



SUNFLOWER WOODWORKERS' GUILD

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THE KNOT HOLE

"building of woodworking skills thru the sharing of knowledge"

THE NEXT MEETING **Tuesday, July 28** AT
Downtown Senior Center

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

This months meeting

Larry Jessep will provide an instructional program regarding sharpening of turning tools.

Memorial

Bill DeGarmo, former President and long time member of the guild died July 4.

From The President's Corner – July 2015

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Here it is the middle of summer and I don't know about you but I have been busy.

In addition to everything else going on, last weekend I and several of our memebers participated in the first Wichita Mini-Maker Faire at Exploration Place. I think it will prove to be a good way for us to attract prospective new members for the Guild. We handed out a lot of cards.

We were fortunate to have a quiet location so we could talk with those who stopped by. Of course Jerry Carpenter's shaving horse was a hit with both children and adults. Everybody drooled over Mike Hutton's work as well as David Fowler's

scaled down work bench. Larry Bukula's projects attracted their fair share of attentiion too. My stuff, my plywood chair and garden bench just sat there.

I want to thank Cheryl Hutton (hope that's the right spelling) who spent the day talking up the Guild.

For those of you who didnt attend the Maker Faire, it was interesting to see what other people build in their free time. Everything from computer drawn art, to odd instuments, to chainmail jewelery and clothes, to people making boom boxes out of old suitcases.

According to what I heard the attendance was about double the normal traffic for a Saturday and the organizers were pleased with the attendance. My guess is that there will be another Maker Faire in the future.

Next time I think that we need to have more demonstrations and things for people to try like sawing and planing.

Get into your shop when you can and have some fun.

Old Business and Regular Monthly Announcements

Pres. Unruh announced that Make ICT has scheduled a "Mini Make" for July 18 with an open house. They have requested quild members bring examples of their wood working to show. Contact Burt Unruh or Mike Hutton if you want to exhibit your project. The Make ICT Wood Shop is nearly complete. Dust collection and air conditioning is yet to be completed.

Halstead Arts and Craft Festival is scheduled Aug 8. They are looking for members that can do demonstrations of woodworking. If you would like to participate, contact Bill Tumbleson.

Bill also announced there is a storefront in Halstead that wants items for a Christmas Display. More information to come later.

Eric Lamp announced the Guild Library has been moved to the Make ICT Woodshop.

Bill Tumbleson reported on someone who figured a way to convert his older Triton Router such that it can be adjusted above the table.

SHOW N TELL

Clark Shultz: He has been teaching woodworking skills to 4H kids age 7-12. He showed a tool tote prototype that he taught them to make. He had them learn to use chisels, coping saw, and other hand tools to create the joinery. The totes will be shown and judged at the Sedgwick Co fair 4-H exhibit.

Bill Tumbleson: Storage box for his Kreg Jig. A jig to raise items for the drill press. A jig to cut plastic washers from plastic lids in order to reduce friction of wheels on the wood toys. Custom made deep throated clamps.



Robert Johnson: Step stool / chair made of Red Heart Beech.



Tom Hazelwood: #70 Stanley scraper.



Kenny Hill: Disney puzzles. Truck and wagon set. He suggested toymakingplans.com for plans.



Boris Fernandez: Box with marquetry lid. He used maple, walnut, mahogany, and poplar.



Jerry Carpenter: Rustic stools with legs made from natural limbs attached by tenons that he created with his special router set – up.



Eric Lamp: Traditional Bow Saw he made. Some of the parts he got from Gramercy tools. He explained how the curved bows help with the tensioning of the sawblade.



George Hanson: Router table jig he made from scrap wood in order to make box joints for small boxes. Photos of a chest he made for his

Granddaughter with a Lily inlay of reclaimed ivory because her name is Lily. Photos of a blanket chest made from wood reclaimed from a church.



Andy Solter: Prototype coffee-table / bench made from live edge walnut. He used epoxy to fill gaps.



Mike Hutton: Samples of unusual joint styles made using hand tools, veneer parquetry, cabriole leg, and a carved “rope”. Mike learned all these skills at Marc Adams School.

Kathryn Vernon: Showed the joints she made at the “hand tool special interest group”. She complimented Clark Shultz on teaching the skills to make the joints.

John Rhoads: Suggested a book for us to read; Hammer Head, the story of a woman apprentice carpenter.



PROGRAM by Les Hastings : “Scrapers to Produce Profiles by hand”.

