



**SUNFLOWER WOODWORKERS' GUILD**

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**THE KNOT HOLE**

**"building of woodworking skills thru the sharing of knowledge"**

THE NEXT MEETING **Tuesday, October 23** AT  
**Downtown Senior Services Center**  
 200 South Walnut

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**Social Gathering @ 6:30 PM**  
**Meeting Starts @ 7:00 PM**

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**This months meeting**

Jerry Carpenter will will present a program on how to make rough hewn table legs.

**From The President's Corner –**

I spent a couple hours earlier this month calling members who had expressed an interest in participating in the Guild's tent show at The Big Tool Store annual sale which took place Saturday October 20th.

Making these phone calls is one of the enjoyable tasks I get to do in my role as an officer of the Sunflowers Woodworker's Guild. Without exception these were positive conversations. After each call I was able to check off the name of a Guild member who provided a project or offered to put on a demo. Sometimes it was both. This

annual event exemplifies what the Guild offers its members and other woodworkers.

November will find us selecting a new slate of officers for the coming year. If you or someone you know is interested in filling these positions please contact any of the current officers and let us know. It is the involvement of our members that keeps the Guild an active and interesting organization.

After the conclusion of our program last month it was noted by one of our members who is not known for being talkative that there was not a mass exodus to the doors. Several pockets of conversations were going on around the room. This continued until our normal closing time even though there was no formal program. I wanted to share this aspect of the Guild being observed and appreciated by a member who was just absorbing the activity as it swirled around him and found it inspiring.

Bill Tumbleson

**NOTICE In November we will be voting on removal of the Board of Directors as part of the Guild Bylaws.**

## Plan Ahead

Our December meeting will be on Tuesday December 17 as the fourth Tuesday is Christmas day

## Minutes

Sunflower WoodWorkers Minutes September 25th, 2012

The meeting was opened by President Bill Tumbleson at 7:00.

Bill reminded the group of the October 20 Big Tool Store open house and encouraged the members to provide short demonstrations and samples of some of the projects that have been built in the near and distant past. A signup sheet was provided for each category. If you did not sign up, please contact either John Rhodes or Bill Tumbleson to let them know you will participate.

The treasurer reported a balance of approximately \$4500.

The Guild bookcase was on display. This project has been in work for some time. See the related article about this project.

## Show and Tell

John Soranko brought a scroll saw Christmas Clock he constructed. The pattern was purchased from the Art Factory.

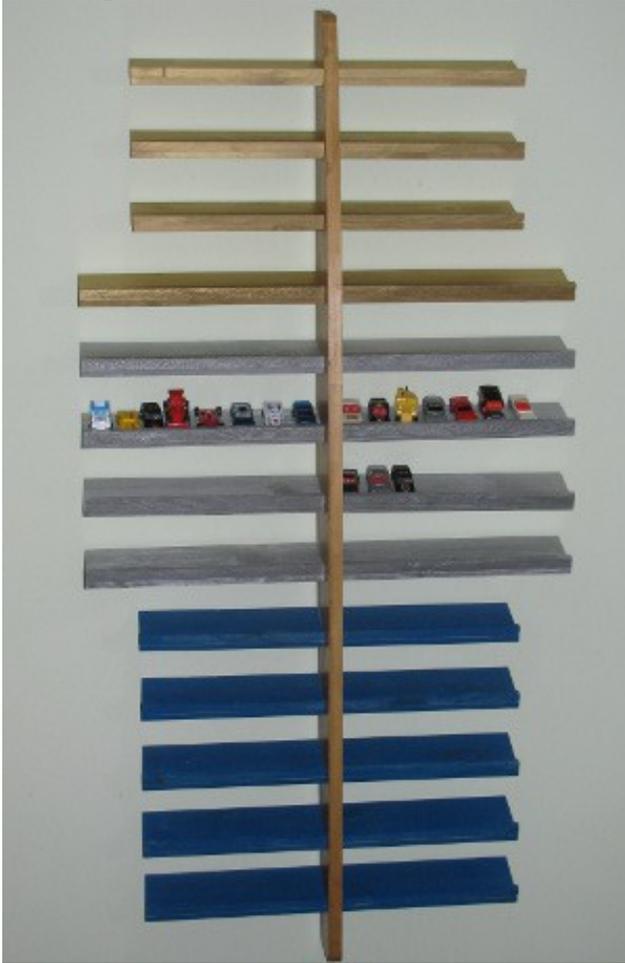


Bill Tumbleson offered a dustpan given him by a friend from Missouri.



