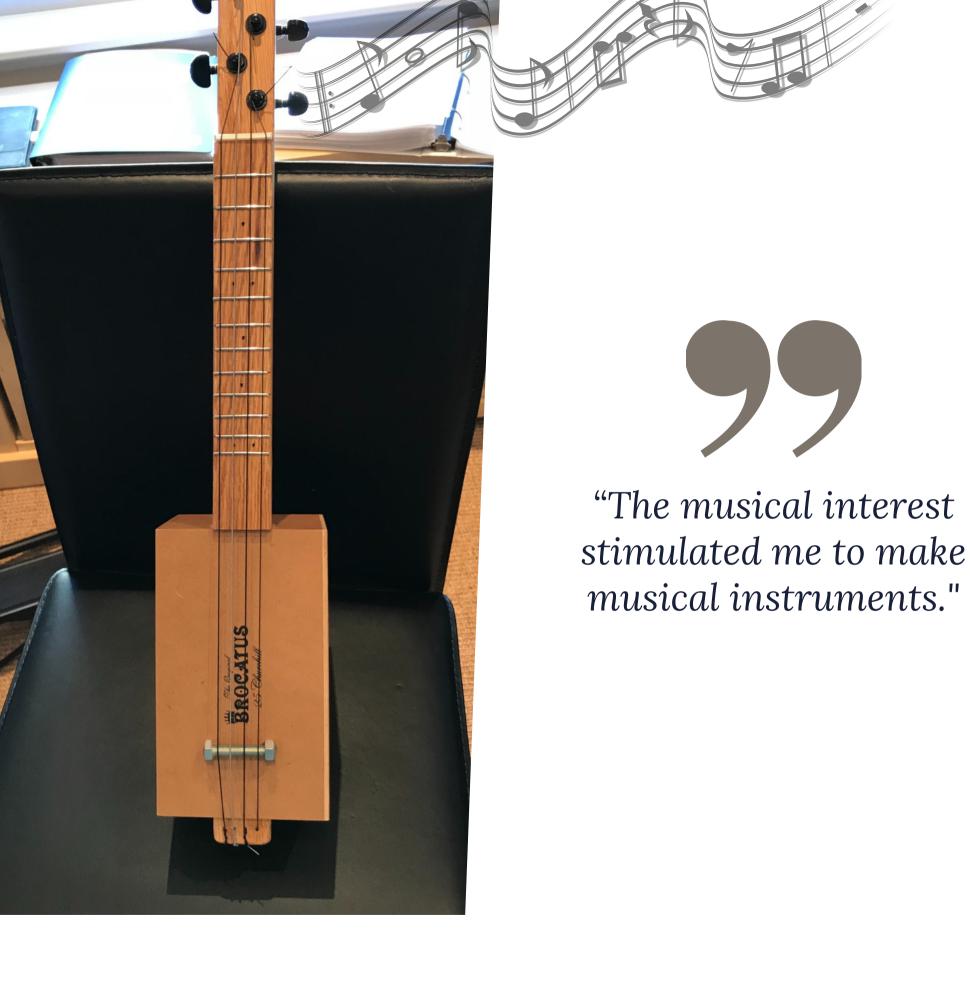


"Having played the guitar for years and taken guitar lessons for a few years before retiring, I wanted to expand my music experiences in retirement. Moving back to Florida and near two of my four brothers allowed me to join them and a sister-in-law to form "Hogtown Creek, The Almost Famous Family Band." We played in a number of venues and cut an extended EP, "Picking Up the Melody." Since retiring I learned to play the mandolin and fiddle."





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"I have made approximately 40 stringed instruments using cigar boxes and other types of boxes as the instrument's body. These include threestring guitars, fourstring 'tenor' guitars, six-string guitars, 'banjo' guitars, mandolins, octave mandolins, and ukuleles. Most have electric pickups. They are playable and a curiosity."