



SUNFLOWER WOODWORKERS' GUILD

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"building of woodworking skills thru the sharing of knowledge"

THE NEXT MEETING **Tuesday, February 23** AT
Downtown Senior Center

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

This months meeting

Greg Featherstone of Intermountain Wood Products, will be our guest presenter this month.

The topic will be centered around things you need to know when visiting your local lumber supplier. He will cover topics such as the different wood products and terminology as well as how to calculate board feet etc.

From The President's Corner – February 2016

"When was the LAST TIME you did something for the FIRST TIME?" This sign you will find in Les Hastings shop and perhaps you've even heard him refer to it in programs and other discussions. I have been thinking about it quite a bit since working on the Pembroke table in his shop along with John Belt, Vince Meyer, and Galen Cassidy. Many of us put off trying/doing something new because it requires more time than we want to give it, or it requires some new knowledge or technique we don't think we can master, or even maybe we don't have the tools necessary (or money to purchase them) to accomplish the task.

During my apprenticeship, my Grandfather told me to "learn something new every day" and it didn't necessarily have to deal with woodworking. If I wanted to learn something like

a new technique then go watch someone do it, ask lots of questions, and finally do it yourself until you have analyzed your mistakes to the point of being comfortable with the results. I can't even begin to list all of the things I've learned over the years just by watching someone else do it; including taping and finishing sheetrock, plumbing, and electrical work.

If you put off trying something because you think you don't have the time, try practicing/learning in small bites of time. Remember when you first learned to play a sport, ride a bicycle, or make a tight wood joint? You practiced in small bites of time until you felt comfortable and then you practiced some more and you eventually "mastered" it. That is really all it takes! So time should not be a reason to not try something new. The same reasoning can be applied to not having the tools you might think are necessary for the task. Make your own tools! Yes, you might have to find someone else to watch how to temper steel (another new thing to try), or maybe get some advise on some other aspect of making a tool. Just ask around and you will find someone to help; maybe a Guild member! I watched my maternal Grandfather, a blacksmith, and learned to do a spark test to check for good steel, how to form the tool, and to sharpen it if necessary. There is a series on youtube by Popular Woodworking called "I Can Do That" that is excellent for learning new techniques. So the computer is an excellent

resource for learning new things that you haven't tried before now!

So fellow Guild members, get out there and try something for the FIRST TIME!

Clark Shultz

Sunflower Woodworkers Guild Minutes January 26, 2016

Submitted by John Rhoads

Clark Shultz called the Guild to order at Seven P.M. and asked that first time attendees please stand and tell us their names.

They were: Katharina Barba-Abay, Jeff Mork, Gary Foster, Bonnie Thurman, Mr. Duhon and son, Coner Sherley and Rick Hester.

Rhoads presented Burt Unruh a past president plaque.



Burt told a little about Burt's Barn. A Guild Mid-Winter Meal was discussed. Clark will appoint a committee to find a date for the get-together.

There was a discussion of events where the Guild could have a booth: Haysville, Mulvane Old Settlers, Halstead Old Settlers and the Big Tool Store. Clark will appoint a committee to look at dates and come back with a recommendation. Bill Tumbleson reported on the Halstead Christmas window.

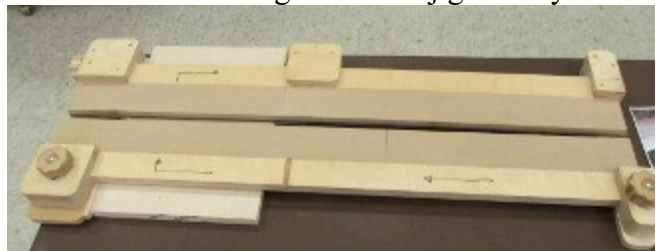
Rachel Denning, Service Unit Manager for the Girl Scouts, is looking for assistance with a short program on "Girl and Dad Day." She also

mentioned the need for girls to make walking sticks.

Show and Tell: Jerry Keen showed a stool made from a sawmill's first cut.



Bill Tumbleson brought a router jig and toys.



Andy Solter showed a tree stump that he made into a decorative piece. He ask us to keep an eye out for such pieces.



Royce Wallace brought a whistle and a maple croch bowl. The finish is Wadco and car wax.



