



# SUNFLOWER WOODWORKERS' GUILD

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## THE KNOT HOLE

"building of woodworking skills thru the sharing of knowledge"

THE NEXT MEETING **Tuesday, July 27** AT  
**Downtown Senior Services Center**  
 200 South Walnut

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

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### This Month's Meeting

Dave Nesting will be presenting stains, dyes, finishes. David returned last month from a week long seminar on stains, dyes and tones.

### From The President's Corner –

Slim, Bill Tumbleson, Mike Hutton, Austin (Bill's Neighbor), Kenny, and I met at the allotted 7:30 time (at the Barnes home) Austin and Mike already had their trucks backed up in the drive. We decided to start in the shed out back. It was mostly short cutoffs, some with termite damage, lots of sheets of "masonite" type stuff, one full sheet of 3/4 plywood and several plywood scraps.

We left the shed unfinished at about 10:00 and shifted our attention to the basement. Kenny pulled his truck in and we loaded selected items into his truck and headed him off to the BOX.

Then we moved my truck and Slim's Burb into the driveway. Slim got some stuff that will be given away at the next Guild meeting, I was loaded with a bunch of scraps. We quit about 11:00 when the heat got to the unbearable level.

**Ahead:** All tolled we loaded four pickups and one suburban. To go: There is an attic to the shed, Goldie says that there isn't anything up there. My rudimentary look says that there is. The basement is still overloaded, looks like we haven't even been there.

Next week end is my (our) anniversary, something special will happen that day or I will die. So as far as I'm concerned, next week is out. Maybe we can do some July the 31st. I know we all need to catch up on chores and recuperate.

Ray

### Sunflower WWG meeting minutes June 2010

Meeting Notes from June

Meeting called to order at 7PM. One guest was present. Discussed old business of the December 2010 guild banquet. It will be held at the Senior Center where our regular meetings occur. Start time will be 6- 6:30-7PM until 9PM. Discussion

occurred about choice of food, catering and cost of approximately \$15.00 per person. Discussion was tabled until next meeting when data about catering costs will be available for a final decision and vote.

New member badges are available for those current with their guild dues!!! Membership chairman Rickey Powell appealed for members to 'please pay your dues'.

John Belt, David Fowler and others presented the idea of formal seminars--given by our guild members at a reasonable charge for instructional purposes--for such potential projects as a baby cradle with turned spindles, rocking chair, wood workers bench, etc. Seminars would probably over four (4) weekends for a total cost of \$100--or \$25 a session. More details and decision to follow in the future. The time of these instructional meetings would probably be in the cooler months, near the end of the calendar year. SHOW and TELL

John Kiser---has his own 'saw mill' and brought an oak burl and questioned about how to make a table from a slab he cut off. Lots of suggestions for using small oak limbs for legs, making tenons, a sub frame for leg attachment, etc.



Royce Wallace had lots of tricks for filling small cracks with sanded wood and super glue, using thin super glue to keep natural bark in place, etc. Les Hastings---discussed and brought tools he is making for very fine inlay--such as on 'Chippendale chairs', etc as seen in "Fine WoodWorking" magazine. Very creative and instructional. He offered others help with constructing such tools, making the cutting knives, brass plates, etc. He also reported on his experience after visiting the KC Guild Shop, their equipment, space etc.---amazing!! Royce Wallace--presented his 'challenge' making a turned bowl from a cherry tree---that was rotten!!! The bowl looked great!!



Rickey Powell--discussed making small, decorative boxes and using a 'flocking kit' and the excellent result--He brought three and passed them around



Lou Ortega introduced a friend who had some tools for sale: Festool hand saw with track; DeWalt Miter Stand; Skil saw See Classified ads

Program: Slim Gieser Presented Abrasives--- Sand paper, wheels, etc.

Slim did a great job of researching, organizing his information and creating a slide presentation--which will be available on our web site. He presented a detailed history, definitions, types of abrasives, relatives uses, backings, bondings such as diamond stones, etc.



He noted how to clean your sanding and shaping abrasives---tooth brush and dish soap or baking soda!! or large rubber eraser!! He went into detail about the different chemicals used such as garnet, aluminum oxide, aluminum/zirconium oxide, silicon carbide, ceramics, and diamond and their relative proper uses and benefits. Great information. The tables that Slim prepared and showed us are now posted on the website.

### Book Review

Shop Class as Soulcraft

An inquiry into the value of work

Matthew B. Crawford

The Penguin Press 2009 \$25.95

The title captivated me but it is not just another simplistic argument for the re-institution of shop classes in the schools but is a very scholarly presentation of the value and importance of mechanical understanding and ability for an individual to function in society. In fact the author argues that some of the changes that may be lamented in the workplace (think office cubes) and our society may be traced to the lack of both thinking and problem solving ability can be traced to the fact of a lack of mechanical understanding. This lack did not start during the 1990's when shop classes were willy-filly removed from the curriculum but can be traced to the mindless assembly line process.

The author is well able to speak about both the hands-on and the theoretical, philosophical sides of this argument. He learned the trade of



electrician while yet a teenager, over a period of years earned an AB, masters degree in physics and then a PhD in political philosophy. Along the way he became a motorcycle mechanic specializing in older, no longer manufactured models. After a stint in a Washington DC think tank (about six months worth) he chucked the academic world and went into motorcycle work as a vocation. His observations reflect his academic and philosophical background but make some excellent food for thought.

I will close with one quote from the final chapter: “Work, then, offers a broadly available premonition of philosophy. Its value, however does not lie solely in pointing to some more rarefied experience. Rather, in the best cases, work may itself approach the good sought in philosophy, understood as way of life: a community of those who desire to know.”

Jerry Keen

## **Classified Ads**

Note: Members are encouraged to use the Knothole to list any items you may have for sale to other guild members.

Still available, rectangular phenolic blanks to make zero clearance inserts for your table saw. \$5.00 each. Compare to \$25 in the catalogs. Call or send me an e-mail with the dimensions of the insert you need to make. Jerry Keen 722-2735 or [jmkeen118@gmail.com](mailto:jmkeen118@gmail.com)

For Sale or Trade

Dewalt DW7232 Miter Saw stand \$80.00  
Skill 1810 Router and router table \$60.00  
Festool TS55EQ two tracks 55 inches long, connector and 2 Festool clamps. I want to trade for a good bandsaw. Boris 316-993-0318  
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Some toy ideas from the book One Hundred Toymakers who make toys for fun and profit  
Do any of these entice you to new toy ideas?









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