

Isn't it wonderful that the days are lengthening? The sun feels warm again, winter has finely come to an end. One of my biggest joys of winter is sitting in front of the fireplace watching the snow come down outside the window. Life seems to slow down on days like that.

On a normal day we seem to always be rushing, there are appointments, chores, tasks and clutter that eat up all our time. We zip through the day, the week, the month, the year and before we know it life has passed by.

I was reminded about this as I thumbed thru Eric Sloane's book "The Cracker Barrel" first copyrighted in 1967. Eric Sloane remarked "*Some folks rush through life so, they give the impression they want to get it over as soon as possible. Speed is all right if you want to get somewhere in a hurry, but man's fascination for speed just for the sake of speed seems pretty foolish*".

Faster isn't always better. The old timers would attest to that. The saying, "slow but sure", doesn't seem to fit in the 2007 vocabulary. I think that's why Country Carpenters is a rarity in today's world. We've been blessed with a team of folks who think a little differently, carrying on the traditions and craftsmanship of the past to the next generation.

Just recently we took part in the 17th annual Hebron Maple Festival. The festival allows folks from miles around to visit many of our town's sugar houses and other related events. This is our 5th year on the tour, opening our blacksmith shop to hundreds of visitors. Fred Brehant Jr. and his son Freddy (second and third generation Hebron blacksmiths and our Country Carpenters blacksmiths) demonstrated hinge and hook making.

We wanted to add to that feel of early New England life for this year's festival by asking some of our friends to demonstrate their crafts. Curt Munson, Revolutionary War reenactment expert, set up a 1750's encampment. Cabinet maker, Mike Spencer showed the art of Shaker furniture making. Paul Maulucci, master wood turner, demonstrated bowl turning. Chair maker, Greg Heath showed his techniques in crafting hand made Windsor chairs and window maker, Jimmy Beckwith showed how hand made windows are constructed.

In a world that rushes forward, it's nice to look back from where we came and continue the traditions for generations to come.

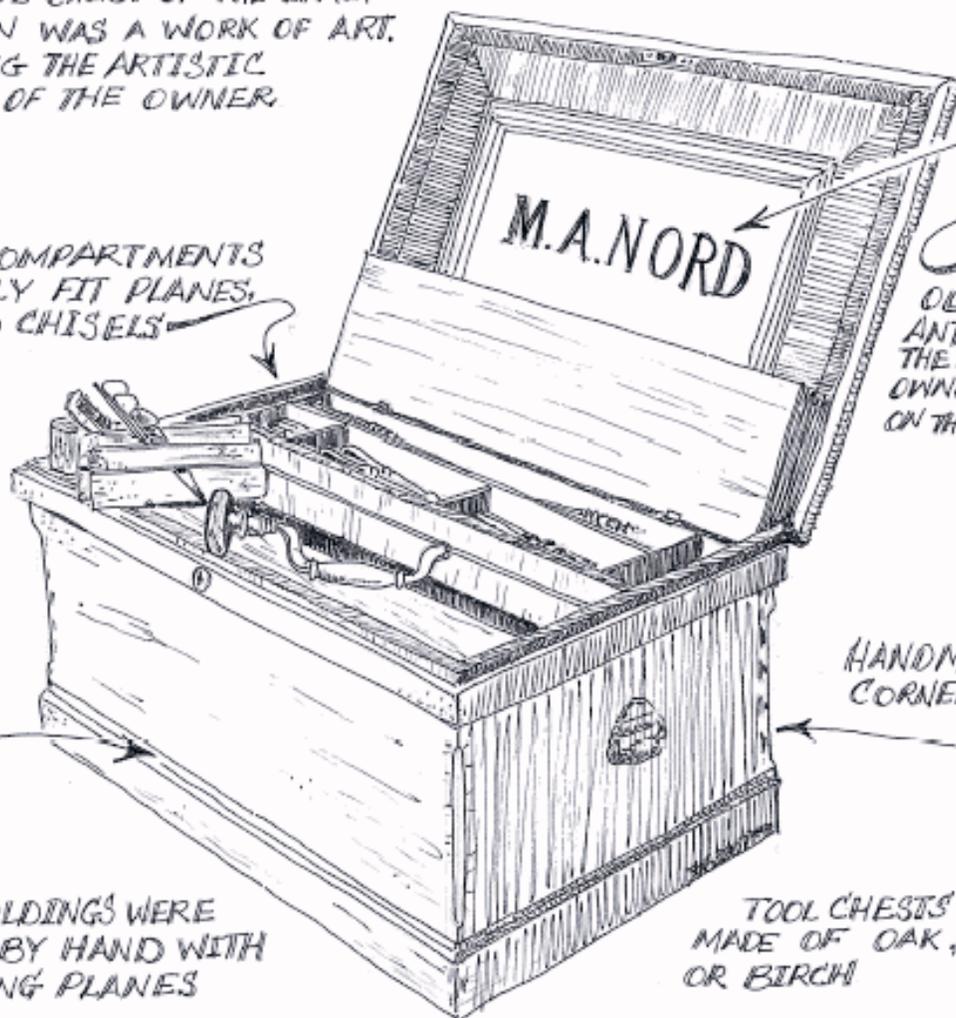
We wish you a happy and healthy 2007
Country Carpenters

