

*Welcome!* You are joining Making Matters at an extremely exciting time! Not only do you get to use tools you don't have room for at home, learn new skills, and enjoy the community here, you also have a chance to help your fledgling makerspace continue to grow. We are actively seeking volunteers for tasks large and small, from sorting donated hand tools to building infrastructure projects like our rolling partitions or workbenches to attending planning and board meetings to provide feedback. We also welcome help with fundraising, asking employers to provide corporate sponsorships, or simply sharing our classes on social media.

Once you join you will receive your invitation to join our "Slack" online community. While we publish our news and events on our website, social media accounts and in our newsletter, Slack is where you will hear about everything first and in more detail. It also serves as your makerspace community chat room. Please check it out!

We hope you are as enthusiastic about making – and making a better makerspace – as we are. Our imaginations may have no limits, but our finances and volunteer bandwidth do. On the flip side of this welcome letter you will find a partial list of ideas we have flirted with or initiatives we have considered. As new plans are greenlit you will see them discussed over Slack and in meetings; we also use project planning online that will let you know at a glance what is underway but if there is something you have thought of that we haven't do please let us know or better yet, make it happen.

Happy Making!

Signed,

Your board of directors at Making Matters

**Next steps, serious thoughts, and pipe dreams:**

Community Garden  
Welding and plasma cutting  
Bicycle repair tools and classes  
Beekeeping  
Community kitchen  
Bridgework Mill classes  
Linux classes  
3D printing in resin  
Children's science camp  
Approach local business about sponsorships,  
cross marketing, partnerships  
Hold a fundraising gala  
Hold a making fair

Get a CNC embroidery machine  
Have more than one lathe!  
Do a "Parents Night Out" where children have a  
separate crafting event

Member potlucks  
Post volunteer opportunities on our website  
Write newsletters for different interest groups  
(woodworking, quilting)

Festivals on the front lawn  
Ski waxing station  
Lockable member storage  
Food truck rentals  
Dance studio  
Computer Network career training  
Linux classes  
Piano lessons  
Website for NH Counsel of Makerspaces  
Partner with the Guild of NH Woodworkers on  
small meetings and classes  
Do a drive where you can buy a "brick" in a mural  
Do "pop up" makerspaces in parts of the state  
not served by one  
Do a formal internship program  
Allow (sell) advertising on our web site  
Have one of those painting sessions where  
everyone creates a masterpiece and also brings  
their own liquid refreshments  
Host robot wars  
Do a podcast or even a "vlog"  
Have an Artist-In-Residence program