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DESIGN BITES: How This Barn Made It Into 4 Hands Brewing Company

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Owners of 4 Hands Brewing Company purchased a more than 100-year-old barn from Tipton, Mo., and reused much of the wood to decorate the South City brewery.



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1220 S. 8th St. St. Louis

tables, 20 high-top chairs, and four benches used as seating at our community table. We also used it to detail our draft box, create drink rails and frame our window looking into the brewery.

FEAST: Where did the idea come from?

Lemp: My wife and I worked together to come up with the theme and layout of the tasting room. We were looking for a rustic, organic, industrial feel but wanted to make sure it was warm and comfortable. We decided to work with Mwanzi (2757 Wyoming St., Benton Park West, mwanzi.com) to construct our tables and chairs. They're a local company that also makes a commitment to sustainability. Their passion comes through in their work.

FEAST: The barn lumber is not the only material you repurposed in the space. What are some other sustainable details?

Lemp: During construction we had to replace some sprinkler heads and pipe. We decided to recycle the sprinkler pipe into our footrests under the bar as well as racking for our merchandise.

We recycled our original dock door to create an amazing community table that sits in the center of our tasting room. All of our tables and chairs were constructed with 100-percent recycled American-made steel.

We used 100-year-old corbels to hold our shelving behind the bar. The corbels came from a house that used to sit adjacent to the barn. And finally, our countertop was made with concrete and recycled glass fibers.

4 Hands Brewing Co., 1220 S. 8th St., 4handsbrewery.com, facebook.com/4HandsBrewingCompany

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Pull up a stool at the soon-to-open 4 Hands Brewing Company (soft opening set for Fri., Nov. 11), and there's a good chance you'll be plopping down on a piece of history.

Owners purchased a more than 100-year-old barn from Tipton, Mo., and reused much of the wood to decorate the South City brewery.

We chatted with co-owner Kevin Lemp about the tasting-room design and how he and his crew realized their sustainable vision in the space.

FEAST: Why did you purchase the barn?

Lemp: Our commitment is not only to produce amazing beer but to also be aware of our footprint. We decided to purchase the barn in order to recycle the wood to use in as many aspects of our tasting room as possible - without feeling like you needed spurs on to enter. I love the idea of taking a material that has lived a long life and giving it a makeover.

FEAST: How did you find the barn?

Lemp: I did some Google and Craigslist searches and discovered you can really find anything on them. It was amazing. We found five or six different posts for used barn wood, and this one was the most attractive to us because it had enough wood, and it was in the process of being taken down, so we didn't have to go out there with a hammer and do it ourselves.

FEAST: How and where are you repurposing the wood in the tasting room?

Lemp: It now serves as the face of our bar, four high-top tables, 20 high-top chairs, and four benches used as seating at our community table. We also used it to detail our draft box, create drink rails and frame our window looking into the brewery.

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