

Made In The USA

There's a lot of talk today about outsourcing manufacturing of products we use in our homes, and the ensuing quality of this venture. One of many furniture designers, Bob Timberlake, has been an outspoken critic of companies that have moved furniture production overseas. But he, too, has allowed some of his newer, lower-priced furniture to be made overseas. Some will say he sold out, as did about 75% of US furniture manufacturers.

Consumers are still looking for that beautifully hand crafted furniture of old that is still made by craftsmen on workbenches, and finished and sanded over and over to create finishes with deep wood penetration that glows from within. Many people believe that kind of furniture is only available in antiques, but sometimes antiques do not provide the versatility for modern storage and technology needs.

There is in the USA a handful of companies who still employ craftsmen with the skills that have been handed down over centuries. The furniture is known as bench made furniture. It is made with the expectation that it will last two hundred years, or two centuries.

We remember the times in our pasts when we sat down at the holiday dinner table and broke bread with our families and laughed and ate and later played games at that same table. There are even dents and scratches from long ago.

A piece of heirloom quality furniture can create your family's memories that generations will cherish, Perhaps this will be just one more way we can add to our examined lives.