Craig White offered some white oak salvaged from Dillons and some Corian from a countertop.

Jerry Keen showed a rack built for his grandson for storage of hot wheels cars.



He also showed a coffee table built of cherry which was artificially aged with a dilute solution of potassium dichromate.



It was announced that there would be no Burt's Barn meeting this week due to Burt having rotator cuff surgery.  
Program

John Rhodes introduced the judges for the 2X4 contest. Cindy Miller and Matt Bruiner from DL Armstrong and John Will a contractor from Halstead.

The judges made their decisions based very strictly on the project rules as published.

Judging was as follows:

Fourth place Roy Haden for his camping chair.



Third place was awarded to Craig White for his hobo guitar.



Second place went to Dan Hagenbusch for his toy car and his motorcycle project cutouts. We hope to see the finished project at a later meeting.



First place was awarded to David Fowler for the set of stilts built for his son.



## Classified Ads

Members with woodworking related objects for sale are encouraged to place free ads here. Please forward items to the editor for inclusion

### Wood Rough (not planed)-

Walnut 1" & 2" thick- cut 50 yrs ago

Cedar (one piece- 12"X 8') cut 50 yrs ago

### Planed wood-

Kornia (blonde wood)

large box of small pieces 1/2 " hard woods  
(good for making small boxes)

Boxes of odd sizes mixture of hard woods

Boxes of thick hardwoods for carving or

bases

lot of walnut pieces.

### Used Lumber-

Bead board 7' to 8' long (70 to 80 yrs. old)

White pine base board 5"wide X 7' long (70  
to 80 yrs. old)

### Plywood

Solid core -3/4"

Odd sizes - 1/4"

### Tools-

very old hand tools

Picture frame clamps- 2 sets

1-Parallel clamp, very old- all wood even the  
threads

Work bench- small with drawer

3-Metal shelves and one wooden 3/4" plywood  
cabinet.

Tom Hankins at [tomkath@cox.net](mailto:tomkath@cox.net) or 943-6950

See to move these items real soon.



## Dick Gaskill Memorial

Dick Gaskill was the model, and even envy, of all professional woodworkers. He was one of the few who became wealthy practicing his trade. Dick was the owner of Gaskill Woodworking, a high end custom cabinet shop where he built furniture and architectural woodworking for the elite of Wichita. His customers, with whom he was on a first name basis, included the Koch's, the Beech's, the Colman's, and the Garvey's. His shop routinely produced spectacular pieces, not only for the Wichita market but for wealthy clients throughout the Midwest.

Dick's shop was very much of the old school. He had a cadre of master craftsmen who were all at the top of their game, people equivalent to today's Les Hastings and David Fowler. But Dick was concerned about the future of cabinet making and his shop was always populated by young workers and apprentices who were learning the trade. There was no better teacher than Dick. He had very high standards and was very demanding, but he was also patient and encouraging. It was said that one year working for him was better than 10 years at any other shop.

Dick was one of the founding members of the guild. In those early days of the organization, Dick never missed a meeting. There was nothing that he enjoyed more than being with a group of woodworkers and talking shop. In fact, that is one of the things that endeared him to his fellow guild members – he was already ready to help and share his vast knowledge. If you had a problem, all you had to do was to go his shop, and no matter how busy they were, he would find the time to assist you.

In his later years he retired and closed his shop. However, he couldn't stay uninvolved in woodworking and so he started buying and selling used woodworking machinery out of a building he rented in south Wichita. He probably never made much money at it, but it gave him an excuse to visit with fellow woodworkers and talk shop. The coffee was always on.

His estate provided a \$600 stipend to the guild for some project. The guild voted use those funds to construct a bookcase as a memorial to this special man. Les Hastings took the lead on the project and not only designed the bookcase but served as overall coordinator for its construction. The bookcase was built in Les' home shop over many Saturdays. Les used the construction as a teaching opportunity. He would demonstrate a technique and then the members would carry it out under his supervision. If a mistake was made, Les was there to show the way and correct it, very much in the Gaskill tradition. Dick would have been very pleased with the bookcase, and especially with the manner in which it was built.

Participating in the construction were:  
in alphabetical order

Rufus Alcorn  
John Belt  
Brad Cooley  
Bill DeGarmo  
Larry Frank  
Garry Dougherty  
Ron Jackson  
Robert Johnstone  
Wendell Parks  
Bill Tumbleson

The bookcase is located at David Fowler and Randy Crane's shop/office

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