



**SUNFLOWER WOODWORKERS' GUILD**

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**THE KNOT HOLE**

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

THE NEXT MEETING **Tuesday, October 27** AT  
**Downtown Senior Center**

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

### **This months meeting**

The Oct. program is being presented by Aaron Rivers on "Wood species Identification." There will also be a brief presentation by Doris VanSlyke of Halstead on the Christmas Window Display of small items.

### **From The President's Corner – October 2015**

From the President,

Are you looking forward to Mark Adams' workshops on November 20, 21, and 22 as much as I am? Mark Adams is recognized as one of the best woodworkers in America with over 33 years of experience. He also runs one of the largest woodworking schools in America. He is a well respected teacher as well as a consultant to the government and to the woodworking industry.

As woodworkers we like to collect tools, improve our skills, and learn new techniques. One of the best ways to learn is to watch a master craftsman and teacher at work. Whatever your skill level I'm sure you'll learn a lot over the weekend. Whether you get new ideas to incorporate into your projects, learn a new technique, or how to

work smarter and faster, it will be time well spent. You'll come away excited about getting back to work in your shop.

And the best part of the weekend is that the price is only \$50.00. Lunch Saturday and Sunday is only \$15.00 more for a total of only \$65.00. No kidding! Not for one class, which is what you would expect to pay at a trade show, but for the whole weekend. Really, only \$65.00 And you won't have to drive hundreds of miles or pay for a hotel room. All for just \$65.00.

The final details are still being worked out with Mark. But here's what you can expect. Friday evening, November 20 will be a slide show of Mark's work at the Senior Center from 7 to 9 PM.

Saturday will be two workshops, again at the Senior Center. 8 AM – 4/5 PM, lunch is provided. Sunday we move to Make ICT, 1700 E Douglas for two more workshops. Again from 8 AM – 4/5 PM, lunch is provided. Hopefully we'll have a list of the specific workshops by meeting time Tuesday.

The program is limited to 40 people so bring your money, cash or check, to the October meeting to reserve your seat. After Friday, October 30 we will be opening up enrollment to Make ICT members if we don't get 40 from the Guild. It's

first come first served, so don't put it off. You don't want to be left out.

Personally, the last time we had a pro come in I didn't have any interest in the subject matter. I went to support the Guild. I really enjoyed myself and I learned a lot. I've used the techniques on several projects. Mark is going to cover a number of different subjects, so I know everybody will learn something they can use.

I'm looking forward to seeing you at the Mark Adams' workshops.

I hope you had an opportunity to get down to the Big Tool Store sale. I took a fellow member who had a list of things to buy. Of course he bought a couple of extra items. I didn't have a list but found a new tool I just had to have. Fortunately my purchase wasn't too expensive.

You may have forgotten that if you do a job, and you don't get a new tool, you didn't do the job right, so I'll just take this opportunity to remind you.

Your President,

Burt Unruh

### **Old Business and Regular Monthly Announcements**

Sunflower Woodworkers Guild Minutes  
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**Guest;** DeWayne Schnell

#### **Show-N-Tell;**

Bill Tumbleson—He brought a Folding Stool. He has plans available. He also showed a jig he made to help him set his table saw miter gauge angle accurately using his Wixey Level. Bill brought a Christmas ornament he made using his scroll saw. He suggested the use of an eyedropper of mineral spirits to help remove labels.



Jerry Carpenter—Brought cell phone holder and a jig used to set the angle cut.



George Hanson—Showed a nice box he constructed from about 150 pieces, using a variety of woods species, including Mahogany, Blood

wood, Maple, Oak, and Cherry. Some of it was salvaged from a church communion rail.



### **Coming Events;**

Big Tool Store- Oct 15-17. Members are urged to bring something to show or a skill to demonstrate on Oct 17.

“Make ICT” certification classes for using their Wood Shop. Classes will be \$20 and you must be a member of “Make ICT”. Monthly dues are currently \$25.

“Les Hasting will teach a class on building a Pembroke table like he showed at a previous meeting. Class fee is \$350. This is a great chance to get started in “period furniture” building.

