year-old aged cherry from a 75-year-old tree. That was 100 years from the time nature sprouted the seed until the 300th James Redway Christmas Table was constructed. **Currently, we are offering Christmas Table #300 for \$400.00.** If it does not sell by Christmas, we will probably add it to our private collection.

All Redway furniture is crafted from solid American Black Cherry. Table frames are joined with double-pinned mortise and tenon construction. Steps and drawers are constructed using hand-cut dovetails.

Each piece is signed, dated, numbered and branded with our hallmark. We offer a 30-day money-back satisfaction guarantee and a lifetime warranty on workmanship. Come to The Silver Cherry this holiday season and purchase one of our solid cherry future heirlooms.

**Open House Sale December 2nd and 3rd. \$25.00 off any piece of furniture over \$150.00 in the store. Does NOT include Christmas Table #300.**

## Jason Redway Cutting Boards



Jason builds his cutting boards using a variety of species of hardwoods which include, cherry, black walnut, ash, oak, tiger maple, maple, mahogany, and birch. He also utilizes a variety of shapes, angles, and incorporates cross-section inlays and other really cool techniques.

He meticulously chooses each strip and arranges them by thickness, color, grain, and coolness. He told me once, you don't put the Tiger Maple piece in the middle, but on the side, so you can see more of the grain.

Suffice to say; **these are not his father's cutting boards.** If you want to give a truly special holiday gift this year, created by someone who put a lot of thought into each piece, buy one of Jason Redway's cutting boards. **Prices range from \$20.00 to \$80.00.**

## Great Gifts For Everyone



Original



Redway Version

Some of the earliest pieces of furniture in this country were built in New England by farmers out of pine. In those days you just couldn't load up the family in the old carriage and hammer off to your nearest Ikea. You had to build your own furniture. One such piece was the Five Board Stool, constructed during the 17th Century in New England. We started making these stools back in the 1980's, and they were very popular. The design gave rise to our Five Board Bench. In looking at my records, I noticed that we had not made this little footstool since 2007, so it's high-time we bring it back for this holiday season.

Our **Five Board Stool** is an exact reproduction of the ones made in early New England, but unlike the original, which was made of Pine, our's are made from solid American Black Cherry or Black Walnut. The stool measures 7 inches wide, 18 inches long, and stands a little taller than 8 inches. Each stool is signed, dated, numbered and branded with our hallmark. **Only \$49.95**

## New For 2017 from Tucker Jones House



Just in time to frustrate the heck out of you this holiday season. It's Tridiculous! The third in the classic horseshoe puzzle series. Joining Old Shackles and Captive Heart, Tridiculous adds a new twist with a triangle used as the object piece.

A great beginner puzzle, and something unexpected for experienced puzzle solvers. The object is to remove the triangle without the use of an acetylene blowtorch. Makes a great gift for any age. **Only \$24.00**

## 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!**



\$6.00/Bag



Human beings have been popping peanuts in their mouths for the last 3,500 years. The Incans of Peru used peanuts as sacrificial offerings and entombed them with their mummies. That's one heck of a craving. Did you know that Goober is the nickname for peanuts and it comes from the word "nguba," which in the Congo language is the word for peanuts. Alan Shepard actually stashed a peanut somewhere on the Apollo spacecraft and traveled to the moon with it.

You can only get this type of highly valuable information from The Silver Cherry Newsletter, so when you are standing around waiting for Christmas dinner, and you and your relatives are diving your hands into a bowl of our Peanut Shop Premium Handcooked Virginia Peanuts, you will have something to talk about. Now that's "social networking," if I've ever seen it.

While you are telling Uncle Bill that it takes 230,000 pounds of peanut butter a week to make the Girl Scout Do-si-dos and Tagalongs, you can also tell him that these suckers are made from the finest selection of super extra-large Virginia Peanuts and are handcooked according to the Peanut Shop's traditional homestyle recipe. This holiday season, give a can of these tasty conversation starters, and in no time you will be discussing the plight of those afflicted with arachibutyrophobia, which of course everyone knows is the fear of peanut butter sticking to the roof of your mouth. **Handcooked Virginia Peanuts from the Peanut Shop Only \$16.95 for a gigantic 32 oz tin.**

## Become A Wine Tasting Expert

Visiting the Middlebury Fine Wine and Spirits, 1255 Middlebury Rd in Middlebury is always an event. With weekend wine tasting and friendly, knowledgeable service, its no wonder they are the official wine provider of The Silver Cherry. Did you know there are 120 common wine descriptions? I didn't either. So, before you go in and sample some of Bob's wine, you need to arm yourself with an arsenal of wine descriptions. So this is what you should say... Ready?

