



OFFERS: Kristin Cavallari

KRISTIN'S REALITY TV SNUB

FORMER Hills star Kristin Cavallari has ruled out ever putting herself or her child in front of reality TV cameras again.

The 26-year-old actress and style icon says she has turned down several offers to star in reality shows with her NFL star partner Jay Cutler and their baby son Camden.

"We have been offered so many shows but my family is just sacred," says Kristin. "I want Cam to grow up in a normal setting and I don't think that would happen with cameras."

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OARSOME: Geraldine tries out a boat built by the lads of the Men's Shed in Clane, Co Kildare



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YOU KNOW THE DRILL: Geraldine gets tooled up



SHED MASTERS: Geraldine inspects their handiwork

Shed clubs show off their DIY skills as the lads get to escape the ladies

THEY'RE the real Man United – and just like the top team they're a lads-only zone.

Men's Sheds are the ultimate refuge for our blokes who like to hide away from the ladies while they and do a bit of DIY.

But they can't hide from the *Sunday World*. We recently tracked down one group of lads who had set up a Men's Shed in Clane, Co Kildare, and they kindly gave us a tour, and showed us a range of objects they had made in their spare time – from bird-boxes to boats!

Prize

We were so impressed by their skills and sense of brotherly camaraderie that we invited men's sheds all over the country to tell us about themselves. And we offered a prize of €100 to Ireland's Best Men's Shed.

We soon discovered they were one of many, where men of all walks of life get together to make useful objects for the home or garden – or simply have the craic.

It was hard to pick a winner, but the lads of Loughlinstown-Ballybrack-Shankill (LBS) Men's Shed in Co Dublin shaded it with



SHE SAW IT: Geraldine in the Shed

By GERALDINE COMISKEY

a mural commemorating the Great Dublin Lockout of 1913.

Jason Walsh-McLean, who came up with the idea, said: "With so much unemployment in the country at present and the current recession it seemed very apt. A lot of our members would be former tradesmen who are out of work. I dedicate the mural to them."

Jason is the main artist but points out: "All of the men in the shed have helped." The shed, whose members come from three neighbourhoods in south County Dublin – Loughlinstown, Ballybrack and Shankill – was set up two years ago.

Ranging in age from 18 to 80, there are about 20 men in the group and they hope to recruit more during the summer. Membership is open to all men from the area for a nominal annual fee of €5.00.

They can be contacted on their Facebook page: LBS Men's Shed Runners-up in our competition are CLASP (Community of Lough Arrow Social Project) Men's Shed in Co Sligo, who built an 18-foot rowboat. The beautiful craft was launched on St Patrick's Day this year.

Members

The CLASP shed, which opened in February 2012, already has more than 70 members. Based in the little village of Geevagh, they have members from a wide area spanning counties Sligo Roscommon and Leitrim.

"The Shed has become an integral part of the local community in our short existence and we try to include the entire community," says CLASP's Niall Cuiquin.

While their main activities are woodworking and gardening, they are branching out to include metalwork and mechanics. They also provide a wide range of courses.

New members can contact them through their Facebook page and website claspสลigo.com.

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