This month’s meeting

Our program this month is presented by members of the Great Plains Wood Carvers. Also of interest is the carvers show to be held in May. See the flier later in this issue. They will cover the different types of wood they typically use for carving. Talk about the different types or catagories of carving. They will show examples of the different types and the tools they use to produce them. They will have samples of their work as well as the tools they use and will be fielding questions from the viewing audience during and after their presentation. Thank you Jim Huntley

From The President’s Corner – April 2013

It’s Garden Plant’n Time
When I was growing up my mother always grew a garden. In January and February the seed catalogs began to pile up on the kitchen table. The spring that I was ten Henry Field had prizes for kids selling seeds. One of those prizes was a Daisy BB Gun. My mother was totally against guns but totally for garden seeds. I finally convinced her to order the large box containing sacks of the variety of seeds for me to sell. I was to say, “In this one $5.00 sack is enough vegetable seed for a whole garden plus flower seeds.” I was also instructed that if a person bought the seed packets individually the cost would be twice as much. The box finally came. I became a real salesman. I rode my bike up and down the country roads selling seeds. One time on the way home I was chased by a dog. Mother bough several sacks and I helped her plant the seeds. Grandma, her city neighbors, and my teacher bought seeds. I even sold a sack to Whitey at the filling station. In the fall my brother and I got our picture in the news paper with our huge pumpkins grown from our seeds.

Henry Field finally sent me the BB gun. What I soon discovered was that out-door light bulbs made great targets but the cost in lost allowance was way too high to continue as a sport. Now with my real gun and my brother close behind with his wooden rifle we would crawl under the barbed wire fence in pursuit of imaginary Indians in the pasture. I don’t shoot a BB gun or plant a garden anymore. However, about this time of the year I begin to
think about the farmers market and the taste of home grown tomatoes.

**Minutes March 26, 2013**

Jim Huntley opened the meeting with welcome to guests; Dean Marshall, Larry Jessup, Matt Stuckey, John Kuhlman, and Wes Lewis. Their varied interests included wood turning, looking for something different to make, hobbyist, newbie, and making Didgeridoos.

Mike Hutton reported that he was still taking dues. He reported that the guild subsidized the Flute making event by about $80.00.

Bill Tumbleson reported that Jay Hickman had provided some Dillon’s Oak displays that were dismantled to provide a great deal of oak slates. They are about 1.5 to 3 inches wide and 18 – 24 inches long. Bill thanked those that were helpful in that process. This wood is available to our members at our storage facility. Bill reported about the Flute workshop and thanked the 17 people that participated. He also reported that 28 people attended the “mid-winter” social. They had a good time getting to know each other.

Phil Bump read a letter of thanks from Cheryl Warren of the Salvation Army. They appreciated the toys that were provided to the Mission of Hope for the Christmas 2012 Angel Tree Project. Over 9660 children were served by the volunteers of the Salvation Army. Jerry Keen reminded us that the Sunflower Guild is not going to officially provide toys for the Salvation Army Christmas Project due to perceived liability issues. However, several members plan to continue to make and donate toys as individuals. Phil Bump said he can advise those individuals with how to go about donating their toys.

A motion passed to create a membership roster including photo, name, and phone. This is to be distributed to the members. Burt Unruh, Bob Ziegfeld, Mike Hutton, and Randi Fay Kuhn are going to be responsible for this.

Thanks were given to Galen Cassidy for the evening snacks.

A motion was passed to offer a print version of the KnotHole for the few members that do not use e-mail. Mike Hutton and Jerry Keen are to coordinate this.

The April meeting will be provided by the Great Plains Wood Carvers. The May meeting is to be about so called nontraditional joinery. Members are to volunteer to Jim Huntley to be part of that presentation.

Andy Solter showed off his live edge walnut routed business sign that Burt Unruh and John Rhoads helped him to make. He will use the sign at his wood shop at 2nd and Cleveland. He invited us to visit the shop as part of the April “Final Friday” event.

SHOW N TELL: Burt Unruh demonstrated his unique chair that is designed to relax his back.
Various members showed their Native American flutes. Jim Huntley showed his frame and panel door.

Wes Lewis demonstrated his Didgeridoos. Randi Fay Kuhn showed one of her bandsawn boxes.

Mike Hutton showed his curve marking aid made from a sail batten and a cord. He showed a crotch walnut bench with a beautiful rubbed out finish. He demonstrated a convenient kit where he was able to put all his sharpening tools in one portable tool box.

Burt Unruh announced that “Burt’s Barn”, located at 2506 W. 15th St. North, is available at 9:00 am on the Saturday following each monthly meeting. It is THE place to further work on the things learned at the meeting, while being coached by experienced woodworkers.

Bob Ziegfeld made a plea for someone with a truck that was willing to split the cost of some Medium Density Overlay and help haul it.

The program for the evening was expertly presented by Slim Geisner. He compared and contrasted some of the many types of wood planes that we might use in our woodworking adventures. He brought a selection of different planes for us to view. He demonstrated and labeled the parts of the planes. He discussed the sharpening of the planes and the importance of “flattening” the back of the blade. He discussed
the tuning and adjusting of the planes to get maximum usefulness from each one.

His recommendation for minimum planes to own are as follows;
#4 Smoother Plane about 10” long and 2.5” wide.
A Jointer or Fore Plane 18” – 26” x 2” wide.
A Block Plane 6”– 9”.
And finally, a Cabinet Scraper.

Bill Tumbleson provided this link which may be of interest to the membership:
http://bangordailynews.com/2013/03/24/business/warren-toolmaker-now-exporting-maine-made-tools-to-china/?ref=search
Tools that don’t carry the label “Made in China.”

Lie-Nielsen Toolworks is bucking the trend of “Made in China.” The company’s top-quality hand tools and workbenches are proudly made in America, according to owner Tom Lie-Nielsen. Local craftsmen and women use metal casings that come from New England foundries and Maine wood to make tools that are intended to last for generations. They are also now being exported to China, with the first shipment delivered earlier this winter and more to come.

Click on the link above to read more about the company and it's history.

Another article from our president:

PLANT A TREE
Arbor Day started in Nebraska under the leadership of J. Stanly Morton. The Board of Agriculture named Arbor Day on April 10, 1872. In Morton’s home state of Nebraska Arbor Day has been celebrated on April 22nd since 1885. On a national level that day was cooped by Earth Day in 1969. Earth Day celebrations have a broader view than just trees. However, we know how important trees are to the earth’s environment.

So early or late in April plant a tree. Along our Kansas lakes and streams a large variety of trees grow. Most of us live only a few feet above the aquifer that provides water for our state. Plant an ornamental or something like a Black Walnut which can be made into fine furniture in fifty years.
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