"Well Bob, I think this wine is a bit angular, somewhat cassis, and slightly jammy on the alcohol content. But it does have a complex to opulent body, with a hint of biscuit in a flabby way, and just a slight bit chewy on the Tannins. Basically, I rate this wine as tight, but barnyard."

That is how you sound like a wine expert! So this weekend go visit Bob, and if you mention that you read about them in The Silver Cherry Newsletter, you will get a free bag with any wine purchase.



Middlebury  
Fine Wine & Spirits

## Revere Lantern



On April 18th, 1775, Paul Revere made his famous ride from Boston to just outside Lexington after being signaled by Robert Newman who was the sexton of Christ Church (now called the Old North Church) in Boston's North End. Our festive Revere Lanterns our reminiscent of lanterns place in the tower of Christ Church that evening.

The Lanterns come in two colors, Musket Stock Black, and British Red, and feature a festive LED candle that flickers surrounded by greens. The lantern box is metal with glass sides. It measures 6 inches x 6 inches and stands 12 inches tall. You can set the candle to automatically turn on each evening and will stay on for up to 4 hours before shutting off. The glass door opens allowing you to add additional decorations.

Makes a wonderful centerpiece for your holiday table. Stop by and pick one up at The Silver Cherry. Expecting friends from England coming into Boston over the holidays? ... You better pick up two. Revere Lantern - **Only \$24.95 Each.**



Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas with one of Liza's Merry Little Christmas Trees - These little Christmas Trees will add some festive warmth to your home this season in a really small way.

Finely crafted in China, some of these tiny trees originally were shipped with some really cheesy bases. So we yanked the cheesy base off and carefully replaced it with wood from the trunks of real American Trees.

Each tree is decorated with high-quality LED lights as well as winter berries, beads, and tiny shells collected off the beaches of Nantucket Island. Liza's Merry Little Christmas Trees will add a warm glow to your holiday table, mantle, or anywhere in your home where you need a little Christmas cheer.

We are offering three sizes this year:

13" - \$18,00

16" - \$30,00

36" - \$45,00

## Soap On The Half Shell



WHISPER HILL  
bath and body

From the beaches of Nantucket Island, Liza has created some handsome looking soap dishes from Conch Shells and Surf Clams. Each soap shell is finished with several coats of Tung Oil that helps to bring out the hidden colors in these beautiful shells. Each shell also comes with a bar of soap handmade by **Whisper Hill** in Vermont, in your choice of Lemongrass, Lilac, or Lavender Litsea. Our Soap On The Half Shells make a great stocking present, and surely better than the old soap on a rope gifts you used to get. **Starting At Only \$12.50.**

## Start A Silly Christmas Tradition



We have a Christmas morning tradition in the Redway Family. It began when our children were small. Every Christmas, Santa would leave a can of Silly String in each of my sons' stockings. I remember the first time my oldest son Christopher opened it and asked me what it was. Instead of telling him, I gave him a first-hand demonstration, as I unloaded half the can of green string into his light blond hair. I only had to show him once, because each year after that he would, in return, give us a demonstration of how it works, unloading the entire can within seconds on any moving human being in the house. His brother Jason also proved to be a fast learner.

Chris is now 30 years old, and I must say that both my sons have become quite proficient in discreetly diving their hands into the stocking and feeling around in an attempt to identify the can, as to plan an early preempted strike on us. Because of their skill in quickly identifying the Silly String, my wife and I now have to cleverly camouflage the can, so it feels like something else. We also have taken to using packing tape around the cap just to slow them down a bit. This year, I am prepared by utilizing a fresh tube of Epoxy. No sense of taking the sport out of this Christmas morning tradition. If you want to start a silly tradition of your own, stop by the Silver Cherry and pick up a few cans of silly string. I will even let you borrow my epoxy. **Silly String - Only \$4.50 per can.**

## Grade A Dark Maple Syrup



Right after Liza and I moved into our house in Middlebury, another couple from Texas moved in across the street from us with their three kids. The father did not know very much about living in New England, and I remember him standing in his yard pointing up at a large maple tree and yelling over to me, "How do I take care of these things? Do I have to water them?"

