

Hillsboro's Uncommon Grove seeks to use reclaimed wood for its projects while providing quality craftsmanship that "goes above customer expectations."

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SOMETHING OLD, SOMETHING NEW

General contractor Uncommon Grove, voted Business of the Year, still uses reclaimed wood and excellent craftsmanship in its remodeling services.



Owners Lyndee and Gordon Brown started out woodworking and selling custom pieces from reclaimed wood at the Hillsboro Farmers' Market.

Uncommon Grove is truly a Hillsboro-grown business, growing rapidly since its founding in 2020. Starting with a focus on woodworking and selling custom pieces made of reclaimed wood at the Hillsboro Farmers' Market, the family-owned contractor has quickly evolved into a favorite among local homeowners looking for remodeling services.

That transformation from foot traffic sales on Saturdays to long-term partnerships with local residents happened fast, and Uncommon Grove's owners say that's a direct result of the pipeline provided by the farmers market setting.

"This was the first milestone that helped us get where we are today," said Lyndee Brown, who owns the business with her husband, Gordon. "The community support for our products was extremely heartwarming!"

They also got to build direct relationships with their customers, leading to the business broadening its scope and changing to a general contracting company.

The owners also promptly joined the Washington County Chamber of Commerce, which they said helped them build relationships and word-of-mouth via other local business owners.

"It is amazing to see the support that the small business owners show for one another in Hillsboro," said Lyndee Brown.

Uncommon Grove specializes in residential remodels, as well as projects creating custom cabinetry, decking and fencing. They also provide general handyman services for

those with a wobbly table or creaky door.

The Browns say their business still strives to use reclaimed wood for its projects while providing quality craftsmanship that "goes above customer expectations."

"Rescuing wood from old barns or buildings that are set to be torn down is not only a good way to reuse valuable material, but it also provides an amazing story for how the design was built," said Gordon Brown.

He added that their clients are the best part of the job, as Uncommon Grove strives to make customer service its biggest selling point by making friends out of their clients throughout the building process.

"Our clients are the best part of the job," said Lyndee Brown. "We love to see their excitement once the project has been completed and the design has come to fruition."

Not only do Hillsboro residents turn to Uncommon Grove for quality designs and craftsmanship, but the Browns say that working with a general contractor can take the stress off of those attempting big remodels.

"Big remodel projects can be stressful, we understand," said Gordon Brown. "Lyndee is a seasoned project manager, with over 20 years of experience, and ensures that all project details are taken care of."

These days, Uncommon Grove serves the greater Portland metro area, but most of its projects are homegrown right in Hillsboro.

— Troy Shinn



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