



SUNFLOWER WOODWORKERS' GUILD

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"building of woodworking skills thru the sharing of knowledge"

THE NEXT MEETING **Tuesday July 28** 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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Subject Of The Upcoming Meeting

Jerry Keen and several other members will exhibit and discuss antique woodworking tools.

From The President's Corner –

Greetings fellow wood workers. This month we will be in our new location at the Senior Services Inc. of Wichita, 200 South Walnut. We will be meeting on Tuesday July 28th, 2009 at 6:30 P.M. till 9:00 P.M.. We will enter from the East, the Handley street side. There is a nice parking lot for us to park in. I am excited to be in this location. I think that it will be a much better fit for our Guild. The room size will be much better and the acoustics will be far more appealing to our membership. I think you will be able to hear most of the meeting from as far back as the third row (which for most of our

members including myself is getting harder and harder each year).

As we enter this time of year it gets harder and harder for me to get excited about going out to the shop and doing anything. July and August is not the most popular time of the year for woodworking. I think we all know why. I am more fortunate than most I have a small a/c window unit that can almost keep up. I know some of you have great spaces to work in and it makes it much more enjoyable. Soon it will be fall and to me there is not a better time to do anything outside than in the Fall. So take advantage of the hot weather and do some serious planning. When the weather starts to cool off you can get out and take advantage of it. If you can't think of a good project please contact Kenny Hill or any of the toy committee and they will fix you up. See you at the meeting

Thanks Dan Carlyle

**Sunflower WWG meeting minutes
 June 2009**

Meeting Notes from June

Dan Carlyle called the meeting to order

Business:

Dan announced that this would be the last meeting held in the Table Tennis Center, this brought a hurrah from most members.

Storage is available for Guild lumber and toys – See article later in this issue.

Dave Fowler suggested we bring in more complex show and tell items. Giving a detailed explanation of the build process, problems encountered and solutions to the problems would greatly benefit the members.

Show and Tell:

John Rhoades brought a candle stand. Very nice. The legs were grooved on the presentation side, a really nice touch. John also brought in 3 toy trucks for the toy drive.



Paul Melton brought in a complex scale railroad car made from oak. Opening doors, removable top, chairs, windows. Paul also did something that I will never remember how to do – he showed how to fold up a band saw blade.



Haze Hazelwood brought in an intricately made rocking horse.



Bill Tumbleson showed us an easy way to make the body parts to the “worm toy”. Bill always was a mass production kind of guy. Bill also showed a game table, marble table, with real pottery marbles. Bill also showed us a really solid fold down table. It was about 3 feet by 6 feet, made fro Baltic birch plywood.



Ricky Powell updated us on the Kansas City Guild’s work shop. Each person using the equipment must pay a \$35 fee and be trained/checked out on each machine.

Jerry Keen showed a really big furniture clamp, the wooden kind.

Other Show and Tell



Croaker



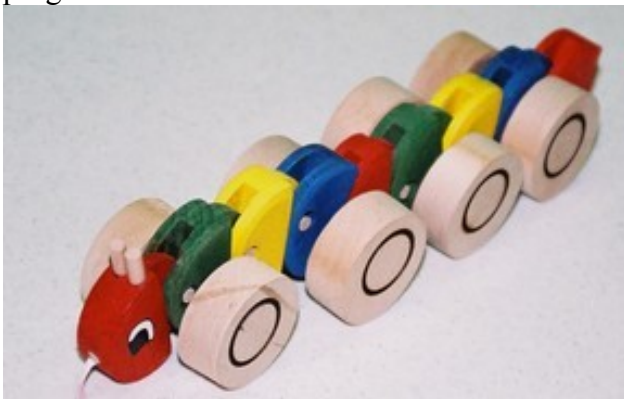
Baskets for toy program

Program:

You really had to be there, most of the program involved the use of a chalk board to demonstrate the use of “shop math”. One item was generated by a member question: “How do find the center of a 5/8” dowel?” Clark whipped out a business card and showed him exactly how to do it.

