



**THIS MONTH'S MEETING JUNE 27 AT THE TABLE TENNIS CLUB  
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**President's Corner – David Fowler**

Guild Members,

Thanks this month go to Neal Bustrann for an interesting and informative program. His program was another example of the knowledge and versatility of the Guild's members. I know that this month's program with Les Hastings will be no different and I encourage everyone to plan on attending it. Also, this month we will have available membership ID cards. These are laminated ID cards (for all current-paid members) that have a clip attached to them.

On another subject, there is a good chance that our Web Master Ed Dems will have the Guild's website up and running. I spoke with Ed the other day and he said that he was pretty close to having it available but that there is still a lot of work to do on it. Thanks Ed.

I also spoke with Gary Vreeland about the Toy Program and he said he is still looking for volunteers to help with several styles of toys. He

will be available at the meeting for assignments and/or directions. Keep in mind that I still have over 400 board feet of poplar for toys that is being stored at Clotia's shop. See me at the meeting or contact me at 263-9722 for directions to the shop.

Well, I saved the best for last. We are very close to unveiling the "Back to Basics: The Fundamentals of Fine Woodworking" series of programs. I will be outlining the series in the next newsletter, but to give you a glimpse of it, the series will be centered on a specially designed furniture piece. This series will start with the design of the piece and conclude with the actual finished piece. I am very excited about this series as I think that it will present opportunities for all members, from beginners to the experienced, to learn and to hone their woodworking skills.

## Last Month's Meeting – *Mike Hutton*

Guests- Lee and Jean Beetles, Members of the Birmingham Alabama Wood Guild  
Gary Dougherty

Business – Randy Croley will be our social chairman host for the June meeting.

Blake-Clotia will run toy program poplar through their widebelt sander to speed the process along. Let David Fowler know and you can coordinate a time.

A signup sheet was passed around to get names of those interested in learning through the toy program mentors.

Dennis Laird has left Sunflower Supply and is now the woodworking equipment manager at the Big Tool Store in Derby at 61st and K-15. They are expanding the building and will carry a large selection of woodworking tools.

Ed Dems is working on the guild website and he hopes to have the site up and running soon.

Laminated nametags will be available for all paid members at the July meeting. Please wear your nametag at the meetings so that others can learn your name and match names to faces.

### Show and Tell-

David Fowler showed a walnut child's stool that had lots of various joinery with a scrollsawed puzzle laid into the top that he will be making for the toy program.



He also showed a piece of MDF that had been run through an NC router programmed to undulate in a random pattern that was used for cabinet fronts in a Kansas City store. Very cool indeed!

Vic Bender brought in one each of a bee, ladybug,



and grasshopper bank made for his granddaughter



from patterns obtained from the Meisel catalog. He painted each one and he said that was the most fun.

Galen Cassidy showed a small bandsawed rocking horse that was fun to make.



He brought in an intarsia wood and tile Wichita swim club picture that his neighbor had him make for him. The aqua ceramic tile was from the original swimming pool and Galen used a carbide



hacksaw blade in his scrollsaw to cut the tile with the detail needed for the picture.

Bernley Asel showed a 1/4 scale model of a king-size bed walnut headboard that he is making for his daughter.



The panels in the field of the headboard are trapezoidal, fully coved and mortised into the horizontal rails. His technique for cutting the cove was using a series of progressively stepped dado passes, as tablesaw coving would not create a large radius. Les Hastings suggested using a router jig to shape the cove.

Sam Kellogg has his kiln up and running! He showed some of the quartersawn white oak that just came out with large flecks throughout.



Very nice! He will sell to members at around \$4+ / bd foot depending on the size of order. His kiln is 12 x 17 foot.

Randy Croley shared an antique kids wooden reel push mower toy that he got at an auction. He also showed a photograph of tables that his friend's dad made with working wooden hand tools. No, the tools (like pliers) are all-moveable and are made of wood. The woodworker sent a table to Johnny Carson one time to see if he could get on TV, but Johnny never put him on the show.

Ed Dems showed off his matched set Tiger Maple hand made raised panel moulding planes.



The planes were made by 80+ year old Lee Robbins, master planemaker and were a joy to look at.

Roger Marvin let us checkout his handy work with a cherry picture frame setoff with ebony corner inlays.

Al Coppola showed his inexpensive raised panel router bit set from Harbor Freight Tools.

Lee Beetles showed and explained that the Birmingham Alabama woodworking guild gives toys to the Children's Hospital throughout the year so that the sick kids have something to decorate and use during their stay. They do not paint or decorate any of the toys donated to let the kids think about something other than their sickness. The guild in Birmingham has approximately 113 members.

Neil Bustraan showed a pristine Millers Falls #8 corrugated sole hand plane. The Millers Falls number 8 is equivalent to a Stanley #3. Neil likes the quality of the Millers Falls brand over the Stanley's.

#### May Program-

Neil Bustraan demonstrated that more advanced woodworking techniques do not require expensive tools or investment. He showed cheap vacuum veneering bagging and a cost-effective method of machined dovetails.

Neil showed a vacuum bag that he purchased from Woodcraft Supply for approximately \$50. This bag and pump were originally intended for laminating skateboard decks. The bag is vinyl with a tacky tape closure. The bleeder cloth was a separated plastic webbing like Chinese fingers; this allows air to move to the pump. The pump is a piece of equipment borrowed from the wine industry to keep opened wine fresh. The pump system is a Rockler, you could purchase this system at a liquor store, but make sure that you haven't been drinking when you tell them that you want to suck the air out of a bag for veneering (you know that wine snobs wouldn't approve!). Get your piece ready to veneer and slip it inside the bleeder sleeve, drop it into the bag, seal with tacky tape and start sucking the air out of the bag by manually pulling on the pump until the bag is evacuated. Let the glue dry and open the bag and ta-da you just vacuum veneered inexpensively!

Neil then went on to demonstrate a method for cutting half-blind dovetails using a router and a saw. The trick of the entire technique is using router template collars to cut the pins.



He got the method from Popular Woodworking Magazine. For a complete article copy, see the following website:

<http://www.popularwoodworking.com/features/printable.asp?id=1059>. You first cut the pins and use those to layout and mark the opposite piece for the tails which you can cut by hand or use the bandsaw for speed. This technique will allow for custom sized dovetails without spending a ton on specialized jigs. If you were doing a production run of drawers, this method wouldn't be the quickest, but for one or two drawers, give it a try!

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