

# Rembolds Prepare For MCC Tristate Relief Sale

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— Edgar Rembold says the red elm spiral lamp he will donate on July 20 and 21 to the Mennonite Central Committee's TriState Relief Sale at the Garrett County Fairgrounds at McHenry, Md., was made with 90 percent hand-work. This was accomplished using wood rasps.

Mennonite Central Committee is the relief and development arm of the North American Mennonite and Brethren in Christ churches. It is headquartered in Akron. About 45 relief sales conducted annually in North American locations, channel 88 cents from every dollar to MCC. The funds are used for food, health, education, job creation, agriculture, disabilities and peace-related activities.

Rembold's wife, Alice, enjoys crocheting and keeping a portfolio of her husband's wood crafts since he retired 13 years ago from the Harbison-Walker Refractories near Grantsville, Md. Her contribution to the TriState Relief Sale will be a delicate crocheted baby afghan that she made.

"I had given up crocheting for awhile. I lost interest, but then I picked it up again over the winter," she said. "I like to work with baby yarn, its soft," she added.

By giving 40 years of service to one employer, Rembold holds a job record few people in today's mobile generation will ever achieve.

"I don't miss the work," he said, "but I miss the fellows I worked with." So instead of making fire brick these days, at his leisure in the Savage Road shop, he accepts custom orders like the challenging armoire he is working on at present.

"Anything you want, just give me a bit of a picture of it," he said with confidence.

Holding up a hand that is missing something at the fingertips, Rembold grins. "On the 21st of January I got too close to the saw. I knew it was more than a band aid would cover." Alice drove him to the local hospital



Edgar Rembold exhibits two spiral lamps similar to the one he is donating to the MCC TriState Relief Sale at Garrett County Fairgrounds in Maryland on July 20, 21.

emergency room for treatment, but in a matter of days he was right back to work.

At the outset of taking an order the one thing Rembold makes clear to customers is he won't be coerced into setting deadlines. Deadlines and retirement to his way of thinking are incompatible soul mates. He works for enjoyment and keeps out the stress.

Ironically, the plant where he once worked for still relies on Rembold to build the charger boards that are necessary to move the clay in and out of the press. Occasionally, these must be replaced.

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crafts, the necessary skills to perfect a spiral piece were refined under an accomplished instructor. That was Alice's late father, a carpenter by trade and the builder of the heavy spiral floor lamp they have standing in their livingroom.

Rembold also builds spiral floor candle holders that have a 3-inch cup.

The couple reported they absorbed a lot about the MCC relief sales when they decided to attend two that were held elsewhere. These were in Kidron, Ohio and in Harrisburg.

"I helped to get the TriState Sale off the ground," the woodcrafter said with a twinkle in his eye, "but, I said I wouldn't carry an office."

He will act as a runner, however, when things are hopping on sale Saturday, just to help the auctioneers.

Rembold devotes much of his time to the very active Springs Historical Society which operates the Springs Farmers Market. This entity gets underway on Memorial Day weekend Saturday at 8 a.m., and is open every Saturday through September.

Additionally, the first Friday and Saturday of every October, the Springs Historical Society holds the Springs Folk Festival to preserve the early arts and crafts of the Casselman Valley settlers.

The 2001 TriState Relief Sale amid the panoramic mountains and lakes of western Pennsylvania, western Maryland, and West Virginia is being held in the area for the third time.



Alice Rembold of Salisbury will donate this baby afghan to the MCC TriState Relief Sale. For effect in displaying it she brought out a few dolls from her own childhood.

The two-day extravaganza will feature all new items in a Friday evening silent auction, Saturday main auction, children's auction, and the market place.

A puppet show is planned for

MCC's Brenda Wagner recently expressed an opinion that the TriState Relief Sale's advantage is that of being held in a location thriving with tourism.

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On the wood lathe is an unfinished spiral lamp Edgar Rembold of Salisbury is making with a wooden rasp. Ninety percent of the tedious work is done by hand.

