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Parting with Heritage Woodworking Equipment

Over the years, many of us acquire, use, and care for a wide range of woodworking tools and equipment. When we are no longer able, or present, to use that collection it falls in the hands of our loved ones to assist in finding new homes for it.

The Minnesota Woodworkers Guild is a group of more than 800 members, some professionals, most are amateurs or hobbyists, but they all have in common their love of woodworking and the tools and equipment needed for their pursuit of the craft. The Guild and its members may be able to assist you in parting with heritage woodworking equipment.

The Guild hosts a web site with a classified ads section. We offer to anyone, even if the party is not a member of the Guild, to post a classified ad on our site to find a new home for any woodworking tools or equipment. Simply go to our web site at www.mnwwg.org, and click the “Classifieds” button at the top of our home page. That will give you instructions how to send your ad to 800+ people who have a bonafide interest in woodworking.

One of our members, Bruce Kieffer, has experience helping families find new homes for woodworking tools and equipment. He can provide assistance guiding you through the process. You can contact Bruce at (612) 819-9615 or by email at bruce@kieffer.us

Another avenue to pursue to find a good home for that equipment is to post an ad on the local Craigs List. Many of us have had good experiences selling woodworking equipment on Craigs List, however, some people feel uncomfortable selling items that way. Just consider it an option.

Estate auctions often include woodworking equipment, and sometimes complete shops. While auction firms will not often take on just a shop full of equipment, unless it is a commercial shop, they will provide great assistance in pricing and selling woodworking equipment as part of a whole estate sale.

A final option would be to contact one of the local tool lending libraries in the Minneapolis/St. Paul area and donate the equipment to them. They can often add the equipment to their lending libraries, or they may sell it and use the proceeds to augment their operating costs. Either way, it finds a good home.

You can contact them at: www.mntoollibrary.org

They have two locations:

a) NE Minneapolis

Thorp Building

1620 Central Ave NE

Suite #126

Minneapolis, MN 55413

[612-440-8665](tel:612-440-8665)

b) Saint Paul (Midway)

755 Prior Ave N

St. Paul, MN 55104

[651-644-1882](tel:651-644-1882)

The Minnesota Woodworkers Guild wishes you success in your efforts with this trying project.