



WERNER LUMBER & ACE HARDWARE NAMED AN ACE 2018 'COOLEST HARDWARE STORE'

Ace Hardware Corporation recognizes local store for customized service

OAK BROOK, Ill., February 26, 2018 – Ace Hardware Corporation is pleased to announce that Werner Lumber & Ace Hardware of Pine Grove, PA has been named a 2018 “Coolest Hardware Store.” Ace Hardware, the world’s largest hardware cooperative, selects only a handful of Ace stores annually to receive this coveted recognition – all based on how each Ace store differentiates its product offerings, services and culture to meet the needs of the community.

Since the late 1800’s the Werner family has been providing quality building materials and customer service to the Pine Grove community. The original business started out providing coal, feed, and building supplies to the locals. Over 100 years and six generations of Werner’s later, the business continues to thrive.

Werner Lumber & Ace Hardware recently renovated an abandoned sewing factory into a 13,000 square foot, state-of-the-art hardware store. It pays homage to the history of the building with an industrial theme complete with galvanized steel, refurbished brass door hardware, and acid washed brick walls.

The Werner family believes quality and service are the keys to their success.

“We pride ourselves on providing a great experience for every customer, every time they visit our store,” said Craig Werner, co-owner of Werner Lumber & Ace Hardware.

They offer a unique shopping experience and set of services to the local community which includes outdoor power equipment rental, a full service repair shop, and a kitchen design center. Werner Lumber & Ace Hardware offers hardware, housewares, and brands such as Weber, Traeger, Craftsman, Yeti, Echo, and Husqvarna. To better serve its customers, they also have a fleet of trucks ready to deliver anything the customer needs within a 50-mile radius.

The Werner family is very involved in the local community both personally and professionally. Whether it is volunteering opportunities, participating on local committees and boards, sponsoring local sports teams, or supporting organizations that raise funds for local families in need – Werner Lumber & Ace Hardware is dedicated to improving the community it serves.

“We are honored to be named a 2018 ‘Coolest Hardware Store’,” said John Werner, co-owner of Werner Lumber & Ace Hardware.

“Of the more than 5,000 Ace locations around the world, no two are exactly alike,” said Dan Miller, Vice President of Retail Operations and New Business, Ace Hardware Corporation. “This, along with the service, convenience and quality our customers have come to expect, is just another reason why Ace stands the test of time. The team at Werner Lumber & Ace Hardware certainly exemplifies the Ace way – helpful, unique and always changing to meet the needs of the community.”

The Werner Lumber & Ace Hardware team was honored for their “Coolest Hardware Store” recognition at the company’s 2018 Pinnacle Conference in Las Vegas earlier this month.

For more information about Werner Lumber & Ace Hardware located in Pine Grove, PA, [visit their website](#).

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About Ace Hardware

For more than 90 years, Ace Hardware has been known as the place with the helpful hardware folks in thousands of neighborhoods across America, providing customers with a more personal kind of helpful. In 2017, Ace ranked "Highest in Customer Satisfaction with Home Improvement Retail Stores, Eleven Years in a Row," according to J.D. Power. With more than 5,000 hardware stores locally owned and operated across the globe, Ace is the largest retailer-owned hardware cooperative in the world. Headquartered in Oak Brook, Ill., Ace and its subsidiaries operate an expansive network of distribution centers in the U.S. and also have distribution capabilities in Ningbo, China; Colon, Panama; and Dubai, United Arab Emirates. Its retailers' stores are located in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and approximately 55 countries. For more information on Ace, visit acehardware.com or the company newsroom at newsroom.acehardware.com.

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