



Notes from

# Cutter's Corner...

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## Handmade from the Heart

Barbie doll clothes by Bernice Snyder

FEATURED  
PRODUCT!



Among the many beautiful handmade products available for sale at Cutter's Corner is a stunning collection of Barbie doll clothes hand-sewn by longtime member and Wayne County resident, Bernice Snyder. As a small girl during the Great Depression, Bernice never had the opportunity to own any dolls, "Times were hard and we didn't have much," she recalls, "I remember getting a big, red apple from Santa Claus for Christmas and that was it."

Bernice was first introduced to the famous doll 50 years ago when purchasing a Barbie for her youngest daughter. Soon after, Bernice began making clothes for both of her daughters' Barbies and always told her girls that she probably enjoyed making the clothes more than they enjoyed playing with them.

Snyder's clothes are wonderfully unique and stylish and expertly hand-crafted, "I let my mind wonder until I have a finished product I'm happy with," said Bernice, "my dress styles have changed to keep up with ladies' style. I try to make patterns according to what little girls' might like. I wouldn't put them out there if they weren't a nice product."

Snyder became acquainted with S.O.S. through the annual 4<sup>th</sup> Street Fair and has been a member and shop contributor for over 20 years. She praised S.O.S. for providing an outlet for senior citizens to sell their products as well as the many services the organization offers.

Stop by the shop today and purchase these one-of-a-kind doll clothes for the Barbie lover in your life.



S.O.S. and "Cutter's Corner"



Located at the corner of South "D" and South 4th Streets, the former Cutter's Grocery, serves as the home base for Senior Opportunities Services, which provides various cleaning and homemaking services to senior citizens. S.O.S. also provides various vocational opportunities for senior citizens who wish to work in the community. Cutter's Corner showcases the works and talents of over 150 senior citizens—all beautifully handcrafted and ready for purchase!

## Featured Volunteer: Bill Pendley

### Teacher & Dedicated Volunteer

Our featured person for this issue is retired teacher and board member, Bill Pendley. Bill and his wife, Marcia, own and operate the Potter's Wheel Bed & Breakfast on the north side of Richmond.



The Pendleys kept a booth selling Marcia's pottery at the 4<sup>th</sup> Street Fair for many years. In 1999, S.O.S. Director Vicki Brim asked Bill and Marcia if they would like to be more involved

with S.O.S. They said yes and have served the organization in various capacities for the past 15 years. "Aside from serving on the board, I'm a volunteer at the Wayne County Historical Museum," said Bill. "My wife Marcia, volunteers at Reid Hospital, the Historical Museum, and the Wayne County Tourism Bureau.

Bill believes S.O.S. plays a vital role in the community assisting senior citizens with various needs, all the while providing the opportunity for them to work and give back to the community, "I think the organization does a lot of good things and I enjoy being a part of that and helping out," says Bill.

"S.O.S. allows seniors to stay in their home rather than go to a nursing home. Nobody really wants to go to a nursing home, but every once and a while they require some assistance and that's where we can help."

When asked if he slowed down after retiring, Bill said he doesn't see that happening, "Once you retire you do those things you've always wanted to do, that's what seniors should do—take advantage of this opportunity to give back to the community."

Bill certainly has heeded his own advice and we're glad he and Marcia are part of the S.O.S. family.

## Funny Files: The Fowl-Mouthed Parrot

A young man received a parrot as a gift. The parrot had a bad attitude and an even worse vocabulary. Every word out of the bird's mouth was rude, obnoxious and laced with profanity. John tried and tried to change the bird's attitude by consistently saying only polite words, playing soft music and anything else he could think of to "clean up" the bird's vocabulary.

Finally, John was fed up and he yelled at the parrot. The parrot yelled back. John shook the parrot

and the parrot got angrier and even ruder. John, in desperation, threw up his hands, grabbed the bird and put him in the freezer. For a few minutes the parrot squawked and kicked and screamed. Then suddenly there was total quiet. Not a peep was heard for over a minute.

Fearing that he'd hurt the parrot, John quickly opened the door to the freezer. The parrot calmly stepped out onto John's outstretched arms and said, "I believe I may have offended you with my rude language and ac-

tions. I'm sincerely remorseful for my inappropriate transgressions and I fully intend to do everything I can to correct my rude and unforgivable behavior.

John was stunned at the change in the bird's attitude.

As he was about to ask the parrot why he had made such a dramatic change in his behavior, the bird spoke-up very softly, and said, "May I ask what the turkey did?"



### Upcoming Events

#### Small Business Saturday!

November 29, 2014

S.O.S. Hours 9am-2pm

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