# INTO THE WOODS...

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## THE SHOP IS COMING ALONG!

We're making good progress with moving into the new shop. All the equipment is in place and we are currently adding shelving and storage solutions. So far, we've managed to keep the space quite clean! Incorporating reclaimed wood always brings a sense of warmth to the area.



#### SECOND OF OUR FAVORITE PROJECTS!

We know its hard to pick favorites, but these two tables were extremely challenging and very rewarding at the same time. Not only were the sheer size and weight of the lumber an undertaking but space limitation was a factor; our new shop will more than double our current space.

We were commissioned to replace a tile table top on a metal frame with a 60" round, laminated cedar plank top. This table would be outside, under a covered pergola, by an inground pool. Cedar was the wood of choice for the outside conditions and exterior poly was requested for durability and low maintenance.



The process included: harvesting cedar logs, milling into slabs, drying, straight-lining the slabs and joining together. Now comes the fun part; cutting out a perfect circle 2" thick! This is followed by a lot of sanding, and many coats of exterior polyurethane. After removing the old tile from the frame, we were able to attach it to the bottom of the table. We moved it to the home where the base was located, reattached the top and it is a beautiful table once more! The home owner is as happy with the results as we are.





Our second large table was commissioned from a 3<sup>rd</sup> generation pecan farm family member. They have built this successful business over many years and wanted to use some of the damaged, fallen trees to make a piece of furniture for their new house. We picked up some hefty logs and had them milled; that took a while to dry, but the kiln helped speed the process along. They wanted a 4 by 8-foot live edge dining table with black metal legs. The obstacles we faced were having the best, most efficient tools to complete this project. We used a local woodworking shop to help with the jointing of the seams. We are always surprised when a project turns out so well, and this was no exception. The wood was spectacular in color and grain patterns; finishing was pleasant! We used a hard wax (newer finish on the market) that is durable and easily reparable. We will do more projects for this family! Their pecan lumber is exquisite!









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Our products are currently available at: Wunderhaus Design and Consign Royal Pipes and Tobacco Norman Firehouse Art Center

### Upcoming shows:

Home Based Business Fair, Norman 11/15-11/16/24 Holiday Gift Gallery, Norman 11/19-12/20/24 The Santa Market, OKC 11/22-11/23/24



**Tree fact!** "Woodn't" you know? Research suggests that being around trees is good for our mental health and well-being. A study conducted by the University of Illinois and the University of Hong Kong found that the denser the forest, the lower the stress, which suggests that taking a walk down a tree-lined street could prove beneficial to your mental wellbeing. This is partly because trees release chemicals called phytoncides. When we breathe them in, it can reduce blood pressure, lower anxiety levels, and increase pain thresholds.