I told him you don't have to do anything with them until they fall down. Then you have to do something with them. Another time after a 12-inch snow storm, as he was shoveling out his driveway and asked, "Does it ever get any worse than this? I gave the typical New England neighbor response, "Sometimes!"

On one occasion the couple had to go on a short business trip and asked if we could look after their kids for a couple of days. Not having any children of our own yet, we figured some pre-child training might come in handy, so we accepted. The first morning we made them pancakes and brought out our highly coveted 100% Vermont Maple Syrup jug, and the expressions on their faces turned to absolute horror as if we were serving them a jug full of Texas crude. I asked, "What do you folks put on pancakes in Texas? They responded, "Corn Syrup!" That is the moment I knew I could probably never live in Texas. They serve their kids the precursors of coronary bypass surgery in a bottle.

Here in New England we are a bit snobby about our Maple Syrup. It is certainly a lot more expensive than that Texas crude. As of today, Oil is \$57.00 a barrel. Maple syrup is a whopping \$1,300 a barrel. It takes 40 gallons of sap to make a single gallon of maple syrup.

There are all sorts of grades. Most are either grade A Medium Amber, or Grade B Dark Amber. I like the Grade B myself since I think it tastes more maple (sic). This year we have a special treat, straight from the McLure family in Littleton, New Hampshire; pure 100% Grade A - Dark. It's not this wimpy supermarket Grade A stuff, but rather the super-flavorful, highly coveted, Grade A Dark! As my mother would say, "It's robust!"

Maple syrup makes a wonderful gift this festive holiday season. Send it to all your friends in Texas, or slip it into a plain brown bag and snuggle it into the local pancake house, like my Uncle bill does when he stashes his pint of Scotch going to the movies. Highly Coveted Grade A Dark - **Only \$13.95/ 32 oz jug.**

## EMERGENCY PIZZA BLANKET



**KEEPS YOUR PIZZA PIPING HOT ALL THE WAY HOME!**

Here are some fun facts about Pizza. Did you know that Americans eat approximately 100 acres of pizza every day. That's a whopping 350 slices per second. With over 61,000 pizzerias in the United States making 3 billion pizzas per year, wouldn't it be nice if someone could find a way to get all those pizzas home without having them arrive cold when you open the box?

I know we all know that the shortest half-life of any naturally occurring element is Element 87, Francium with a half-life of only 22 minutes, but in reality, Pizza has a half-life of just a fraction of that. As soon as your pizza hits the bottom of that cardboard box, the timer starts ticking. With every second that goes by, your pizza is quickly deteriorating. The longer it stays in the box, the cooler it is going to be when you get home. Time is of the essence to successfully complete your mission of delivering a hot, toasty pizza to your family.

We at the Silver Cherry have the solution. We call it our Emergency Pizza Blanket. First developed by NASA Scientists in 1964, this revolutionary, space-age, mylar wonder will deliver a pizza that will please even the fussiest, self-absorbed, smartphone-toting millennial.

Here is what you do. As soon as you are handed your pizza box, whip out your trusty Emergency Pizza Blanket from its convenient 3 1/2 x 5-inch ziplock bag. Carefully unfold the highly reflective Pizza Blanket, and quickly wrap it around the box several times. Don't worry that you may appear to others to be using the pizza box to assemble some sort of crazy antenna to contact space aliens because after all, you are doing it for the children.

Your efforts will be richly rewarded as soon as you get home because your pizza will still be piping hot. Thanks to your trusty Silver Cherry Emergency Pizza Blanket. The Emergency Pizza Blanket is durable and can be used over and over again. (You just will never get it to fit back into that 3 1/2 x 5-inch bag.) Keep a spare in your glove compartment. Makes a great stocking stuffer. A much better gift than that Emergency Poncho **Only \$2.50.**

## Hand Poured Soy Candles



New at The Silver Cherry - **Hand Poured Mason Jar Soy Candles** made right here in Woodbury by Elemental Designs. A variety of different fragrances including Apple Harvest, Orange, Cinnamon, Blueberry, and Sage. **Only \$10.00**

## New Seasoning From Tony



### Breakfast On The Deck

New Salt Blend from Tony Carlotto of Rolling Rock Farm. The Redway House Breakfast On The Deck blend is specially bottled for The Redway House in Stockbridge. Liberally season any type of egg with this extraordinary salt blend. Handcrafted in the Berkshires, Breakfast On The Deck is a blend of bacon salt, fine farm-grown herbs, and other secret goodies. It's the essence of breakfast right in a bottle. Comes with a reusable glass salt grinder.

