



THE NEXT MEETING **June 25** AT
THE TABLE TENNIS CLUB
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Social Gathering @ 6:30 PM
Meeting Starts @ 7:00 PM

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Subject of the June 25 meeting
-Gary Vreeland

This months meeting will feature how to set up and cut box joints using a router and router jig. The presenter will be Bill DeGarmo. Bring along 3/8 " or 1/2" thick pieces of wood and if time permits we can make a box using your materials. Be sure to cut two side pieces and two end pieces to the finished length.

Gary

From the President's Corner –

Man this year is flying by.....half gone already!!! And I still have this big pile of wood just screaming at me to make something out of it. If there was just a few more hours in the day, if only,,,,,,Hmmmmm what would I make? I could make something really simple and quick. Or..... I could try something new I haven't done before. I hope all of you are trying new things this year and striving to make yourselves better woodworkers.

I've been trying not to spend quite as much time at work lately. Sundays I try to spend in my own shop as much as I can. It's still not done, but it's getting a little closer all the time. I have all the walls and wiring done, the ceiling is half up. I plan on getting some ceiling up this weekend. Once it's all up I can get all the lights in place. Then finally I'll be able to start sorting through all the stuff and get all the machinery, shelving and storage cabinets in place. I still need to get a planer and jointer, still trying to decide what I'm going to get. But soon it will be ready to go and I can start playing (start on the honey do list).

Things are finally calming done a little and I hope to start back up on the corner cabinet very soon. I'll get another Saturday workshop set up and let you all know when that is. Maybe I will be able to have it at my shop soon.

Monday I plan on bringing some of the exotic woods to the meeting that I've purchased on Ebay. There are good deals to be had there if you watch on a regular basis. I recently purchased a two head horizontal doweler and a bow tie machine for my shop on Ebay, at really good prices!!

I know its summer and all are busy, but come to Monday's meeting and bring some things to share with the group.

I'd rather be covered in saw dust!
Les Hastings

May 2007 SWWG meeting minutes -

Mike Hutton

Ray Smith

Mike claims he was out of town during the last meeting, so I will use what I remember to fill in the blanks.

Program:

Guests: None that I remember

Show & Tell:

Dan Blair is experimenting to develop new designs for the toy program. I think this one looks like a '61 Corvette.



Program:



Since Richard Pearson joined the Guild a few months ago he has brought in a number of pieces for show and tell. I think most of us will agree that Richard is an expert with the scroll saw.

Richard says that the performance of the scroll saw is of primary importance. His first scroll saw was a Delta which vibrated so much it had to be bolted to the table. After a few years he invested in an Excalibur machine that has virtually no vibration and greatly improved the quality of his fabrications.

Richard brought in several examples of his work.



This ornate wall plaque contained an enormous amount of detailed work.

Richard says that he mostly uses standard patterns out of several catalogues. He occasionally needs an opposite hand pattern than those supplied, so a friend scans and reverses the image. This is so that he can scribe the placement of mating parts.

For most of his work he uses a #50 drill bit for a starter hole and a very fine blade in the scroll saw. He says to run the saw very slow to get the best results.

He says that it takes him 2 or 3 hours to cut out one of these Christmas tree ornaments.



At that rate I would expect to pay about \$50 for the ornament. But then, Richard says he works cheap.

To me the most impressive piece he showed was a back lighted box.



He said he used stained glass to get the color right and two fluorescent bulbs placed vertically along each side of the box to get the correct light level.

This and the window ornament



reminds me of art work I have seen around the Santa Fe area. In Santa Fe this would be known as a dream catcher and would be unbelievably expensive.

Almost everyone got in a few questions about the processes Richard used. All in all a fine meeting enjoyed by all.

From the Editor –

My barber, Don Jr., open on Monday of all things, has been telling me that one of my neighbors was a woodworker and that I should visit him. Turns out Malcom Fields is a hellava woodworker and he lives just around the corner from me. His shop is an entire building, something like 100 ft. by 40 ft., insulated, air conditioned and extremely well set up. All equipment is set up for dust collection for an unusually clean shop.

Highlights include lots of industrial size equipment which he has rebuilt to new quality



including this lathe designed to hold 9 ft long logs up to 30 inches in diameter. His other equipment is comparable.

He is in the process of setting up a custom built furniture business, which from what I heard is going rather well.

Ray



I have to make the pages turn out even so that the address page is on the outside of the newsletter. So, I am including this picture to make Bill Degarmo understand why it takes more than 25 minutes to mow my lawn.

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