



The American Porch

Porches are as synonymous with American culture as apple pie. Before there was the internet, satellite TV, and hours of homework, families would retire, after a long day, to the breezy porch to sip cool drinks and talk. They brought out guitars and harmonicas, sang, and told stories. Women snapped beans into a dishpan on their laps as they sat in the porch glider. Couples courted on the swing until a parent signaled with the porch light that a beau had overstayed his welcome. No other part of the house gave us, and continues to give us, the permission to relax *like the porch*. This year we have worked to bring back the nostalgia of the **American Porch**. Porch swings, comfortable rockers, flags, buntings, and porch signs that will hit home. With linens, glassware, pillows, planters, hanging baskets, and more, it will be hard not to imagine yourself settling onto the porch after a long day; ice cubes tinkling as you swirl your glass, and the smells of summer filling your senses. Our lives have become incredibly jammed with too much stuff. The porch is a place to slow down, sit back, tell stories, and celebrate our triumphs.

It Looks And Feels Like Wicker, But... It's Better!

After a long hard day at work, you walk through your front door, throw the keys in the bowl, slip off your shoes and grab something cold to drink out of the fridge. You then head to that place that you've been



daydreaming about all day: the great outdoors. Whether you want to pass the time swinging, rocking, lounging or eating, our new outdoor collection of porch swings, rockers, tables and chairs, inspired by the nostalgic look of the **American Porch**, will turn your outdoor living area into a real dream! Unlike traditional wicker, every single piece is woven of the *highest quality resin* and then enhanced with a UV inhibitor and colorant, which make each piece resistant to weather elements, fading and cracking. The frames are made of sturdy powder coated steel, which will endure years of enjoyment. Easy to clean, easy to enjoy, this collection is perfect for porches, decks, or right on the grass!



Don't Forget About The Yard!

The outdoor fun isn't limited to just relaxing! Dixboro is ready to help bring your wintered over gardens alive again! We traveled the Midwest to find some fun and unique garden items, and returned with some fantastic finds. Our great new selection of outdoor furniture, window planters, birdhouses, fountains, wind chimes, garden iron and a huge assortment of accessories will surely fill all of your outdoor needs!

Treat yourself to a relaxing outing by strolling through our own little outdoor paradise as you search for that special one-of-a-kind item. Finish off your visit by curling up in one of our comfortable chairs, listen to the waterfall, and take a few moments to enjoy what spring is all about.



The Recipe Corner

Fruit Pizza

1 pkg. *Dixboro's Own*
Fruit Dip Mix

1/4 cup hot water

8 oz cream cheese

1 tube of refrigerated
cookie dough

(OR crescent roll dough)

Fresh cut fruit (apples, grapes, kiwi,
strawberries, bananas, melon,
blueberries, oranges, etc.)



On a small cookie sheet make a crust using the refrigerated dough. Bake. Let cool. Make *Fruit Dip* according to directions. Spread onto cooled crust. Top with fresh cut fruit. Note: if you first toss fruit in 1 to 2 tablespoons of an orange marmalade, it will help to keep the fruit from turning brown!



With your help, we collected nearly **1,500 pounds of food** during our recent food drive! Gleaners was thrilled, and couldn't wait to calculate how many meals it would make! Thank you to everyone that donated!

The Kitchen's Calling!

Dan DiPaolo's artwork, influenced by his wonderful life and homestead in rural Wisconsin, is collected from coast to coast, and we've assembled his latest additions in our kitchen this spring! Hand made wall art, plaques, and counter top characters, all hand made by Dan

DiPaolo Studios, and **signed by Dan himself**, will add fun to all your empty nooks and crannies! Towels, runners, oven mitts, recipe cards, cutting boards and rugs, all



boasting Dan's artwork,

will make your kitchen feel like what it should be: "*the heart of the home*". And his new serving dishes and accessories are sure to make you want to raise a glass to your favorite cook! The round, jolly Chefs and Roosters that decorate each piece will bring smiles around the table! Whether you are serving up supper, hosting a party, or heading to a potluck, Dan's lovable Chefs are ready to serve up your favorite recipes!



Time to Think About Gardening!

