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Retired teacher stays busy with woodworking

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It's uncommon to see a woman working in a woodshop, but the smell of freshly cut wood has been drawing former high school math teacher Mary Gray to the shop for the past 25 years.

Gray was thrilled knowing she wouldn't have to retire from her woodworking hobby when she moved to Friendship Village Tempe, and it shows.

"What don't I enjoy about woodworking?" asks Gray. "I think one of the biggest joys is walking into the shop and smelling the wonderful wood scent. And that's just the beginning."

She will showcase her woodworking talents during the community's Annual Fall Arts and

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Crafts Fair. Open to the public, it will be held at Friendship Village Tempe, 2645 E. Southern Ave., on Friday and Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Years ago, Gray and her husband bought their own woodworking tools so they could work on the lathe at home. "Before moving to Friendship Village, we sold all our large equipment, because the shop here is so nice," said Gray.

Now each week she can more than likely be found working away in the community's woodshop, where she is putting the finishing touches on her projects. "I enjoy being free to use my creativity to create works of art in the shop," said Gray.

While building everything

from miniature bird houses and wine bottle stoppers to earrings and holiday ornaments, Gray has found retirement the perfect opportunity to continue her longtime hobby of woodworking. In fact, she has logged nearly 1,500 hours in the shop since moving to the community three years ago.

In addition to spending much of her free time in the woodshop, Gray also holds season tickets to the Phoenix Suns, sings in the Village Chorus and helps coordinate the newspaper recycling project at the community.

In addition to woodworking, nearly 40 residents and staff members will be displaying arts and crafts at the show, including stained glass, oriental brush painting, jewelry, quilting, assorted holiday decor, and greeting cards.



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Mary Gray will demonstrate her woodworking skills in Tempe.