

Bonkers at Longkers

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Home Offices

Many of us are finding ourselves working from the home today. Whether it is household management, full or part time employment or simply a place to retreat and gather thoughts. The den or home office is quickly becoming an essential room in the house. When it comes to furnishing, it can become difficult. You want something unique; to fit the personality of your home, but all you find is standard, everyday, and office furniture. Not only do we design our workstations per your daily functions, but also we can either match existing, or create something uniquely you.



Fun Facts:

1. In every episode of Seinfeld there was a Superman somewhere in the picture.
2. Blueberry Jelly Bellies were created especially for former president Ronald Reagan.
3. Months that start with a Sunday always has a Friday the 13th
4. Nearly 20% of all vehicles stolen had the keys in them
5. There are 336 dimples in a regulation golf ball
6. 440 million – the number of electronic mailboxes in use, including 170 million corporate ones, growing by 32% each year
7. Men get hiccups more often than women.

A Note from the Editor

I first want to start by saying thank you to everyone for your feed back on the previous Newsletters. My goal is to keep everyone informed on what is happening here at Zongkers and to maybe share a smile or two.

If you have any suggestions or ideas on what you would like to see in any of the up-coming issues. Please feel free to send me an email to patti@zongkers.com and I will do my best to share your thoughts and ideas.

The next issue will be our Christmas Issue. I am hoping to be able to find gift ideas and some good recipes.....Patti



Are you tired of those countless hours stuck behind your desk working? Wishing you could stand up, but then find your desk too low to be functional?

We offer the perfect solution for the problem.....

A “**stand-up reading desk**” custom built to match your existing furniture. The above desk is made of solid cherry hardwoods, with leather inserts, carved detailing and storage drawers. The center top section easily adjusts to the perfect angle for your comfort.

Call us today and we can design the perfect solution.

Are you tired of looking everywhere for that piece of furniture, and not finding exactly what you're wanting? Discontinued furniture lines, cheap imports, plastic carvings and wood grain vinyl exteriors have left you exhausted and disappointed?

Zongkers Custom Furniture offers you the solution. Not only is each piece custom designed exactly how you wish, but the quality is that to be handed down for generations. Known as Omaha's best-kept secret! Zongkers is tucked away inside the walls of the old Metz Brewery building near 3rd and Hickory streets. This area's finest craftsmen are busy custom designing and fabricating "top-quality", handcrafted custom furniture. Beginning with an idea, your product is developed before your eyes. You're included from the beginning to the end with designs; engineering drawings, finish samples, and detailing.

Zongkers is a specialty, craftsman oriented, and custom furniture manufacturer. Distinguishing themselves from other shops by fabricating originally designed furniture, one piece at a time... complete with the artist's signature to assure authenticity. With over 25 years of experience, your satisfaction is guaranteed with a full 5-year warranty.

Specializing in custom artwork and hand-carvings, marquetry veneer inlays, curved furniture and specialty finishes.

Offering full design services for your furniture, kitchens, or casework and then handcrafted by experienced craftsmen with attention to detail and quality. Whether it's contemporary or traditional designs, Zongkers can accommodate any request and work within your budget.

Visit their website at www.zongkers.com to see hundreds of examples of finished projects. Give them a call at 402-344-7784, they'll be happy to help.

WOOD OF THE MONTH: Brazilian tulipwood

If wood had a pedigree, Brazilian tulipwood, the colorful member of the Dalbergia (rosewood) genus might be considered best in show. Brazilian tulipwood has a long history as a cabinet wood.

The French called it bois de rose and according to the editors of *The Encyclopedia of Wood*, "used extensively in the furniture of the French Kings Louis XV and XVI, and in classical furniture of the 18th Century."

Tulipwood heartwood has irregular streaks of shades of yellow rose, pink and violet on a straw-colored background. The color is reported to fade with age. It is primarily used for decorative purposes. Tulipwood is reported to be a familiar wood to cabinetmakers and was a popular timber for the manufacture of French furniture.



"All of our projects are single-piece orders," "Every craftsman works on his own project and we don't utilize any mass assembly. Our craftsmen are our biggest strength, because without them, we wouldn't be where we are."

