

# Bonkers at Zongkers

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## Seasons Greetings



### Reception Area

Create a great first impression with your clients with a custom designed reception area. For most companies the reception area is a visitor's first impression of your company. Why not design your space to fit the look you want that easily adapts to your daily needs.



### **Exciting News at Zongkers**

Zongkers Custom Furniture is pleased to announce they recently have become a Government Certified, GSA Contract Holder for their "Unique Multi-Purpose Telecommunication Conference Table"

To receive a contract, the General Services Administration (GSA) evaluated a number of criteria including Zongkers professional capabilities, performance history, product quality, and customer satisfaction.

See their website, [www.zongkers.com](http://www.zongkers.com) to view this unique table.



### Reproduction of Furniture

*By, Dennis Zongker*

As we all know the saying, "History repeats itself" Well, we can also say "Production of furniture," repeats itself. Furniture that used to get manufactured about 100 years ago is known as Antique furniture.

The reproduction of antique furniture is in demand not only because of the ethnic look that it carries but also because of its quality. The material used today for the reproduction of antique furniture is much different which helps the furniture to resist against different climate conditions.

Today we are welcoming tradition back and many people are requesting it. The ethnic and classy look of antique furniture is in demand. But reproduction of antique furniture is not easy, as it requires lots of research, accuracy & skills, which very few craftsmen have.

At Zongkers our customer gets to see first hand how everything is taken from the first stages of design, through to the finished product. There is no mass production; and there are no two pieces alike, which makes each piece unique in itself. The understanding here is that with the customers desire to purchase something not only unique, but an heirloom that can be passed down for generations to come.

## Going Against the Grain.....Bringing your vision to life.



### *One of a Kind Christmas Gift*

*By, Dennis Zongker*

*This custom designed wall plaque was hand carved for a customer, for a unique one of a kind Christmas gift. Many of our customers have enjoyed the experience of adding that truly personal touch with custom hand carvings.*

*The half paint can is made out of Linden wood. The brush handle and stir stick is made out of American Black Walnut.*

## *Thought of the day...*

### Expressions

To feel the essence of Life and to give it expression this is no easy task. Artists have struggled to go deeper, to explore the unknown, and to communicate what they feel and what they have found for ages.

Often times, it's only through these expressions that we are able to share in what they have discovered.

### **Christmas Gift Suggestion's**

*By, Patti*

Over the years, I've learned that women often have trouble figuring out what to buy for men. I know this because of phone calls from my friends asking me for suggestions on selecting a gift for their husband or boyfriend.

So what should you get for him? Well, this is a tricky question, especially when you ask them for ideas and their answer is, "I don't want anything."

I have found that one of the biggest problems with gift buying for men is that they have a unique way of letting you know what gifts they like: **they go out and buy it for themselves.**

Try making something personal for him. This type of gift is made by you and takes some extra time but the personal touch is always the best. It comes from your heart and it means so much more than something bought from a store. It has always been the thought behind the gift more than how much it costs. **Here are a few ideas....**

**For the Magazine Lover** - For those who love to read magazine after magazine, Fill a basket with the latest issue of every magazine you think they'd like. Add a box of chocolates and a few pieces of fruit.

**For the Coffee Lover** - Fill a basket with a variety of freshly ground coffees. Add some flavored creams and mocha bean candies and other coffee flavored goodies.

**For the fisherman** - Get a fishing hat and fill with a gift certificate to renew fishing license, bug repellent, sun block, lures or bait and some munchies for the trip.

**For the car traveler** - Get an auto trash can and fill with a map of the United States, games for kids to play, a few auto coffee mugs and some tapes or CDs.

**For the computer buff** - fill a basket with computer games, a few new diskettes, a screen saver and a new CD to listen to while they work on their computer.

**For the ice cream fanatic** - Fill the cylinder of an ice cream maker with a bottle of hot fudge sauce, strawberry sauce, maraschino cherries and a big ice cream bowl

**And for just about anyone-** Buy a large, decorative bowl and fill with video store gift certificates, microwavable popcorn, and theater size boxes of candy and bottles of soda.



