



Mic Danielson is the owner of NorseWest Woodshop, where he creates unique pieces.

WOODWORKING IN THE GREAT NORSEWEST

Astoria woodworker creates a variety of custom, locally-sourced items

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Ever since building forts and tree-houses as a kid in Astoria, Mic Danielson has enjoyed working with wood.

Now, as the owner of NorseWest Woodshop, his wooden furniture, toys, decorations and more can be found in homes and businesses all over the coast.

“I love what I do,” Danielson said. “There’s always challenges and new things to do. I like that everyday is different.”

One day he will be building steps for a hot tub, then the next day a coffee table, and a china cabinet after that.

Danielson has a background in carpentry and started woodworking as a creative outlet. About 10 years ago, his friends and family started asking him to build them things.

The first item he made for someone was a countertop. After that, woodworking turned into a full-on business.

Danielson chose the name NorseWest Woodshop to honor his Scandanavian heritage and his Pacific Northwest roots. His family originated in Dalarna, Sweden.

Danielson sometimes incorporates Swedish elements into his work, like dala horses.

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Danielson is passionate about Astoria’s community. He has lived in town since he was born.

“It’s my hometown, and I’m trying to get as many pieces into as many places as possible,” Danielson said.

Danielson added that he’s watched Astoria change over the years. He feels that the city has added a new artistic feel to the blue collar work ethic he’s associated with the town since he was a kid.

“I’m trying to continue on the work part of it in a different way,” Danielson said.

Danielson has created pieces for businesses throughout Astoria. One of his most popular clients is Frite & Scoop. Inside the ice cream shop, Danielson’s work ranges from a wall and shelves, to patio picnic tables and large dining tables.

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From left: Some of Danielson’s creations include a cribbage board, featuring a hand-carved octopus on the outside, a hand-made desk and a specialized guitar amp.