The Story of “the Worm”

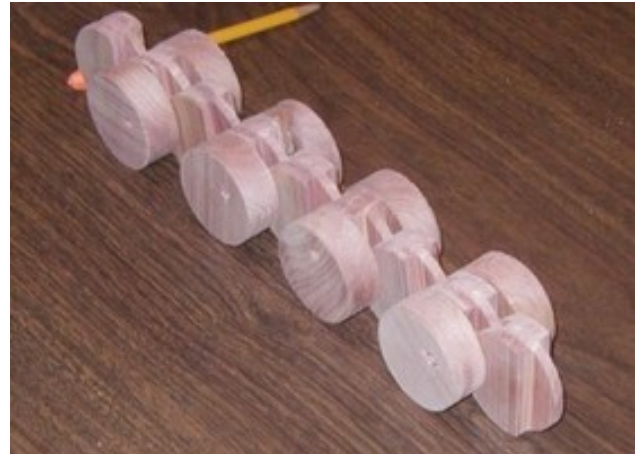
John Colley purchased this little worm when in Prague. We thought it was a cute little fellow and decided to try to make some for the toy program.



Bill Tumbleson came up with a practical plan for making the segments by cutting tongues and grooves in a board and then using a circle saw to cut out the parts. He made the parts from red cedar but any 3/4 lumber will work. If you would like to help with making parts or would like to assist in assembly of the toys, Kenny Hill will be happy to get you together with other guild members on this or other toy projects.



Parts



Parts Assembled

STAIN TEST

John T. Rhoads j.rhoads@cox.net

The toys made by the Woodworkers Guild, if colored at all, need to have child friendly colors. The stains used in these tests are all natural. The shiny part is Shellac which, when cured is also all-natural.

The test woods, top to bottom, are Mahogany, Cherry, Walnut, Aromatic Cedar, fence Cedar, Pine and Oak. The first column was stained with Black Walnut Hull Powder. The powder is available from Starwest-Bolanicals.com item#201085-51. A pound costs about \$10.00 and will make enough stain for a large chest. Mix a small amount first with Ammonia from the grocery store and a small amount of Alum from the drug store. The more ammonia used the lighter the brown stain. Do the mixing and staining in a well-ventilated area and do not get this stain on your hands because it will be there for along time.

The next two columns of wood were stained with strong coffee and tobacco. The chewing tobacco was mixed with regular alcohol. One test done, but not illustrated was with rusty nails

and Oklahoma dirt (iron oxide). These three applications produced similar results: a light brown. When using dirt a filtering process is needed.

The last two columns were done with Easter Egg Dyes (pure food dies). A small amount of Vinegar, **no water**, was mixed with two or three of the tablets. The red column was the first test. Next to the red column are tests for orange, blue and green. There is a little mixing (ops). Most significant is how the color of the different types of wood effect the dye colors.

Note: None of the stains are caustic after they have dried or cured, but while mixing or applying them make sure you are in a well-ventilated area and away from an open flame. With these stains, as with all stains, try it on a test board before using it on the finished item.



Toy Storage

Most of our members know that we now have a large storage unit available to be used for our Toy Program. It is being used to store lumber, toys and for temporary storage of our library. This unit has been generously donated by A Box 4 U, located at 4340 S. West Street. This unit rents for \$135.00 per month, and has been provided them for the remainder of the year for free. Be sure to thank them at their office when checking in, if you make deliveries to this location.

Contact Kenny Hill at 683-6406 , Slim Gieser at 945-0708, Jerry Keen at 722-2735 or Dan Carlyle at 794-8405 to make arrangements for access to the storage unit, as each of these men has keys.

Blackening Wood (and other materials). An interesting article is posted on the website of the Kansas City Woodworkers Guild that provides a lot of information about the subject. Check it and other interesting articles at <http://www.kcwoodworkersguild.org/>

Classified Ads

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

New Saw Mill in the area 7201 N. Maize Road. High quality and economical. Contact Jeff Thompson @ 648-2856.

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and he does not have a laptop computer.

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Sunflower Woodworkers Guild membership is voluntary. Our paid dues list will be consolidated after the June meeting, eliminating from that list all those who have not paid their '09 dues. This list determines who gets the Knothole. New and previous members will need to submit new applications when joining.

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