Try out our other great salt blends from Tony like our Silver Cherry Tuscan Garlic Seasoning, The Silver Cherry Secret Alliums Blend, The Redway House - Snow On The Roof Garlic and Onion Seasoning, and finally, the best steak seasoning ever created, The Redway House Amazing Steak Seasoning. All in stock at The Silver Cherry. **Only \$7.50/ Bottle.**



Perfect Hostess Gift Butter Boards  
Only \$15.00

## Disappear From It All And Be Close To Everything!



The Berkshires have always been the cultural center of New England outside Boston, and the source of inspiration for writers, musicians, artists and all who aspire to the creative side of the human existence. Back in the early 60's my Grandfather Redway purchase 114 acres of forestland and an 18th Century House in Stockbridge Massachusetts. Today our family offers it as a Vacation Rental. We call it, oddly enough, **The Redway House.**

Whether you're snuggling up by a roaring fire while the snow piles up outside or relaxing out on our deck watching wild turkeys meander across the field, The Redway House is your escape from the hustle and bustle of modern living. Take a leisurely walk on one of our many private trails (almost 3 miles) throughout the 114 acres of forestland. Pick herbs and tomatoes from our gardens and prepare a five-star meal in our well-equipped kitchen. Peaceful, pet-friendly, and relaxing.

**Disappear from it all and be close to everything!** Only 10 minutes from Tanglewood, 2 minutes from the Norman Rockwell Museum, 2 1/2 minutes from Chesterwood. Beach access to the Stockbridge Bowl (6 minutes). Ski on the slopes of Butternut Basin, Catamount, or Bousquet.

Sleeps six. Master Guest Room has a King size bed. East Guest Room has 2 twins. North Guest Room has your choice of either 1 King or two twins.

Pick up a brochure at The Silver Cherry. Stockbridge is a great place to visit no matter what the season is. **For information, rates and reservations visit our website. [www.RedwayHouse.com](http://www.RedwayHouse.com)**

## Bear Feeder

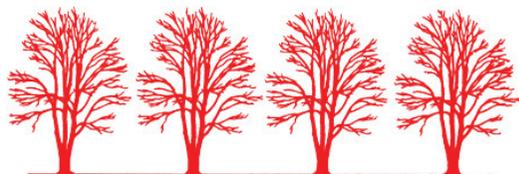


When I was a kid, the lack of air conditioning in my bedroom, and the ineffectiveness of my 9-inch Western Auto Kool Breeze Fan forced me to sleep out in the backyard during those hot summer nights. With the increase in Coyotes, Fisher Cats, and Black Bears I would think twice about pitching the Pup Tent now. They estimate there are now about 850 Black Bears in Connecticut. But their numbers are rising. Massachusetts now has over 4500.

If you have not seen a Black Bear up close and personal yet, we have just the thing. Try our solid cedar Bear Feeders, guaranteed to attract a Black Bear between the months of March through the end of December.

Last December when I was working in our computer room which is on the second floor of our home, I heard some noise coming from the small deck off the room which serves as a sitting area and a fire escape. I walked over to the sliding door and flicked on the light. There standing only 3 feet away was a large black bear standing on its hind legs shoveling his paw into my Bear Feeder as if he was pounding down popcorn at the movies. When I switched on the light, he turned his enormous head around looking at me right over his shoulder with the expression of a 6-year-old being caught with his hand in the cookie jar. Realizing that the door was unlocked and one awkward paw gesture would surely open the sliding door, I screamed out "Holly @#%\*", and ran out of the room to alert my wife and attempt to locate my phone so that I could get a photo. Upon my return, the bear was nowhere to be seen.

So if you want to attract bears to your house, we have the feeder for you. Although certainly not as exciting, rumor has it; you can also use these feeders to feed songbirds during the Winter. **Bear Feeder Only \$15.00**



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## Merry Christmas

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OPEN HOUSE THIS WEEKEND!