

WASTE NOT, WANT NOT- MAKE-DO'S

Make do: an item that has been repaired or rebuilt for practical use.

The make-do was:

1. Restored to preserve the object's original purpose, or
2. Remade for a changed purpose, or
3. Restored to its original form with different materials.

Make-do's were made from the late 18th century to the early 20th century.

Frugality and sentimentality prompted the preservation of an item by "making it do".

The work was done by the owner or by a craftsman, usually a tinsmith or a pewterer.

Tin, pewter, copper, cloth, plaster of paris, and wood were used in unique ways to make-do.

The only book available is Waste Not Want Not by Donald P. Naetzker, 1986. (Out of print)
Copies are available at abebooks.com or amazon.com. Mad Anthony Books in the lobby would also be available to assist you in finding a copy.

Yesterday, I saw make-do's in the following booths: 9, 19, 40, 41, 45, 53, 55. I'm sure I missed some. Happy hunting!