Les showed some commercial scrapers and some he made. He used band saw blades, drill bits, card scrapers, etc. to make custom scrapers for the profiles he needs. He did not believe it was necessary to turn a burr on the scrapers. He showed how he could quickly scrape a bead on a board, both straight and curved. He demo’d how he was able to bead inside of flutes on a quarter column. He has made a jig to hold the quarter column pieces and to guide the scraper. He also showed beautiful French Corner Posts that he had scraped and carved to create the desired design. Les suggested members consider going to Woodworking in America Sept 25 – 27 in KC.

Burt's Barn

Burt's Barn meeting is August 1, 2015, the Saturday after the general meeting, as usual. The "Barn" is located at 2506 W 15th N, Wichita in the back, at the end of the drive on the East side of the house.

This month I'd like to see the table projects that we've been working on. We will also talk about what projects you would like to take on in future. Then we'll work on sharpening tools. So if you have dull tools, and who doesn't, come to the Barn. It is air-conditioned!

For those new to the Guild, Burt's Barn is about hands-on learning. The morning session, 9 AM til Noon, is dedicated to the common project that each member makes. The afternoon, starting about 1:00 PM til 5:00 PM, is for problems solving, continuing to work on your project, or just talking shop. Problems we can help solve are how to set-up and use equipment, sharpening, and how to use hand tools. You name it, we'll help you figure it out. You do not need to attend both AM and PM sessions in order to participate.

Hope to see you at the Barn.

Library Book Review

The Woodwright's Companion by Roy Underhill

Roy Underhill has been significantly influential in reviving the craft of hand and traditional woodwork. His national public television show "The Woodwright's Shop" has entertained and inspired thousands through the years. In the The Woodwright's Companion Underhill continues to demonstrate "how to start with a tree and an ax and make one thing after another until you have a house and everything in it". There are numerous photos and a number of projects as well. The final chapter offers a glimpse of traditional woodworking technique still used by the colonial Williamsburg housewrights. I learned a great deal about our age old craft reading this book. I hope you enjoy it if you choose to check it out.

Eric Lamp

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For sale:

1 commercial solid core door with oak veneer-
approx 3' x 7' x 1 3/4" thick @ \$25
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each

If they are interested, they can call or see me at the meeting. Thanks

Sandy Fitzig

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Wichita Mini-Maker Faire Photos





From the July 2015 Active aging---

Woodworking teacher loves the ‘a-ha’ moment

While many of her peers were spending their extra weekend hours playing a video game, Abigail Klausmeyer, 11, was focused on a very old skill: working with wood. “It’s really fun,” she said, as she took a break from learning how to use a planer. “You learn about the different joints and chisels, and how to sharpen tools.”

Klausmeyer is part of an intergenerational program sponsored by the Wichita Sunflower Woodworkers Guild, a group dedicated to sharing and promoting woodworking. She, along with the other eight students, will show off what they’ve made July 8-11 at the Sedgwick County Fair in Cheney.

The fifth grader realizes that knowing how to use these tools will be useful in life because she can repair things. “It will help me just do anything and do it better.”

Some of the guild’s 135 members are retired and sharing their skills. Clark Shultz, 67, was teaching this class at his east Wichita backyard workshop.

He showed the students how to adjust the blade — with safety first, of course — and how to use the planer for maximum effectiveness.

After 45 minutes of instruction, the students were eager to make something, in this case, a tool tote. Kaci Duggan, 13, who was there with twin brother Will and mom Kristy, said “the best part is that we make stuff.” Kristy said she likes the fact that club members “have actual lessons.”

Shultz said it was great when the students’ parents came because it gives the kids “a lot of good support.” Another parent, Martina Holmes, was with her daughter Samantha, 12. Samantha has already built a picture frame and was getting tips on how to use the planer. Her mom reminded her that there was a door at their house that could use her new skill. Shultz, a former teacher and an interior trim carpenter, had his own company for six years. He started in woodworking at 12, an activity his dad did, as well as his grandfather.

Those types of skills often aren’t being handed down, he said, and many schools are cutting back on such classes because of budget constraints.

John Rhoads, 75, and the guild’s past president, said there are many reasons to learn these skills.

“Eventually, almost everyone will buy a piece of furniture in a cardboard box that requires hand tools to assemble.”

Shultz said his reward for dedicating his time to the class comes when young faces light up, and he sees that he’s passing on a lifetime skill to another generation. “I love seeing the ‘a-ha’ moment when they catch on.

Editors note: references in the article to “planer” are, of course, referring to a hand plane.

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