### **Program by Larry Bakula titled, “Chessboard Building – Lessons Learned”**

Larry explained how he just started trying to build a chessboard and chess piece box without any plans or previous experience with the methods of construction. These are the lessons he learned often by trial and error.

1. He discovered that a dark brown wood, he thought was Walnut, turned out to be Padauk; when he saw the red sawdust it produced.

2. He found out, “Do not make 64 individual squares and attempt to glue them together.” Not only are they difficult to handle and glue up, but they become misaligned too easily.

3. Keep grain aligned so the trips through the planer work smoothly without tearout.

4. Instead of the individual pieces he made a glued-up panel created from 8 strips of alternating color. Each of the strips was the width of the squares desired. Then he crosscut that panel into 8 strips of the same width. Then he flipped every other one and edge glued them to create the entire 64 square chess board.

5. He created a 1 inch wide walnut frame around the chess board. He discovered that he should have been more careful with the precision of the miters when he attempted to build a box for the chess pieces. Because the chess board and frame were to become the hinged top, a precision fit would have saved him a lot of trouble fine tuning the fit that was not quite square.



## **Burt's Barn**

Burt's Barn

If you are new to the “Guild”, Burt's Barn is hands on learning, creating, and problem solving lead by Burt Unruh. Burt's Barn is held the Saturday following the general Guild meeting. This month it is on October 31st.

The morning is dedicated to a project or to learning tools and techniques. The afternoon is about solving problems and working on our projects. We sharpen tools and help set up equipment. We also do a fair amount of swapping stories.

Burt's Barn starts at 9:00 Am and runs till Noon. The afternoon starts at 1:00 and runs till 5:00 PM. There is usually a group that goes to lunch together. There is no cost, you buy your own lunch, and you can come when you can and leave when you want to.

Burt's Barn is located at 2506 W 15th St N, Wichita, KS. 2506 is the first house on the north side of 15th St N west of Meridian.

The “barn” is the detached garage at the end of the drive on the south side of the house. The entry door is on the west side.

This month, in the morning we will be learning more about using the router, particularly with a router table.

I want to apologize for canceling the September Burt's Barn. I injured a disk in my low back that causes pain in my left leg. It hurts the most when I'm standing still. It is somewhat better now so I think I can make it with the use of a stool.

If you have questions about Burt's Barn or other woodworking questions feel free to call me at 316-655-4151.

## **Book Review**

Simple Handmade Furniture by Kelly Matthews and Amanda Morrison.



The book I chose this month was targeted specifically for beginners. Our library consists of

books that will challenge some of the most experienced woodworkers but is also filled with books ideal for someone just getting started. I also want to encourage those who are new members to make use of the library. In this book there are 20 separate projects using basic tools, mostly handtools which include simple tables, a letter rack, a step stool, a shelf, headboard and a bathroom storage unit just to name a few. My favorite project is a garden bench on page 114, in large part because it can double as a saw bench. I have made two of these myself as projects while directing young people endeavoring to make their first project using hand tools. This is by no means fine woodworking, however, the skills used in building these somewhat simple projects will be used for a lifetime and the projects themselves look rather useful as well.

Eric Lamp

Pictures From Big Tool Store Show



Learning about draw knives and Jerry's vise



Les inserting inlay



Pat Colley with hand guided router



Marble tower parts



A visitor with first router experience

## **TOOLS EXPLAINED**

### **DRILL PRESS:**

A tall upright machine useful for suddenly snatching flat metal bar stock out of your hands so that it smacks you in the chest and flings your beer across the room, denting the freshly painted project which you had carefully set in the corner where nothing could get to it.

### **WIRE WHEEL:**

Cleans paint off bolts and then throws them somewhere under the workbench with the speed of light. Also removes fingerprints and hard-earned calluses from fingers in about the time it takes you to say, 'Oh shit'

### **SKILL SAW:**

A portable cutting tool used to make studs too short.

### **PLIERS:**

Used to round off bolt heads. Sometimes used in the creation of blood-blisters.

### **BELT SANDER:**

An electric sanding tool commonly used to convert minor touch-up jobs into major refinishing jobs.

