

Zongkers Custom Furniture Workshop News



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“Going Green”..... By, Dan Zongker

What exactly is Going Green?.....Simply said, being conservative with our sustainable resources and utilizing recycled materials and preserving our natural resources. As our world grows, and consumption increases, we must all work together to the best of our ability in keeping our environment safe and in tact.

In support of the Green movement, we have dedicated this newsletter on its behalf. Zongkers Custom Furniture strives to achieve better ways in providing a quality product using sustainable materials. All of our domestic hardwoods and veneers are milled from sustainable forests, farmed with new growth planted as to not jeopardize old growth forestry. Our substrate materials and even plastic laminates are manufactured using recycled materials, safe for the environment. Exotic hardwoods are now obtained through limited forestry as to not harm our natural environment. We work closely with our suppliers to insure our materials are of the highest quality, yet governed towards saving our planets natural resources whenever possible.

The custom office furniture shown on this page, are designed and fabricated using sustainable materials. Thank you for your continued patronage and please enjoy our newsletter. You'll find some valued information within and some fun helpful ways to get you started “Going Green”



?? Something to think about??

By, Anonymous

"People who say it cannot be done should not interrupt those who are doing it."

"Ability is what you're capable of doing. Motivation determines what you do. Attitude determines how well you do it."

Energy Compliance

One of the key components in the ever increasing battle of global warming is the tremendous amount of off gassing caused by corporate energy consumption. Any thing that can be designed into existing as well as new construction that can reduce the energy load is considered to be Energy Compliant.

Many of today's new styles of solar shade materials are not only sustainable from a green products design, but will also aid in energy compliance by reducing the load on the buildings HVAC. Thus, many of today's leading Roller Shade. Manufacturers are featuring fabric weaves that offer, both green compliance, as well as energy compliance.

Another area of interest for energy compliance is the ability of most major Manufacturers of window coverings to offer 3rd party integration with either Home or building lighting automation systems to afford window covering Control with the movement of the sun during different seasons of the year.

The leading fabric mills are also going green by providing fabrics that have been tested & certified as green guard compliant against, toxins, allergens, Carcinogens & metals that have proven to be human irritants.

People are beginning to become aware that we can live & replenish our planets resources with products that are eco friendly.

Sincerely,
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Lifestyle Drapery



Going Green isn't a trend, it's a lifestyle. But does choosing green, eco-friendly furniture mean greater expense and compromised quality?

Not hardly.

Today we have green furniture options readily available for our homes and businesses that emphasize good-looking, functional and affordable quality while providing environmentally friendly solutions. Here's some green furniture alternatives to consider

Furniture crafted from hardwood lumber certified as coming from managed, sustainable forests. By asking for certified hardwood lumber you are certain the manufacturer supplying the handsome wood used in your furniture is also maintaining beautiful forests for generations to come.

Furniture manufactured from recycled lumber or wood that comes from a rapidly renewable resource like bamboo. Utilize an extraordinary piece of antique wood or consider some of the unique design elements fast growing bamboo offers in your next furniture piece. Both provide distinctive and eco-friendly furniture choices.

Veneered furniture—FormWood®, a North American veneer manufacturer for over 35 years, states "Veneer reduces the harvest of both common and exotic woods and the milling process of hardwood veneer reduces waste. Veneer is sliced with a knife into leaves or sheets producing 42 veneer surfaces for every one that is gotten from a board and with no wasted wood." Plus the veneered surfaces provide exceptional design opportunities.

Laminated furniture--Clean, sleek designs can be achieved by utilizing high pressure laminates like Formica® brand laminate. Innovative styles, finishes and textures emulate everything from granite and slate to exotic woods and metals—at a fraction of the cost. Formica® laminate consists 2/3 from paper which is manufactured from trees (renewable resource) growing in a 25 year managed, sustainable forest plus other recycled materials. Formica

Green furniture constructed from veneers and laminates regularly are manufactured with another extremely eco-friendly product combination--plywood with water-based adhesives. It takes just a half a tree to make the same number of desks from plywood that 4 ½ trees would make if using solid wood. Water based adhesives, such as Z from TACC®, not only improves air quality in your home and business but also for the skilled professionals crafting your furniture.

