From The President’s Corner – August 2013

Christmas is Coming

Every child soon learns where their parents have hidden the Christmas presents. Often those presents are already wrapped in colorful paper. I will not admit to ever unwrapping and rewrapping, however I would squeeze and shake every present in the stack. By Christmas morning I would have chosen the present that I would open first. The first present would not be the big squeegie package from our aunt. It always had clothes. The first might be the one that rattled because I didn’t know what was inside.

Now to the Woodworking message: Think about what you will make and give away at Christmas. Our underground TOY PROGRAM goes on. On my bench is a stack of eight little jewelry boxes and parts for small wooden biplanes. Also on my “to do list” is the start for an end table for my daughter and a box for my son. The grandchildren are not on the cut list yet. Emphasis on the word yet.

I know that it is August but start now making toys and gifts for Christmas.
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The new photo membership directory is available for members to purchase for $1.00.

John Rhodes welcomed guests; Bill Reyner, Dale Lesig, Tom Hazelwood, Bob Swanson, Betty Schlegle, and A.J. Wolf. (Sorry if your name is misspelled.)

Thanks went to Rick Hester for his work on the guild web site and internet presence. Thanks also went to David Fowler for placing ad on Craig’s List announcing the guild meetings.

Burt Unruh reminded members about “Burt’s Barn”, a monthly hands-on experience, available at his shop on the Saturday morning following the monthly guild meeting. Usually starts at 9:00 am. His shop is located behind 2506 W 15th St. N. (just west of the corner of and N Meridian and W 15th St N.)

Calendar of upcoming events:

- **Sept. 14 @ 9:00 am – 4:00 pm**: Richard Wolf invited members to his “Artisan Lane Festival” located just west of 61st and Oliver in Kechi. He will have the guild tent set up where members can display their projects. Les Hastings received thanks for obtaining the tent as a donation to the guild.
- **Sept 24**: monthly Sunflower Woodworkers guild meeting.
- **Sept. 25-28**: The Fall 2013 meeting of MID-WEST TOOL COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION will be held at the Ramada Plaza Hotel & Oasis Convention Center in Springfield, MO. Inexpensive membership is needed to attend and is available at http://www.mwtca.org See last month’s Knothole newsletter for more info.
- **Oct 5 @ 9:30 am**: Tour of the Frank Lloyd Wright Allen-Lamb House is scheduled for the group. It is located at 255 N Roosevelt. Fee for the tour is $10.00 per person. The tour will last about 60 to 90 mins. Photography is prohibited inside the house. The house was constructed beginning in 1915. Frank Lloyd Wright (FLW) considered the house among his best, and it is the last of the Prairie Houses. The furniture builders in our group will appreciate the 23 pieces of original furniture created by FLW and George M Niedecken.
- **Oct 19**: Members were reminded to get their projects done for the October Sale Event at The Big Tool Store, 4640 E 63rd St S. in Derby. If you have a demo you can do, please contact John Rhodes.
- **Oct 12 and Oct 26**: Slim Gieser and John Rhodes are going to do two workshops to make marking gauges and block planes.

Slim Gieser listed some used tools that are for sale. He specified some of the tools; Bandsaw, radial arm saw, marble router table top, Craftsman shaper, Powermatic wood lathe with 6 foot bed, Delta drill press, and a bench grinder on a pedestal. Contact Slim for more information.

Rick Hester is the one to thank for the tasty assorted snacks that were available.

Bill Tumbleson and Lou Ortega reminded members of the availability of wood at the club’s storage shed. It is located at 4340 S. West St. in the “A Box 4 U” grounds. This is especially good for those members making toys. Eg., 2” x 2” x 3’ Philippine Mahogany and ½” x 3” x 4’ white oak. Slim Gieser is the contact person with a key to the shed.

Show N Tell:

Lou Ortega showed a chair made from guild wood, and a drill press table. (Sorry Lou, no pictures)

Galen Cassidy showed dominos he made with the guild’s domino jig.
Kenny Hill showed the Dust Deputy vacuum cart that he made from plans from the WoodSmith magazine. He is going to have them available on the guild web site.

