

## **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 18<sup>th</sup> century to the early 20<sup>th</sup> 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](http://abebooks.com) or [amazon.com](http://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!