

GARDEN SPOT VILLAGE RESIDENTS DONATE HAND-CRAFTED DISPLAY CASE

Cherry-and-glass cabinet showcases three-dimensional artwork

NEW HOLLAND, Pa. —Feb. 4, 2011 — The stained glass creations currently on display in the lobby of the Towers at Garden Spot Village are housed in another work of art. The handsome display case that holds them was handcrafted by residents and donated by the retirement community's Woodshop.

"This is a beautiful piece of fine furniture, and the entire Garden Spot Village community appreciates this generous gift," said Linda Dodge, director of development.

"The Art Guild wanted a place to display three-dimensional art," said Bill George, a member of the guild and of the Woodshop. The one available cabinet didn't have enough glass to show its contents in the best light. "I offered to make one for them."

George made his first piece of furniture when he was 19 years old, and he enjoys doing inlay work, repairing furniture and making reproductions, in addition to doing some woodcarving. He designed the display cabinet himself and built it out of cherry. The cabinet is 66 inches wide, 78 inches high and 16 inches deep. The bottom is designed for storage. The top has three shelves, enclosed in glass on three sides, with a mirrored back.

Bill Neumann, a member of the Woodshop, stained and varnished the piece. When the two men were finished, Lancaster Glass Company installed the mirrors.

Materials for the display case were a fraction of what it would have cost to buy a similar piece at retail. From idea to installation, completing the display case took less than a month. Now it will showcase stained glass, ceramics, carvings and other works by residents.

###