



# GBS

*Where success is built  
one customer at a time.*

continues to grow by offering its friends and neighbors the highest level of customer service and competitively priced merchandise.

In 1995 Dennis Smith, Bud's youngest son, bought Lesan's share of the business, and Bud and Carl retired.

The store still carries many of the same items found there in the 1950s. In addition to hardware and building supplies, the store offers a wide variety of merchandise including housewares, painting supplies, plumbing parts, garden and construction tools, and much more.

The friendly, knowledgeable staff at GBS provides personal service helping even the novice handyman locate the part or fixture needed to get the job done. The GBS vision is to be sustainable to our community.

The lock and key kiosk can duplicate almost any key, including the newer transponder keys, while you wait, at affordable prices. Their line of fun designer key blanks will add flair and style to an otherwise utility item.

On the off-chance the store doesn't have the necessary part or tool in stock needed to complete a project, it can be ordered from its huge network of suppliers and often delivered the next day.

For more than 70 years GBS has been a part of this community supporting Madera while giving back to its hometown.

The store is open Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. For more information call 674-8542 or visit [www.gbshardware.com](http://www.gbshardware.com)

## **Our Customers are our Friends and Neighbors!**

Since the late 1940s, General Builders Supply has been helping its customers fill their hardware needs. Whether do-it-yourself homeowners or building contractors, its customers will find what they are looking for at GBS.

GBS opened in the 1940s at 1920 Howard Road. Founder Pat Melikian took pride in making it simple for his customers to find the tools and materials they needed for any job. His son, Roger Melikian, following in his footsteps, operated the business until the late 1970s.

In 1977, Carl Wisener of Madera Lumber, Bud Smith of Smith Volpa Dodge and CPA James Lesan became partners in the hardware store. Drawing on each man's strength – Carl's knowledge of hardware, Bud's business sense, and James crunching the numbers – they hit on the perfect recipe for success.

As the business grew, it soon became apparent they needed more space. In 1986, Berry Construction built GBS's present location at 1808 Howard Road.

Through good times and bad in the local construction industry, GBS

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