

Infrastructure Department

Barry Bird, Tom Mollitor, Leo Redmond and Randy Johnson have renovated a latrine at MASR, site 19. Below are 5 photos of before, during and after construction.



Back Deck Project

The Flintlocks decided to build a covered work area behind the main building. Four photos below show start to finish.



Scenes from the Craft Shop

Clockwise from the upper left: Chuck making a face; Barry getting tools ready; Jim with air hose working on tool trailer; Randy installing a roof; "Frontpage Frank" curiously appearing on the back page; Jeff making parts; President John distributing sweatshirts to the new members; Jeff and Kevin making Pinewood Cars; Jeff and Bob P making bird house floors; Mike making bird house sides; Jim and Bob Carlson; & Ted packing craft kits.



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Spring 2022

President's Message

Spring has arrived again with the promise of a great camping year. Restrictions have been lifted and summer camps are planning to be a return to normal at all of our camps. Flintlocks are preparing to get the camps in order for the return of campers for a great summer after the last two years of restricted activities. As soon as the weather breaks for outdoor work, our work crews are ready to go. Cub programs are starting again and we are participating to help introduce the young scouts to the outdoor programs.

This year at the annual meeting John Koneski was awarded with the Trailblazer Award, which will be presented May 14 at the award ceremony at Winnebago. Bob Germinder will be honored with the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Good Scout Award at a dinner on June 9.

I hope that everyone is ready for spring as we step up our activities to get camps in shape. See you around the camps.

[President John Koneski](#)

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Guests are Always Welcome. Please join us on Thursday mornings, 8 am to 2 pm. We are in the first building on the right in Camp Winnebago.

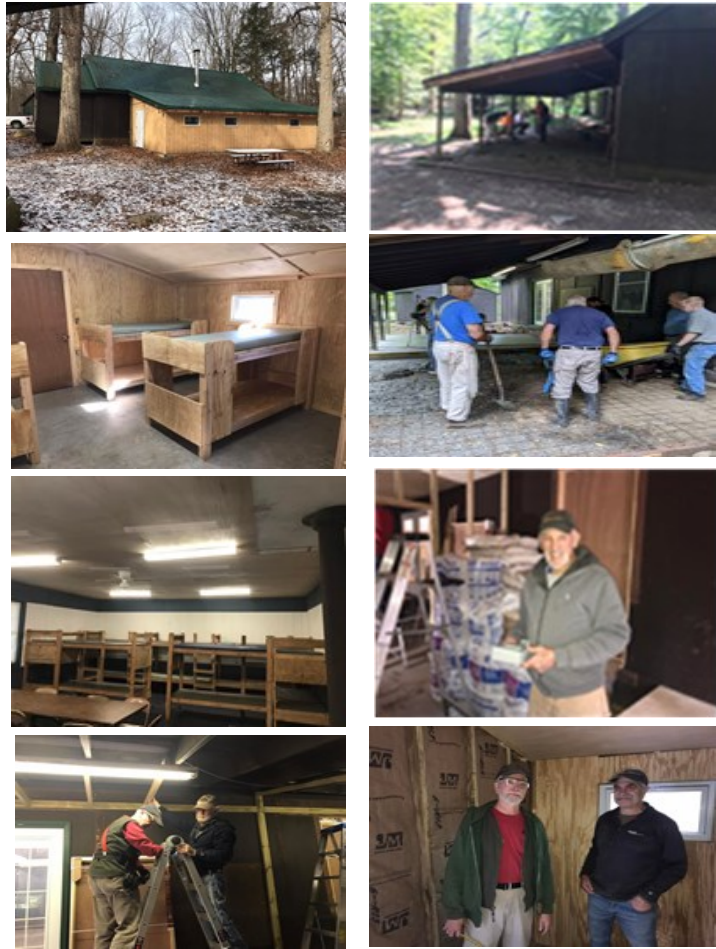


Above: The Flintlocks celebrate Joe Schott's 100th birthday. He is now eligible to park in the spot reserved for Flintlocks over 100 years old. He also got a cake and a model airplane to commemorate his Honor Flight as a WWII Veteran. The pictures below show Mike presenting the sign and "Front Page Frank" eating cake. Bottom is Bob Germinder and friends showing the oak tables and benches they made from an Oak Tree.



Progress of Wink Dousa Construction

Clockwise from the upper right: Building roof; George, Frank, Tom and Barry pouring concrete floor; George installing electric and putting up studs and insulation; Al and John doing inside paneling; Al and Randy installing ceilings; bunk beds built; finished addition sleeping another 20 scouts in two separate rooms. Completely paid for and built by the Flintlocks to permanently improve the camp.