Bill Tumbleson showed photos of a rocking horse he made that breaks down flat for storage or shipping. He also showed a center marking device using a razor blade, an adjustable thin strip ripping jig, a cutting board, and a rolling pin with a wall holder.

Boris Fernandez showed nicely done marking gauges he made, a stringing stripper and cutter, and the wooden piece he used to practice inlaying the stringing.
Jerry Carpenter showed one of 20 drawers he constructed for a button collector cabinet. He also showed his modified dovetail jig.

Jerry Keen showed his “mystery tool” garage sale buy. One guess was an adjustable spanner wrench. It does have marking on it of Edmond Scientific Co. Maybe someone will research it for a definitive ID.

Program:

Bill Reynard of Allen Millworks, with over 40 years of experience there, was kind enough to present us with discussion about the sheet good products that they use in their projects. He discussed the benefits and availability of products such as MDF core, 9 ply core, 7 ply core, Particle board core, Bender board core, and light weight MDF core.

He indicated that the veneers used come in various grades; AA, A, B, C, 1, 2, 3, 4. They come in different cuts; Rift sawn, Plain sawn,
Rotary cut, and Quartersawn. He also discussed a so-called “bubble free” veneer that has a foil membrane between the paper backing and the veneer face. This prevents the finish, such as lacquer, from interfering with the glue the veneer is attached with. He likes to use the 3M Fast Bond 30 Adhesive.

He showed examples of the edge-banding that he uses; both wood and synthetic.

He frequently favors using lock miter joints. He also prefers full length splines instead of biscuits for joining panels.

His company prefers the Blum brand of hardware due to the variety available from local supplier as well as the ease of installation and adjustment.

John Rhodes thanked Bill for his presentation and adjourned.

**The Book Nook**

Let’s review another series in the guild library this month. Popular Science is indeed a “popular” magazine and even though it covers a wide variety of projects the editors took the woodworking ones for each year and put them into a book. There are no breakdown by types, but there are projects for the kitchen, the living room, the dining room, bedroom, the home office, etc. The plans are pretty good, adjusting for the difficulty of each project. For example, the plans for a roll-top desk are eight pages, but just two for a child’s toy. Though the pictures are black-and-white, measurements, diagrams, and materials lists are included.

Each volume includes a “Techniques” section designed to show woodworkers how to preform specific tasks. Some of these may be old hat to our members (how to use a feather-board?), but each book covers some helpful shop advice.

We have nine years of these volumes, from 1985 to 1993, but surprisingly we have 22 copies. We have decided to keep the hardback copies and offer the softcover copies to the members of the guild. If you would like one or more of these books, then please make a donation (a $1.00) per book to the guild.

Have fun in your shop . . .

Bob Ziegfeld

**Free item**

24inch wide 6 feet long countertop. Contact Bill Tumbleson

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**Kechi Artisan Lane Festival**

Big Thank You to All the Woodworkers who helped Saturday September the 14th

Our display and demonstrations at the Artisan Lane Festival was a great success. Jerry Carpenter had fun helping kids use the draw knife. Terry Powell played his way through the day. Larry Jesseph was the chess champ against all comers. The kids loved playing with Clark Shultz’s ring and ball toys. We had a few flute players. Jerry Keen and Robert Johnstone took pictures I want thank all who brought items for display. Kenney Hill and Rufus Alcorn displayed finished toys. Some hoped that they were for sale. We had to say, “No, we give them away to kids who don’t have much at Christmas. Big thanks to Bill Tumbleson who stood with me behind the table and talked about the Guild. Others who contributed were. Jim Huntley, Ron Jackson, Burt Unruh Andy Solter, Larry Roth, Paul Melton, Garry Dougherty, Boris Ferandez, Jerry Keen, Bill Patton, Lou Ortega and John Saranko.
Special thank you to Richard Wolf and his wife for inviting us to put up our tent. Richard and his grandson also milled some walnut for two or three members.

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