The Tool Chest

THE TOOL CHEST OF THE EARLY CRAFTSMEN WAS A WORK OF ART, REFLECTING THE ARTISTIC QUALITIES OF THE OWNER.

INSIDE COMPARTMENTS PRECISELY FIT PLANES, SAWS, AND CHISELS

ON ONE OF OUR ORIGINAL ANTIQUE CHESTS THE NAME OF THE OWNER WAS PAINTED ON THE INSIDE COVER



HANDMADE DOVETAIL CORNERS

THE MOLDINGS WERE MADE BY HAND WITH MOLDING PLANES

TOOL CHESTS WERE MADE OF OAK, BEECH OR BIRCH

TOOLS OF THE EARLY CRAFTSMEN, FOUND IN THOSE TOOL CHESTS, WERE EXTENSIONS OF THEIR BODY. HANDLES WERE DESIGNED AND FASHIONED BY THE PERSON USING THE TOOL. WHEN WE PLACE OUR HAND ON THOSE OLD WORN HANDLES IT'S AS IF WE MAKE A CONNECTION WITH THE CRAFTSMEN OF LONG AGO.



Dear Leslie

It was a real pleasure to meet you and the Country Carpenter crew. Every detail worked to perfection with no problems, delivery date and time were exact. The one day erection crew was great and when they finished I asked what is the final amount of the bill and your man said as quoted. That is unheard of in the building trades around here. Builders say the price was an allowance, more money is required. This did not happen with Country Carpenters Inc.

Our builder Mark Sarafin thought that the package supplied by you was great and plans were better drawn than plans that they were given to build \$450,000 homes.

In all thank you for all your help and a great barn.
Joe & Jean S.

Leslie:

My 18 x 24' barn is now complete, and I wanted to send you a few pictures, but also thank you for the great product and service you provide. We are very happy with the building (as were all of our friends who came to a "barn-warming party" last Saturday evening.) Steve and John did an excellent job
Thanks again.

John L.



Dear Friends at Country Carpenters,

We want to write and to tell you how delighted we are with our beautiful 12 ft x 16 ft garden shed. It is a lovely, aesthetic asset as well as a practical one. With its copper-topped cupola and positioned at a slight angle to our house, it is a delight to the eye and lovely almost beyond words.

We regard you as friends because you listened to our requests and satisfied our desires. Any time we called with a question, you answered with cheerful introspection. When we asked for changes to our cupola to accommodate our family bell, you creatively and expertly resolved all issues.

It is so refreshing to do business with a company that does what they say they will do, when they say they will do it! Your workers were always prompt, courteous and careful, treating our property as if it were their own. We greatly appreciate those qualities but find they are rare in today's hurry-up society.

Thank you for your product and your excellent customer service.

Sincerely,
Kingsley and Ruth S.

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