Dear Santa:

*I'm fine and how have you been?  
I feel it's about time to write you again.  
Our town has become a bright Christmas scene,  
with everything sparkling of crisp red and green.*

*Now that I'm older, I've found out some stuff.  
I'd like some new things, but I may have enough.  
They tell me some kids don't have many toys,  
and there's not enough food for some girls and boys.*

*I remember the wonderful things you've brought here;  
I hope you'll do that for some others this year.  
Just look up the past, as you make out your list,  
and then please put on top, the ones that were missed.*

*Some of us that you have blessed in the past  
will rejoice this year, with your gift that will last.  
For it's through your example you taught us our part,  
it's the spirit of giving you've placed in each heart.*

*I've talked to my friends and we've pledged that this year,  
we will all do our best to help spread your cheer.  
We'll make someone smile, who's been sad Christmas Day.*

*Thank you Santa, you've shown us the way.*

*Dan Zongker*

## Christmas

By, Patti Davis

*It seems like every year we get so stressed out. We all tend to try and outdo what we did last year, and the kids are asking for more expensive things like computers, video games and cell phones. When I was a child, we didn't have things like cell phones and a lot of the stuff they have now. But one thing that never changes is that some children do not get anything for Christmas!*

*No matter how hard it is for a parent that doesn't have much money, they have to tell their children that they just could not afford anything for Christmas this year because the money just is not there. They try to get their children to understand, and it is hard because their hearts are broken no matter how much they say they understand. It doesn't matter what their age is, it is difficult no matter how old they are.*

*Have we honestly forgot what the meaning of Christmas really is? It is not how much money you have or how much you get, it is about being with the ones you love the most and to cherish the moments you have together. In the world today, it's easy to lose sight, of the true meaning of Christmas and one special night.*

*Why Christmas is special to you depends on the customs and traditions that were handed down in your family from generation to generation. While Christmas is viewed as too commercial by most, it is almost certain that whatever your belief is, within your heart, you will pass it on to your children.*

*"Happiness comes from giving, not getting. If we try hard to bring happiness to others, we cannot stop it from coming to us also. To get joy, we must give it, and to keep joy, we must scatter it."*

*John Templeton*

From Everyone here at  
Zongkers Custom Furniture

*Wishing you the Joys of the Season*



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## Country Baked Ham

- 1 8 lb. ham
- 3 quarts sweet cider
- 2 cups maple sugar (or brown sugar)
- 2 teaspoons dry mustard
- 1 teaspoon powdered cloves
- 1 1/2 cup water
- 2 cups raisins

Simmer ham in cider for 2 hours; drain. Cover with paste made from sugar, mustard, cloves and water. Place in baking dish. Pour cider over ham. Add raisins to pan bottom. Bake for 2 1/2 hours at 325\* basting frequently.

## Rosemary Potatoes

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- 1 tsp. garlic, minced
- 1/2 tsp. paprika
- 2 tablespoons fresh rosemary, minced
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/4 tsp. fresh black pepper
- 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 16 new potatoes

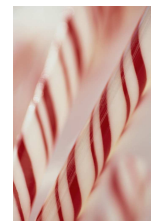
Cut the potatoes into halves or quarters depending on how large they are and place in an ovenproof casserole dish. Combine the other ingredient and pour over potatoes. Shake back and forth to coat all of the potatoes. Bake in a preheated 375 degree oven for 45 to 55 minutes until tender. Note: If you don't have fresh rosemary you may use 2 tsp. dried, crushed rosemary.

## Evergreen Punch

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- 2 pkgs. Unsweetened lemon-lime Kool-Aid
- 2 cups sugar
- 2 qts. Water
- 1, 46-oz. can pineapple juice
- 1 quart gingerale

Dissolve sugar and Kool-Aid. Add pineapple juice and chill. Add gingerale at serving time. Good too if you freeze it for a while until it's slushy. Then call it Santa Slush. Serves 36.



## Brownie Carmel Walnut Pie

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### Ingredients:

- 1 9 inch unbaked pastry shell
- 1/2 cup chopped walnuts
- 20 caramels, unwrapped
- 1 14 ounce can sweetened condensed milk
- 1 egg, beaten
- 2 tablespoons margarine or butter, melted
- 1 6 ounce package semi-sweet chocolate chips, melted

Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Sprinkle nuts into pie shell. In small saucepan, over low heat, melt caramels with 2/3 cup condensed milk. Spoon over walnuts. In bowl, combine egg, margarine and remaining milk; mix well. Stir in melted chips. Pour mixture over caramel layer. Bake 35 minutes or until center is set. Cool. Serve warm or chilled. Refrigerate leftovers.