Alan Severt showed a pencil box for his wife's colored pencils.



Bob Johnson talked about his 16 segment turned jug and his simple box.



John Saranko showed his intarsia angel. He also had two toys.



Kenney Hill talked about a gadget that he uses with his sander and vacuum. There was a technical announcement about the remote switches at ICT.

\$20 dues are now due.

The Hand Tools group has met on the second Saturday each month. Jerry Carpenter would like to meet after the meeting with anyone interested. Program on Routers

For the program Burt Unruh introduced three types of routers and their uses:

- 1) Hand held trim router,
- 2) 2) Fixed base, fixed speed Porter Cable 690 and
- 3) 3) Plunge router soft start 3.5 hp. He also showed how to use a router in a table.

Some key points were that these machines move 20 -30,000 rpm, look at how the blade is cutting when moving the router or the material to be shaped, set the router slower for bigger bits, ear and eye protection should be used.

Burt's Barn

February's meeting will be completing the router circle templates begun at the January meeting

If you are new to the “Guild”, Burt’s Barn is for hands on learning, creating, and problem solving lead by Burt Unruh. Burt’s Barn is held the Saturday following the general Guild meeting.

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.

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



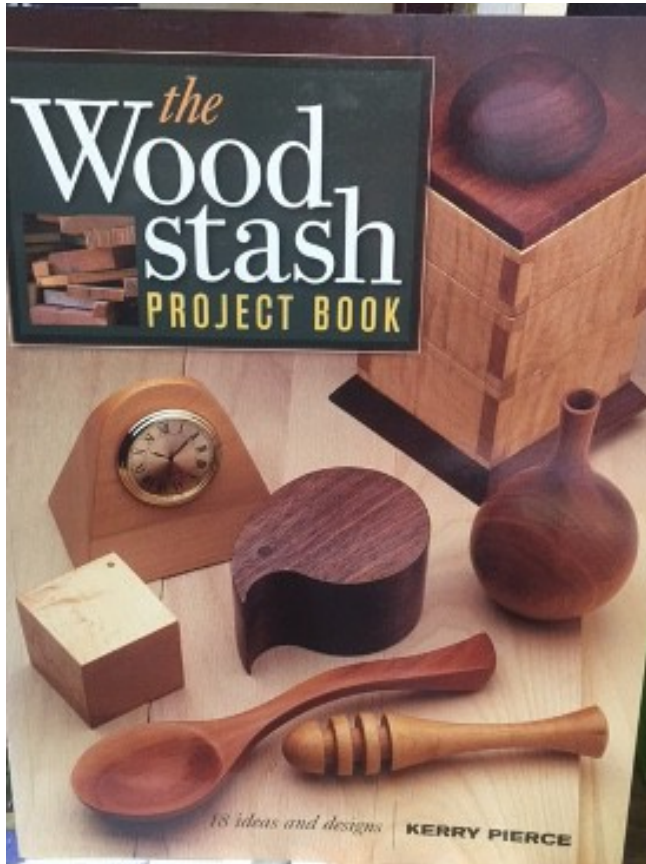
January Burt's Barn group

HAND TOOL SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP (SIG)

This last Saturday, Feb. 13, the Hand Tool SIG met to go over planning to make a slide top box using only hand tools to prepare the stock, possible joints to use, and tools needed. Everyone brought with them the item that they wanted to make a box to hold. We discussed the wood that the individual would use to make an appropriate box for the item. We went through the steps necessary to produce the boxes desired. Those members in attendance were Clark Shultz, Kathryn Vernon, and Jeff Mork (a new member that joined in Jan.). Our next time of meeting will be the second Sat. in March, the 12th.

Clark Shultz

Book Review



The Wood Stash Project Book by Kerry Pierce

This book is an excellent resource for someone who has a stockpile of small hardwoods that they were hoping to use up in creative ways. Most of us struggle, just as the author does, with throwing away exotic or beautiful pieces of wood no matter how small. This book is definitely a project book, apart from a short introduction and a section on finishing it is exclusively projects, however, they are well illustrated and the photos are excellent.

There are 18 different projects ranging from a turned cherry vase to a set of checkers and even a figured maple spatula. Most of the projects would also make wonderful gifts or could serve as inspiration for your own wood stash projects.

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