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## Lowell Makes Receives \$10,000 Investment From RIKON Power Tools To Expand Makerspace

LOWELL, MA - March 18, 2020 - Continuing its mission to provide education and resources for makers, Lowell Makes announced today it has received a \$10,000 pledge from RIKON Power Tools. RIKON will also outfit a new 3,000 square foot shop, to be named "The RIKON Wood Shop," with state-of-the-art woodworking equipment.

Lowell Makes, a non-profit community makerspace, currently leases 10,000 square feet in downtown Lowell. It houses a variety of equipment and shops for metalworking, electronics, crafts, cosplay, fermentation, ceramics, 3D printing, CNC machining, laser cutting, and woodworking. In 2019, when the Wood Shop's dust collection system failed and operations came to a halt, RIKON stepped in to donate new equipment to Lowell Makes.

RIKON Power Tools Inc. said in a statement, "We are pleased to be able to support Lowell Makes mission to provide community-based education and resources for makers in Lowell and surrounding communities. RIKON is dedicated to helping to educate the future makers and trades people of our community."

Lowell Makes is raising \$125,000 to purchase a mill building at 150 Western Ave. #3 where the new RIKON Wood Shop will be built. The acquisition will double the footprint of the makerspace and presents opportunities for symbiotic relationships between Lowell Makes' 150 members and the over 300 artists in the adjacent Western Avenue Studios and Lofts.

"We look forward to our partnership with RIKON," says Lowell Makes President Samantha Burdett. "Their knowledge and connections are invaluable to our mission and their tools are perfect for our members. Everyone from a beginner to an expert craftsman will be able to use our shop thanks to their help and donations. We are excited for the RIKON Wood Shop in the new building at 150 Western Ave #3 and all the potential it offers."

RIKON's contributions will further Lowell Makes' mission to empower local hobbyists, artists, and entrepreneurs who want to learn by doing. Lowell Makes has currently raised 70% of the funds necessary for the acquisition and is seeking additional donors and shop sponsors.



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**Lowell Makes** is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, shared community workshop and laboratory founded in 2013. For more information on Lowell Makes, please visit [www.LowellMakes.com](http://www.LowellMakes.com). Make a tax-deductible donation at <https://www.gofundme.com/f/sustain-lowell-makes>.

**RIKON** is a Massachusetts based Company that designs and manufactures woodworking machinery for the DIY and Professional. For more information on RIKON, visit [www.rikontools.com](http://www.rikontools.com).