Green is growing in all aspects of our lives and homes including the materials used in our furniture. We are more conscious about the environment today and want to know the furniture we own in is a functional, affordable, earth-friendly investment that enhances your lifestyle and your world.

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If sky rocking oil prices, the booming world population and the threat of global warming hasn't already grabbed people's attention, the world faces pressing questions about its climate and energy use. While doing something for the environment once meant recycling bottles, newspapers and glass bottles, and putting them at the curb, now every aspect of our daily life is being rethought. Some scientists are working to transform industries so that it functions more like nature. Here is a list of a few ideas, where we can make the world a greener place.

Collect Aluminum Cans. You might raise a lot of money in the process. Sell the cans you collect to a local aluminum recycler and use the money for something fun!

Go To A Zoo. You'd be surprised how much you'll learn about the Earth. Find out how many of the animals in the zoo are at risk of becoming extinct. (Find out how many animals already ARE extinct.) Ask the zookeeper what role humans have played in animal extinction.

Grow A Garden. A garden provides flowers, vegetables, and environmental benefits. It can help to reduce soil erosion and may help to reduce some kinds of air pollution. Try to grow your garden using as few pesticides and chemical fertilizers as possible.

Plant A Tree. How would you like to plant your very own tree and watch it grow? There are organizations in most communities that have set up tree-planting campaigns. You can watch the tree's progress every year, and have the pleasure of know that you put it there for everyone to enjoy!



Why Not a Green Wedding.....Elope (locally)

Marriage is ultimately about a commitment between two people.

How you want to make that happen is up to you. So if you don't want the hassle, emotions, and emissions involved in a traditional wedding, why not keep it quiet? There will be none of the organizational hassles or huge budgets, though you may have a few disappointed friends and relatives. Tact is needed here. Tell friends and family why you have chosen this way and let them know that you love them. Unplug the phone, chill the bubbly, and tell everyone you're in Hawaii.

Now that's truly is a green wedding!

I'll Wear a Shamrock

St. Patrick's Day is with us,
The day when all that's seen
To right and left and everywhere
Is green, green, green!



And Irish tunes they whistle
And Irish songs they sing,
To-day each Irish lad walks out
As proud as any king.

I'll wear a four-leaf shamrock
In my coat, the glad day through,
For my father and mother are Irish
And I am Irish too!

Reuse Trash Ideas For...

Compact Discs

Decorate with paper, ribbon, paint, etc. to make Christmas tree ornaments or door hangers.

Use as coasters

Fabric Softener Sheets

Use to dust your house.

Place inside shoes at night to keep them smelling fresh.

Jars - Small

Use for storage of nuts, bolts, etc..

Keep on desk for storing paper clips, rubber bands, etc.

Use for starting plants indoors.

Fill with candy, bath salts, a candle, etc and give as gifts.

Mouse Pads

Cut small circles and use as "stoppers" for cabinet doors or as appliance "feet."

Cut, layer and use as a wrist support for the computer keyboard.

Using cookie cutters, trace onto a mouse pad. Cut the shape out and then dip into paint. Use to decorate your child's room or give to kids and let them dab onto paper.

Use as a cushion between wood and clamps when woodworking.

Sweet Shamrocks

St. Patrick's Day shamrock -- sweet green pretzels fashioned from canned refrigerated bread stick dough and coated with a sprinkling of colored sugar and cinnamon.

RECIPE INGREDIENTS:

Canned refrigerated bread stick dough (we used Pillsbury Original Breadsticks) Colored sugar and Cinnamon

Line a cookie sheet with aluminum foil and lightly coat it with cooking spray.

To create the clover shape, mold 3 sections of bread sticks into hearts and press them together as shown. Attach a small stem, decorate, bake according to the package directions, and serve them up to your lucky guests.

