



Acacia Empey (top) works at sanding at It's a Burl. In bottom photo (from left) Joy Shinerock, Sarah Shinerock with 'Tilly,' and Harvey Shinerock. (Photos by Christina Hill)



Keep children away from poison

As warm weather lures families outdoors, the Oregon Poison Center at Oregon Health & Sciences University (OHSU) reminds parents to protect their children from poisoning accidents, which increase during summer months.

"With warm weather, children play outdoors more, making supervision difficult," said Tonya Drayden, education director for the Oregon Poison Center at OHSU.

"To prevent accidental poisonings and other summertime hazards, keep all medicines in their original, labeled containers and out of reach of children.

"Supervise children when applying insect repellent; consider all yard mushrooms poisonous and advise children not to eat them.

"Dress children in long sleeves, pants, a hat and sunscreen to avoid sun burn; and avoid going barefoot to prevent insect bites and stings."

It's a Burl draws attention as evolving business

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Nestled alongside Hwy. 199 in Kerby is a home business that's "always evolving."

The business, It's A Burl, is hard to miss, too.

With an interesting jungle of burl outside, three tree houses and curving rooflines of the home and galleries greeting customers, it's no wonder that "several thousand" people are drawn to this burl haven every summer.

Harvey and Joy Shinerock, co-owners of It's A Burl, settled at their current 24057 Redwood Hwy. location in 1987 after moving from Georgetown in the Sierra foothills of Lake Tahoe in California.

Together, they have eight grown children and 11 grandchildren.

"Harvey has been doing this (burl wood-work) for about 27 years, and we've been here for 17 years," Joy said.

"We traveled and did shows and wanted to be in one place, she said, "but the place we were living sold, and we had 30 days to get out. So we started looking and I have such a kinship to the valley that I just fell in love with the place."

The place Joy fell in love with was the former Kerby Post Office, which they purchased and called

their new home.

"Our first home (the post office) had many reincarnations," said Joy. "It was a boarding house, confectionary, saloon, post office, and mortuary."

However, in 1995, their home burned to the ground. Left standing is a wall with a doorway that used to frame their front door.

"Every so often I come here to remind myself," said Joy. "After the fire, people in the community were so supportive. I had never experienced anything like that before. I was so overwhelmed by everything everyone did. It was an amazing experience."

Luckily for the Shinerocks, they were able to purchase the lot next door that had five old cabins.

"We moved into the back cabin and started work on the front cabin," Joy explained.

Since then, the Shinerocks, with the cooperation of Josephine County and the help of an engineer and architect, have built up and over the two old cabins.

"It's an evolving process," said Joy. "We had a lot of cooperation with the county. We had to have it designed by an engineer, so it's structurally sound and complete.

"We had an architect and an engineer working together, but the detail work

is all Stanley Dalegowski. He helped us remodel the first house that burnt. Nothing he does is simple. Everything he does has flair," Joy said.

Their new house sits above the main gallery. With two beautiful bedrooms, one for their youngest daughter, Sara, a sophomore in college; and the other for Harvey and Joy, no detail was spared.

A beautiful tongue-and-groove floor, set with madrone and inset with madrone burl, sweeps Joy off her feet to her own oasis, her bedroom. A curved burl staircase leading to a glass walkway takes Joy to one of two lofts.

"It started out I just wanted to have a bedroom," she said. "There were only two rooms before and we got so involved in the process. It just kept evolving, and then we'd get into it and say, 'Yeah, let's have some archways,'" Joy said.

Joy attributes much of their success to their hard work.

"Burl is not exactly a booming business," she said. "You know, we have to find customers."

However, many times, shoppers find them, including celebrity customers.

"Angela Lansbury stopped by, and so did other people, but I wasn't aware they were even celebrities

until after they left," Joy said with a laugh.

With fewer than 10 artists producing work to sell in the galleries, there's something for everyone.

"All of the wood outside is for sale," said Joy. "We have turning wood that's used for support on tables and chairs. In the barn, we have maple caps that people use for carving bowls.

"We have wood in the raw state. We also have indoor furniture, outdoor furniture, carvings and work done by local artists that we sell," Joy explained.

During the years, she said, they have even had four different children work in the gallery, carving and making furniture.

"There's no blueprint on anything we make," she said. "We just work out how it's going to fit together."

In addition, there is "Wiz's World," as Joy calls it, which is a workshop for Gary Burns, a carving artist.

There's also the Indian Summer Gallery, which was converted from an old storage shed; and the Burlesque Gallery, a converted fruit stand, which is now an extension of the main gallery and features the work of Jeff Cunningham, a potter.

For more information on It's A Burl, log onto www.itsaburl.com or telephone 592-2141.

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It's not for money./It's not for fame./It's not for any personal gain.

It's not for love of fellow man./It's not just to lend a helping hand.

It's just to give a little

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It's for the feeling deep inside./It's that reward deep in your heart,

It's feeling that you've

been a part./Of helping others far and near./That makes you a volunteer.

What is a volunteer? It's your neighbor down the street who comes when you need help. That friendly familiar

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It's that person who is there because you know they care.

It's the people who will come day or night with a smile and a helping hand.



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4 p.m. - Jubilee Park Pavilion

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5:50 p.m. - Jubilee Park
Info: Jay Miller 597-2325

Saturday, July 2

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Tour Kerbyville Museum
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2 p.m. - \$2

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