### **HACKSAW:**

One of a family of cutting tools built on the Ouija board principle... It transforms human energy into a crooked, unpredictable motion, and the more you attempt to influence its course, the more dismal your future becomes.

### **WISE-GRIPS:**

Generally used after pliers to completely round off bolt heads. If nothing else is available, they can also be used to transfer intense welding heat to the palm of your hand.

### **OXYACETYLENE TORCH:**

Used almost entirely for lighting various flammable objects in your shop on fire. Also handy for igniting the grease inside the wheel hub out of which you want to remove a bearing race.

### **TABLE SAW:**

A large stationary power tool commonly used to launch wood projectiles for testing wall integrity.

### **HYDRAULIC FLOOR JACK:**

Used for lowering an automobile to the ground after you have installed your new brake shoes, trapping the jack handle firmly under the bumper.

### **BAND SAW:**

A large stationary power saw primarily used by most shops to cut good aluminum sheet into smaller pieces that more easily fit into the trash can after you cut on the inside of the line instead of the outside edge.

**TWO-TON ENGINE HOIST:**

A tool for testing the maximum tensile strength of everything you forgot to disconnect.

**PHILLIPS SCREWDRIVER:**

Normally used to stab the vacuum seals under lids or for opening old-style paper-and-tin oil cans and splashing oil on your shirt; but can also be used, as the name implies, to strip out Phillips screw heads.

**STRAIGHT SCREWDRIVER:**

A tool for opening paint cans. Sometimes used to convert common slotted screws into non-removable screws and butchering your palms.

**PRY BAR:**

A tool used to crumple the metal surrounding that clip or bracket you needed to remove in order to replace a 50 cent part.

**HOSE CUTTER:**

A tool used to make hoses too short.

**HAMMER:**

Originally employed as a weapon of war, the hammer nowadays is used as a kind of divining rod to locate the most expensive parts adjacent the object we are trying to hit.

**UTILITY KNIFE:**

Used to open and slice through the contents of cardboard cartons delivered to your front door; works particularly well on contents such as seats, vinyl records, liquids in plastic bottles, collector magazines, refund checks, and rubber or plastic parts. Especially useful for slicing work clothes, but only while in use.

**SON OF A BITCH TOOL:**

Any handy tool that you grab and throw across the garage while yelling 'Son of a bitch' at the top of your lungs. It is also, most often, the next tool that you will need.

Submitted by Ron Jackson

Posted on Facebook

The students at Halstead High School would like

to thank Clark Shultz for taking time out of his week to come and speak with the woodworking classes. Clark gave a demonstration on how to square a board using hand planes. All the students enjoyed it and learned a lot of valuable knowledge.



Interested in more Sketchup? 3D Basecamp will be held in steamboat Springs CO June 13-15, 2016 For more information check out <http://sketchup.com/3Dbasecamp>

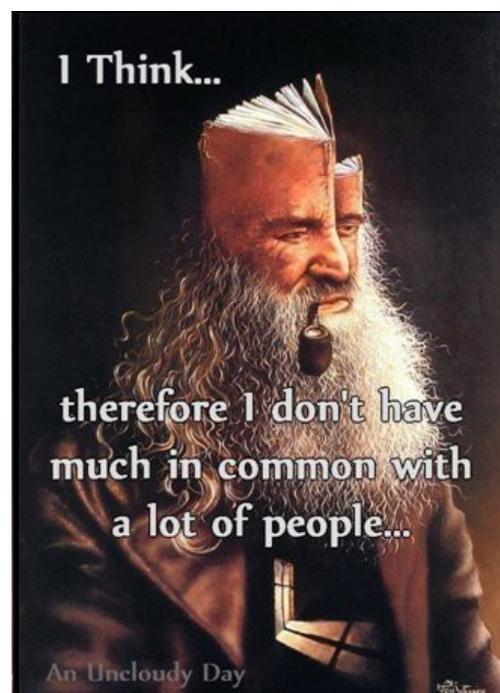
Submitted by Robert Johnstone

And Finally....

*Two and two continues to make four, in spite of the whine of the amateur for three, or the cry of the critic for five.*

James Whistler

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