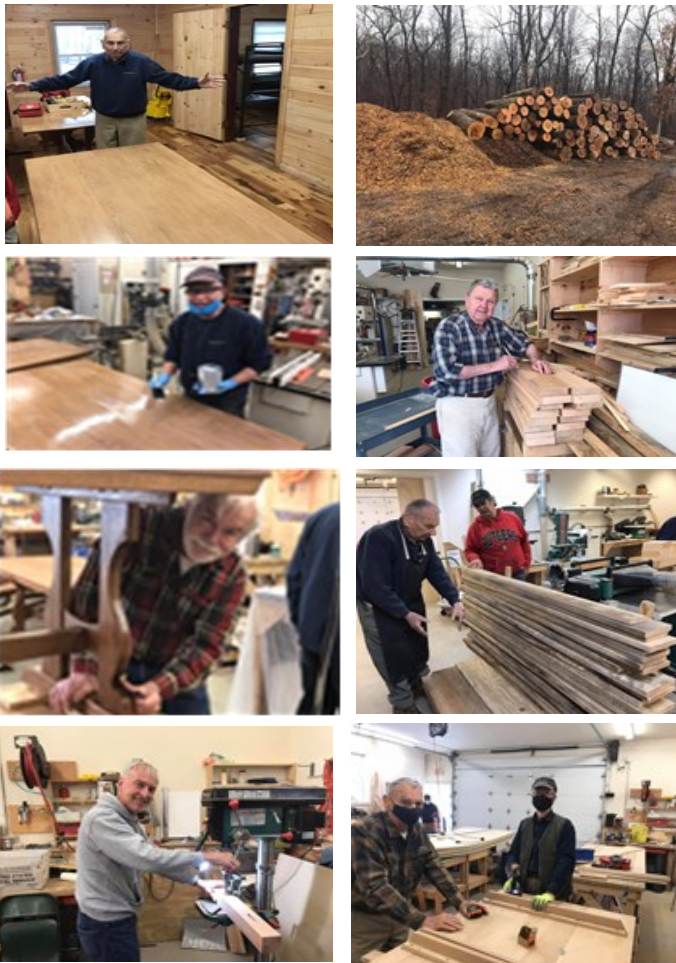


Flintlock Superlatives:

Most likely to be on the Front Page: Frank
Most likely to catch fish: 3-way tie: Randy, Bob P, Bill
Most likely to reach age 101: Joe Schott
Most likely to count nails: Ted Marquardt
Most likely to be holding a coffee cup: Russ
Most likely to express a strong opinion: Bob Carlson
Most likely to take a photo: 3 way tie Mike & Barry & Al
Most likely to repair machinery: Chuck
Most likely to eat Greek food: John Kazazis
Most likely to finish a marathon: Craig Bizjak
Best Cook: Bob Silbernagel
Best Electrician: George Van Dyke
Best Organizer: John Koneski
Best Beard: Jim Cutler
Best Scout Collection: Jeff Huppert
Best at making coffee: Dave Greene

Making Lemons into Lemonade

With a wood shortage and supply problems - what does Bob Germinder do? Takes an Oak Tree which fell on the property, cuts it into boards, sands, finishes, and coverts it into Oak Tables and benches. Clockwise from upper right: Trees which have fallen; Joe Schott; Bob and John Kazazis; Bob and Al; Craig; Dave; Bill; and Bob G happy with the final result.



Olympic Coffee Cup Holding Contest:

Winning Gold Medal easily six times in a row: **Russ Jenkins**. "It wasn't even close", said Bob Carlson. "It is inspiring to watch him multitask with a cup in one hand," said Chris Szymczak. The judges are considering retiring this event, since no one else even has a chance.



Meet Your Flintlocks

Joe Schott

Kevin O'Brien



Joe Schott is from the "Greatest Generation" That generation is characterized by: a strong work ethic; personal responsibility; humility, commitment to marriage and family, and faith in God and the future. These characteristics describe Joe exactly. He is 100 years old, in excellent health, is physically fit, and does not look a day over 70. As a veteran Joe served in the Navy overseas in World War II preparing ships for the Normandy Invasion. He raised 5 kids with his wife Nancy in Fanwood, NJ. Joe spent his career at Bell Labs in Murray hill, and worked with many Nobel Prize winners. After retirement, Joe joined the Flintlocks in 1989, one year after it started. In addition to coming every week to the camp, for every spring for 32 years he also went to Camp Sabattis in the Adirondacks. The Council awarded him the Camping Hall of Fame for Sabattis in 2017. Joe was honored as the 2019 Co-Grand Marshall in the Fanwood- Scotch Plains Memorial Day Parade. Every Tuesday night for 12 years, from 1956-1968, Joe went to the Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountain-side, NJ and comforted the children. He played Checkers, Chutes and Ladders, other children's games, and read stories to them. On occasion, he would bring a child home to visit his house and family. Joe and some of the Flintlocks helped the Fanwood Recycling center build 4 large containers for recycling. Joe is very humble and does not look for accolades. He shows up every week and gets to work. He is an expert in the wood shop and is invaluable in building larger projects. At the age of 90, they told him that he was no longer allowed to go up on a roof to work, and he was furious. This is called the "Joe Schott Rule". The Patriot's Path Council honored him with the highest National volunteer award available- the Silver Beaver Award in 2019. As a hobby, Joe loves gardening and oil painting. He has won many awards in local art shows. His wry sense of humor comes through in his paintings.



Kevin loves the outdoors and enjoys nature. He is on the Executive Committee of the Sierra Club, and he plans and leads all of the hikes. They are part of the Loantaka Group in central New Jersey, and have committee meetings twice a month.

Kevin grew up in Mamaroneck, NY, and currently lives in Cranford. He has been married to his wife Kendall for 34 years, and they have two children, a boy 21 yrs old, and a daughter who is 20. Kevin was not in the scouts as a lad, but he first joined when his son joined the Cubs. Kevin was an adult leader with the Troop, going on all of the hikes, backpacking trips, camping trips, and even went to Philmont twice. His son has achieved the rank of Eagle Scout.

Kevin did a lot of coaching for his kids' sports. He was his son's soccer coach from middle school through high school; his son's softball coach for the same periods, and his daughter's Basketball Coach through 9th grade, and her softball coach through high school. Kevin was an Asset Manager dealing with Bonds and Foreign Currency for much of his career. The last 10 years before he retired at age 60, he was a Professor of Business Management at Pace University in New York City.

Kevin has been working in the craft shop. Making craft kit parts and helping to shape Pinewood Derby Cars for physically challenged and special needs children.

His hobbies are strength training, reading, and hiking outdoors with the Sierra Club. Kevin and his wife like to travel to National Parks for vacations.

Kevin is the "new guy" in Flintlocks, joining in August of 2021. He is paired with an "old guy" - in this issue - Joe Schott who joined in 1989.