Zongkers Custom Furniture
1717 South 3rd Street



Tilman Riemenschneider Master Sculptor of the Late Middle Ages

Tilman Riemenschneider was a type of person that was a brilliant, creative, larger than life sculptor. He was mainly a woodcarver but also carved stone.

His social awareness and social activities lead his career to a tragic end.

In 1485 he married his first of four wives, which brought him great wealth and influences and social status. He held various offices in city government, one in which he was ahead of the towns building and management. With this he could avoid having to comply with guild practices. He ran a large productive workshop, which provided work for many apprentices and journeyman, doing woodcarving and sculpting.

Tilman was known for creating slender figures with delicately carved, expressive faces. His work consisted of, statues and furniture as well as church decoration. Over a thirty-year period his shop created over 19 well-known altars and a large amount of less important carvings. Since he was able to employ a large amount of woodcarvers, this resulted in an incredible speed of completing a job. Even though he had many workers he would personally take on the more difficult and important carvings himself.

In 1524, the Peasants' War broke out and because he was one of the councilmen who refused to support the use of force against the rebels he was imprisoned. He escaped the fate of being beheaded like many others. Instead he was tortured for nine weeks and the legend has it that both of his hands were broken during that torture, which as a result ended his artistic career.

To see his work in person it has been said that it would leave you breathless. Especially for those who has attempted woodcarving, would understand why Tilman is considered one the the greatestest woodcarvers.

By, Dennis Zongker

Tilman
Riemenschneider
The Lamentation





Zongkers Custom Furniture
 "Live Model"
 "Snickie"



TIPS FOR PARENTS ABOUT TREATS

Children shouldn't snack while they're out trick-or-treating. They should wait until they get home and parents have had a chance to inspect the goodies. To help prevent children from munching, give them a snack or light meal before they go--don't send them out on an empty stomach.

Tell children not to accept--and, especially, not to eat--anything that isn't commercially wrapped.

When children bring their treats home, discard any homemade candy or baked goods. Parents of young children should also remove any choking hazards such as gum, peanuts, hard candies or small toys.

Inspect commercially wrapped treats for signs of tampering, such as an unusual appearance or discoloration, tiny pinholes, or tears in wrappers. Throw away anything that looks suspicious.

BUG JUICE SMOOTHIES

This yogurt-based blender drink gets its crazy color from the assortment of fruits that you use.

- 4 Cups vanilla fat-free yogurt
- 4 medium bananas *cut into chunks*
- 2 cups frozen strawberries
- 2 cups orange juice

1. Place half of each ingredient in blender. Cover and blend on high speed about 30seconds or until smooth. Pour into 4 glasses.
2. Repeat with remaining ingredients. Pour into remaining 4 glasses. Serve immediately.

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Baked Chicken Wings (Bat Wings)

With a packet of chicken drumettes and a few basic ingredients, you can create a fast-food favorite at home!

- 2 pounds chicken drumettes (24)
- 2 tablespoons honey
- 2 tablespoons ketchup
- 1-tablespoon red pepper sauce
- 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
- Paprika
- 2/3-cup ranch dressing

1. Heat oven to 350 Line jelly roll pan, (15 1/2x 10 1/2x1 inch) with aluminum foil. Remove skin from chicken.
2. Mix honey, ketchup, pepper sauce and Worcestershire sauce in resealable bag. Add chicken. Seal bag and refrigerate, turning occasionally, at least 15 minutes but no longer than 24 hours.
3. Place chicken in pan; sprinkle with paprika. Bake uncovered about 30minutes or until crisp and juice of chicken is no longer pink when centers of the thickest pieces are cut. Serve with dressing.

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Scary Spider Web Cupcakes

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Perfect for a Halloween party, these rich, chocolaty cupcakes are fun to make.

- 1 box devils food cake mix
- 1 container of vanilla frosting
- 3 drops red food color
- 4 to 5 drops yellow food color
- 1 tube black decorating gel
- 48 large black gumdrops

1. Heat oven to 350, make and bake according to directions on box for 24 cupcakes
2. Tint frosting with red and yellow food colors to make orange frosting. Spread frosting over tops of cupcakes.
3. Squeeze circles of decorating gel on each cupcake; pull knife through gel from center outward to make web. To make each spider, roll out one gumdrop and cut out 8 strips for legs; place another gumdrop on top. Place spider on cupcake.

