

Peoria Area Woodworkers meeting - April 2011

The April meeting was held at the Woodworker's Shop in Pekin. The next meeting will be at **Marquette Heights at 6:30pm on May 18th** and the **program will be band saws and band saw blades by Bill Webster.**

Norm gave the treasurer's report showing \$1950 in the club treasury. The 50-50 drawing winner was Gary Allen. Delbert and Janice Luedtke won the \$35 gift certificate. 42 members were present.

Paul Cobb asked for a back up person to help with the news letter. Bruce Shriverdecker volunteered to help with the news letter publications.

Show and Tell:

Paul Cobb showed two bowls where he used Inlace products to add a decorative pattern to the bowl. It is an easy to use product and turns easily. One bowl was a two piece hollow form that was easy to make.



AJ Gatzmayer displayed a fleet of toy cars that he makes in order to use up a box of spare wheels someone gave him. The newer cars are "gangster cars" and are sized to match the various wheel sizes. He donates these cars to the children's hospital.





Del Luedkte showed a bowl made from Katrina debris-magnolia wood. It has the appearance of spalted maple.

Carl Palow showed a stool made from ash legs and a walnut top. He also told a story about his favorite toy truck when he was younger.



John Freimuth showed various kites he made for a school kid's activity. They were very simple in construction and easy to fly. This year he built 34 of them. He also showed off his kite string winder powered by an electric drill.

Bruce Shiverdeckers showed a cherry bowl made from a log with shake defects. These defects are wood splits that travel between the growth rings making turning the wood somewhat exciting as relatively large pieces may separate during the turning process. A very unusual piece.



- **The evening program was on shop fixtures and safety presented by Mort Sill:**



Mort has spent the last two years building shop fixtures for his work shop. These fixtures are designed to provide very accurate cuts plus improved safety when using his power tools. He showed many fixtures for the table saw, band saw, jointer and router. Each fixture utilizes hold down clamps and hand holds to accurately hold the wood pieces and keep hands away from the cutting blades. Mort noted that when using T slot components, make sure you buy all the pieces from the same company. He found that some of the pieces are not compatible with those manufactured by other companies.

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