

About Tom and Catherine Latané



Tom and Catherine Latané liked the descriptions, found in the Little House books, of the hand skills that the Ingalls and Wilder families used in their daily lives. Feeling that those old crafts were an important part of the stories, Tom and Catherine organized the traditional crafts area at the first Laura Ingalls Wilder Days in Pepin in 1991, and every year since then. They have a life-long interest in traditional hand work and have had a shop in Pepin for thirty-one years.

Catherine produces tinware and Tom specializes in making tools and hardware using traditional hand methods. Catherine has also co-authored a book (with Martha Kuhlman) entitled *The Village of Pepin at the Time of Laura Ingalls Wilder*, complete with photographs and descriptions of many local landmarks and buildings.

The Latanés can be seen during Laura Ingalls Wilder Days at the Traditional Crafts Demonstration area. They will also demonstrate traditional crafts in their shop at 412 2nd Street in Pepin during the Fresh Art Tour the first weekend in October. Check their website for other classes and demonstrations.

<http://www.spaco.org/latane/TCLatane.htm>