## Lutz models avian mansion after city's Warner Home

When the Warner Home is officially dedicated May 22 as the site of the new Farmington Historical Museum another house will be on display in the back

er nouse will be on display. ...

No, not an outhouse. A birdhouse. A
martin birdhouse, to be exact, built in
the design of the Warner Home, complete with a cupola on top of its shinaled roof.

gled roof.

The aviary was built by Chester Lutz of Farmington, a member of the retired men's club that meets at Nardin Park Methodist Church. He was recruited by Kay Blakeney, chairman of the Farmington Historical Museum Garden Guild, who'd seen Lutz' woodwork at the church.

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Just this past Easter Lutz fashioned
a giant cross out of wood with carved-

lillies. The cross was displayed in church.
"I like to work with wood," said Lutz, 72. "It's just a pastime. I'm retired."

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The garden guild contacted the Audubon Society for birdhouse floor plans, and Lutz build be provided by the company of the pole remains. In the company of the pole remains. In the case of the company of the pole remains birds to enter their interestory historic hideavay, and there are 24 different ventilated partments for the martins. Now all that's needed are insects, primarily mosquitos, for the birds to eat. Each floor can be removed easily for annual cleanity. annual cleaning.

THE SHINGLES on top of the bird-house aren't green like the ones on the Warner Home. But Lutz said he doesn't

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feel so bad after hearing that there are plans to re-shingle the museum roof with black shingles. Smith Lumber donated the shingles for the birdhouse, Lutz added.

He said he tried to get another business in town to kick in free lumber for the birdhouse, but the request fell on deaf ears.

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The most popular wooden items, Lutz aidi, sualilyare the least expensive. The church group he belongs to has had big success selling wooden novellites known as toast-removing tongs. "You take two tongue depressors, put them between a little spool, and oug lue them together," Lutz said.

put them between a little spool, and you glue them together," Just said.

People like to buy "a little bit of nothing" even if it means buying something to remove toast from a toaster, something they never knew they needed, he said.

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If you're interested, Lutz said, the group also makes wind chimes out of electrical conduit. Makes a nice noise, and it keeps senior citizens like Lutz off the streets.



Chester Lutz of Farmington has graced the Nardin Park Methodist Church and now the Warner Mansion with his woodwork.

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