

Peoria Area Woodworkers Club

Important Notice

November Meeting Date Change

Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 14th, 6:30 PM

The Woodworker's Shop

The original Nov. 21st meeting date fell on the evening before Thanksgiving. It conflicted with plans The Woodworker's Shop and a number of club members had for Thanksgiving. By a show of hands vote, the November 21st meeting date was changed to November 14th. It will be the final meeting of 2012. There will not be a meeting in December.

November 14th ..Special Event

Our Program Committee invited **Joe Dillett**, a Master Carver, to be the featured speaker at our November 14th meeting. Joe is widely known in the carving world for his artistry, skills and mastery of traditional Old World tools. He is a carving instructor, a designer, a writer and more. In his "spare time," he owns and operates The Carving Shop in Somonauk, IL. For more information, check out his website at www.thecarvingshop.com.

There could, however, be a conflict. As of now, Joe is planning to join us on November 14th. But, in addition to his business and artistic activities, he is a volunteer on a Red Cross Disaster Relief Crew. There is a 50/50 chance that he will be deployed with a crew on the hurricane Sandy disaster relief effort in the Northeastern states. Should that happen, he will be gone for a number of days beyond the 14th. Stay tuned. We'll know shortly.

Notes From The October 17th, Meeting

"One for the books." A real "gully washer" of a thunderstorm rolled through just as most of us were hustling into The Woodworker's Shop for the October meeting. From the outset, the pounding rain raised such a din on the metal roof that it overpowered everything else. Hearing anything was going to be a challenge. But what could we do? In the discussion around the coffee pot, a veteran woodworker suggested we should just go ahead as best we could. After all, were we not a friendly group of like-minded woodworkers safely holed up in a dry, well equipped woodworking shop with fresh coffee, snacks and nearby restrooms. Ok! Russ Marie cranked the sound system all the way up and Matt Wiegand stepped up to lead us through the program. One by one, speakers did try their level best to make themselves heard over the pounding rain but it was borderline hopeless. Yet, we trudged on. Then, at just about 8:25pm, the rain stopped as suddenly as it had started. For a minute or two, the shop went "spooky quiet." Matt quickly ended the meeting. Grins broke out all around. Willing hands collected and stacked the chairs in record time and the friendly group of like-minded woodworkers headed for the parking lot. One did say on his way out that it wasn't such a bad meeting after all. He heard very little of what was said but, we did finish on time...and so we did. . Yes, it certainly was "one for the books."

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Business Topics:

As mentioned earlier, the conflict our previously scheduled November 21st meeting would have caused with Thanksgiving was resolved by changing the date of the meeting to the 14th.

Treasurer, Norm Bartlett, reported our balance at CEFCU to be \$1,628 in Savings and \$133 in the Checking account. The majority of the 2013 dues has been collected and there were no major outstanding bills.

Jason Snyder, The Woodworker's Shop Mgr., briefly discussed their plans for a November 9th & 10th Wood Expo. As part of that, he offered the club an opportunity to set up a "table" where information about our activities and organization could be displayed for consideration by prospective members.

The 2 x 4 Contest

The 2 x 4 contest was a friendly competition between Bill Goff and Bill Schultz. Bill Goff didn't hurt his 2 x 4 much but Bill Schultz used all but the sawdust.

Bill Goff was voted our 2012 "Best Of Show" with his tiny, delicate scroll sawn giraffes. The photo doesn't do his work justice (my fault) but he is holding six of them with their tiny little necks inter-twined as they reportedly do.



Obviously, Bill is a pretty good hand with a scroll saw. Congratulations and enjoy the prize money.

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Runner Up in the 2 x 4 Contest was **Bill Schultz**. He brought a BNSF freight train he found in a 2 x 4 x 8 a while back. The rolling stock and the railway all came from a single 2 x 4.



Show & Tell:

Louis Knief made this sturdy little countertop wine bottle holder of hard maple, walnut and ash. It is capable of holding six bottles. It is finished with a General Finishes acrylic. It will be in a charity auction at Christ Lutheran School November 17th.



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Frustrated with his original Grizzly drill press fence attachment, **John Clark** followed a Shop Notes plan to make his own. The “table” has a $\frac{3}{4}$ ” plywood core between pieces of $\frac{1}{4}$ ” hardboard. The fence attaches, front and back, to $\frac{1}{4}$ ” hardwood strips. A bracket underneath attaches it as an overlay on the existing drill press table. It met John’s expectation of making a drill press fence with functionality beyond that of the original.



Russ Marie made a series of cherry ornaments depicting the 12 days of Christmas. The cherry was re-sawn to $\frac{3}{16}$, stacked and scroll sawn to the pattern. If I heard it right, he used #5 DT blades and a unique stacking technique that I lost in the din of the pounding rain. If you need that information, see Russ.



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Reminder – Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, [November 14th](#) at the Woodworker’s Shop. If our special guest, Joe Dillett, can’t make it, you will be notified.