This month’s meeting

May program will be box joints with an incra jig. Terry Powell will present.

From The President’s Corner – May 2016

In the process of working with Galen Cassidy, John Belt, and Vince Meyer under Les Hastings’ tutelage on the Pembroke Table as well as working with the 4-H group of kids and their parents, I have realized how important it really is to share our knowledge within the Guild. I have really enjoyed working with the “guys” on the table along with all the “discussions” of anything and everything under the sun. The sharing and camaradory of being with others of like minds and somewhat similar events in our lives. Even though our purpose of meeting is to work on the table and learn some new skills and techniques I’ve also noticed a lot of sharing of how “I did it this way, and it worked for me”. Of course there is also a lot of questions to each other about some different ways to accomplish something on other projects we each might be working on. I definitly now know more about the “guys” than I did before, especially about their skills, abilities, and what they care about, and how they enjoy working with wood.

In working with the 4-H group I realize how much I enjoy sharing my knowledge of woodworking and not just with the kids. It’s true that I spent 32 years teaching school and I certainly enjoyed it and found it very rewarding, but it really doesn’t compare to something I am passionate about. Each time I see the “aha moment” in the eyes of one of the kids, or in the eyes of the parents, I get a very warm feeling of accomplishment and am very happy.

I encourage each and every member of this Guild to join in with others and share your woodworking skills and perhaps build something with another member. You can find it very rewarding. Those of you who take advantage of Burt’s Barn or the Hand Tool SIG know what I’m talking about. It is also socially rewarding!

Invite a member over to your shop. Go see another members shop. Share with each other and even do a presentation on some topic you are interested in at a Guild meeting.

Clark Shultz
Sunflower Woodworkers Guild Minutes
April 26 2016

There was no meeting because of the extreme weather event.

For the benefit of new (and some old) members, here are photos of the current officers of the guild.

Clark Shultz President

Larry Bakua Vice President

Vince Meyer – Vice President
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 working on your choice of 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.

HAND TOOL SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP (SIG)

The group met Thursday, May 12 at Jerry Carpenter’s shop. In attendance was Slim Gieser, Jerry Carpenter, Kathryn Vernon, Bonnie Thurman, Aaron Rivers, Alan Sevart and Clark Shultz. Some worked on their slide-lidded boxes, others worked on learning to use their hand tools, while others assisted in “teaching” skills and techniques. Our next meeting will be from 6-9 p.m. at Jerry Carpenter’s shop on June 9 (the Second Thursday of each month).

A special request!!!

Bring Show and tell items these are always a very important and well received part of our meetings.

Snacks

We need volunteers to bring snacks, that is if you want them. Contact Larry or Anne Jesseph 744 1136 or ljjeseph@sbcglobal.net
Fast Furniture by Armand Sussman. After an interesting biography on the author this book launches into an introduction that explains the theory behind fast furniture. Essentially, Mr. Sussman grew up in the depression and wanted to make use of all of his scrap wood. The first chapter is titled "tips for getting started" in it he details table saw sled construction, the use of clamps, glue, jigs, glass and other tops and finishes with tips on sanding and finishing. Each subsequent chapter is a project, most of which are tables. What I found fascinating about the construction techniques is that they are all done without the use of any tricky joinery, in fact, there is no need for nails or screws. All of the joinery is accomplished by laminating wood together leaving mortises and tenons, half laps and other strong "stepped" joints. The aesthetic for most of his design would be characterized by mid century modern, however, one could utilize his techniques to quickly construct more traditional furniture or even an inexpensive woodworking bench. I think the most significant thing about this book is the way it dispels the myth that furniture has to be built using large pieces of lumber.
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