Spring is finally here... and so is our *seasonal greenhouse and garden area*! They're filled with an incredible selection of bedding flats, hanging baskets, perennials, herbs & veggies! Whether you're looking for old favorites such as impatiens, geraniums, and begonias, or some newer options, like showy Wave™ Petunia's and the highly acclaimed Proven Winners®, we've got the plants that are right for you! We're your "one-stop-shop" for all of your planting needs! Exclusively grown at **Willow Greenhouse**, (where only the healthiest and hardiest plants are grown!) our entire garden area is bursting in color! Don't hesitate to try something new this year! Our *greenhouse and gardens* have something for every bed, border, and planter box in your yard!



 **\$2⁰⁰ Off** 
Hanging Plants

Choose from thousands of
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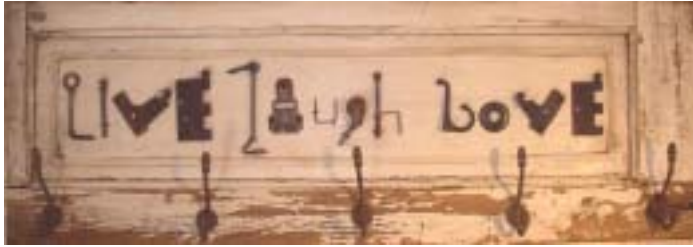
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Something Old is Something New!

Fresh ideas, from talented minds, are what Dixboro looks for when searching for new merchandise for you! And the creators of these unique hook boards have certainly delivered! Made from recycled antique hardware and door panels, collected from the Amish farms dotting the rolling hills of eastern Pennsylvania, each board is

truly a one of a kind conversation piece, and functional in any room of the house!



Several words and phrases are available, or if you don't see one that fits your needs, let us know your word or quote and we can have one custom made just for you!

So Many Choices!

Want a fresh look for that arrow you picked up last year? Our arrow replacements are all available separately, and are a great way to change your decor seasonally!



Choose from a star, pineapple, flag, horse, heart, or rooster, just to name a few. Then, during the holidays, you'll find pumpkins, snowmen, Santas or even an Easter Bunny! Each design will add a fresh bit of charm to your home. Our selection is constantly changing so that you can too!



Furniture Made in Michigan!

We are pleased to reintroduce a premier, handmade furniture company specializing in creating high-quality wood furniture made right here in Michigan!

The *Nicholas Line*, is proud to carry on the tradition of building the highest quality solid wood furniture that has pleased many generations for over 25 years.

The trained and skilled craftsmen that create each piece in the *Nicholas Line*, reproduce New-England and Shaker style furniture for your use and enjoyment. Paying attention to the smallest details, each crafter hand selects Northern White Pine, and solidly assembles each piece with screws, square nails and pegs. Door panels are pre-dried to avoid shrinking and cracking, and drawers are all dovetailed to maximize strength and quality.

Offering a wide variety of stains and finishes assures that your piece will reflect your individual taste, as it adds both beauty, and usefulness, to any room!



Byers' Carolers

Our 2009 *Byers' Carolers* have arrived! With dozens of brand new pieces, it's the best time to get the best selection of



the year! Not only do they make a **GREAT** Mothers Day gift, we're giving away a **FREE Byers' Gift Box for each caroler purchased** this May! Hurry don't miss out!

Dixboro's Furniture Helps Save American Jobs!

Did you know that every piece of our hand crafted furniture is made right here in the United States? Not only is it built here, it's constructed with renewable American wood, grown and harvested in the good old USA!

Today, 70% of residential furniture companies are importers. The "Big Box" stores offer items made of particle board or unknown woods from overseas and rainforests. They offer a limited number of styles and available colors, and *you*, most likely, had to assemble your furniture with an allen wrench!

Quality, is in fact available right in our own backyard: *hand made furniture assembled with pegs, glue and screws*. The companies we buy from employ hundreds of crafters, each taking pride in building the furniture America grew up with.

We currently feature four upholstered furniture companies, and over a dozen wood furniture manufacturers. Combined, you get hundreds of styles to choose from, and a fabric or finish to fit any need! We're confident you'll be able to find a piece of well made furniture for every room in your house!