



THE NEXT MEETING **November 24** AT  
**THE TABLE TENNIS CLUB**  
 1407 E HARRY

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

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to who you'd like to see lead the Sunflower Woodworker's Guild. Write down the names of candidates you want to nominate and be prepared to place their names in nomination at the November meeting. Officer's and positions we must fill are the following:

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Newsletter Editor
- Sunflower Woodworkers' Guild site coordinator
- Membership Chairman
- Librarian
- Toy Chairman

**Subject Of The Upcoming Meeting**

Shop Math including how to easily find the center of a board, and other basic techniques used in measuring and marking. A few of the items to be covered are layout techniques for Geometric shapes such as polygons, ellipses, hexagons, octagons, circles and radii. Will include the use of a framing square to construct angles for applications such as layout of stringers, steps, stairs etc. If you have experienced specific difficulties, please bring along your questions or share your experiences. You'll learn how to determine if your square is square, and learn facts surrounding parallel lines cut by a transverse line to aid you in understanding and answering some of your shop math questions.

Clark Shultz.

**From The President's Corner –**

This year has gone by really fast. It is again that time of year when we must nominate and elect a new slate of officer's. Please give some thought

Several of you are working with Jerry Keen on the toy program and have taken toys to Universities, High Schools and local artists for painting. Arrangements must be made to bring these toys together, and hopefully we will have the opportunity to show them off at a suitable site. I still have 20 toys that are available for painting. As mentioned before we will have 100 plus toys on display at the Mead Street Art Gallery located at 121 North Mead on December 6, 2008 from 11:00 a.m. thru 3:00 p.m.

I plan to hold a December meeting of the Sunflower Woodworkers' Guild. It will be held at our regular meeting site. I will let you know at our November meeting where we will meet. Dennis Laird from the Big Tool Store has

agreed to show off new tools that are on the market. This should be an interesting meeting, and should provide members a better opportunity to become acquainted.

Please give special consideration to bringing items you've produced recently for show and tell to the November meeting. This is one of the more interesting parts of our meetings. Let's fill the display tables this month.

## Sunflower WWG meeting minutes October 2008

**Guests:** Caz Campa  
John Saranko  
Bob Rodriguez  
Dale Dutcher  
Slim Gieser  
Ralph McGuire  
David Foos  
Rodger Haney  
John Hartman

**Old Business:** Refreshments by Ron Butts for November.

Members that toured Oxford Sawmill in Derby reported the interesting demonstration that John Haskins put on for us. John sells air-dried lumber for reasonable prices. He has almost any wood species native to Kansas for sale.

We had a tent again this year at the Big Tool Store annual sale. The guild got some exposure to the public with our display of the various items members made.

Officer nominations for next year are open at the November meeting. Please think about where you would like to see the guild go, next year. This is our guild and it's only as good as we make it!

**Toy Program:** The toys built this year will be on public display on Final Friday; an art crawl where various art galleries are open late. Our toys will be displayed Friday November 28<sup>th</sup>

from 6-9PM at Loft 420 which is located at 420 S. Commerce in Wichita. We will also be displaying some toys at the Mead Street Art Gallery at 121 N. Mead St. on Saturday December 6<sup>th</sup> from 11AM-3PM. Bring friends and family by and see the hard work that you've participated in this year.

If you have photographs of the process of building, painting or decorating toys, please send them to Jerry Keen by December 1<sup>st</sup> to a special email address: [118JK@cox.net](mailto:118JK@cox.net) so that he can make a PowerPoint presentation to display.

**Show and Tell:** John Hartman showed a pine rocking horse that he found the rockers hold up much better to abuse by laying in an oak reinforcement to the base of the rocker.

Ricky Powell almost got a hernia bringing in his granite and oak table that he turned the legs on his lathe.

Les Hastings showed a reeded bun foot for his grand daughter's walnut slay bed crib that he needs to get done by early November for her arrival! Cutting it a little close on timing??? He also brought in a glass door for a vanity with hand fitted curved divided lights. Amazing work Les!

John Saranko displayed some of his craftsmanship with a horse fretwork piece, he uses 00 scroll saw blades to cut the fine lines.

Rufus Alcorn brought in a marble game board that he made for kicks.

Bill Patton showed a lamp that he made by turning Osage orange with a walnut base. He also made a lap desk from wood salvaged from his mother-in-law's sewing cabinet as a keepsake.

Galen Cassidy found some old door harps that he made for his daughters about 25 years ago and noted that he used a coping saw to cut them out and wouldn't want to do it again!

Randy Croley is our local celebrity in that he got a quote in the 2008 Festool catalog for the new Domino tenon cutter.

Mike Hutton showed some of the samples of finishing techniques that he learned at Marc Adams finishing class that he took. Water based stain samples, glazing, toning, crackle lacquer, fillers, etc.

Haze Hazelwood brought in a piece of family history with his hickory bark woven chair seat from the depression era when that was affordable.

Bill Tumbleson showed that the clever woodworker would find ways to correct afterthoughts. He built a tool to dress the slot of Tee slot channel after installation.

**Program:** First time presenter, Gary Dougherty presented biscuit joinery to the guild members. He noted that biscuits are user-friendlier than dowels to join two pieces of wood as they have some forgiveness for location in one direction. The biscuit is a form of loose tenon joinery the same as dowels, bead lock, shop cut tenons, etc. Biscuits are compressed wood (typically beech) in the shape of flat little footballs that swell when they come into contact with the moisture in wood glue and lock the joint. Biscuits come in 3 standard sizes: 0, 10 & 20 with a special Porter Cable size of FF (smallest, cut with special 2 inch blade). Standard biscuit machines have 4 inch blades that cut by plunging straight into the piece and have adjustable stops for the various sizes of biscuits.

Gary recommends using the largest biscuit that will fit in the joint for added strength. You can double up biscuits if you have room without getting the slot too close to the surface, as the swelling will telegraph out. The key to successful biscuit joinery is to index to the same surface on both parts for alignment. Because biscuits swell with moisture, keep them in a sealed container whenever possible. If your biscuits are too tight when you put them in for a dry run practice, just put them in the oven at

about 300F for about 15 minutes to dry them out and they will fit much better. Try this method of wood joinery and you'll appreciate the speed and part alignment ease.

## Dinner/Banquet

We were unable to get the City Arts Gallery to display our toys this year. Toys will be on display at Loft 420 at 420 S. Commerce St. instead, on Final Friday November 28 from 6:00 p.m. thru 9:00 p.m. for public viewing. There isn't sufficient room to hold our traditional dinner/banquet at that location. Therefore, we will not be having a dinner/banquet this year. I hope to have a Wednesday evening viewing of the toys by spouses, but I'm not certain if the owner of the building will allow us to use this space on Wednesday evening. I'll let you know as plans further materialize.

Bill DeGarmo

The December 22 meeting will be held at our usual meeting location which is the Table Tennis building located at 1407 E. Harry. The website indicated we would meet at the Big Tool Store. Please make a note that we will have a meeting in December and it will be held at our regular meeting location. Dennis Laird will show and demonstrate new and unique woodworking tools which are new to the market.

Bill DeGarmo

There are no photos of the October meeting as we missed the faithful attendance and efforts of Ray Smith.

Your editor apologizes for the lateness of this issue as he has just returned from a short European trip and is mailing this issue under the influence of jet lag less than 12 hours after hitting the ground in Wichita.



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