

# Peoria Area Woodworker's Club Newsletter

## 2013-11 November

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### Notice

### Woodworker's Club Meeting

Wednesday, January 15th, 2014 @ 6:30 pm

The Woodworker's Shop on Manito Rd., Pekin

**Wednesday Evening's Program:** Box Making. In box making, there are always lessons to be learned, skills to hone and ever greater challenges to our creativity. Often, the smaller the box, the more complex it can be. A woodworker's access to a desired material, the availability of specific tools and, of course, making the time, all figure into bringing a successful project home. The ideas for box making are everywhere. Focus is usually the issue.

Beyond box making, feel welcome to bring any other projects you have. Member participation at these meetings is encouraged and always appreciated.

### Notes from our November 20<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Treasurer's Report:** Norm Bartlett reported that the annual dues collection is nearing completion. His latest CEFCU statement agrees with his record with a saving's account balance of \$1403.59 and a checking balance of \$69.54.

**Logo T-Shirts:** John Keen reported that our club's logo t-shirt project is nearing completion. He has just a few left that members have spoken for but not picked up or paid for. A special "thanks" to John for his efforts.

**PAWs 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:** Norm reminded us that our 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a woodworking club is rapidly approaching. It seemed to be a general agreement that we do need to recognize the event. The Woodworker's Shop is having a Wood Expo in March and it was suggested that part of our "anniversary" could be a participation in that. Expect some discussion about the anniversary Wednesday evening.

### Show & Tell:

**Russ Marie:** Russ brought a seasonal pine sit down/hang up candle scone with a glass chimney and one of several keepsake quality scroll sawn nativity scenes he has made.



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**Vic McDonald:** Vic finished his 5<sup>th</sup> 3-dimensional “bull moose” intarsia project. It involved cutting, shaping and fitting some 60 plus individual pieces in a layered pattern to add an appropriate degree of depth perception. The antlers were butternut and the darker parts were walnut. The “moose” between the antlers is not part of the intarsia. It’s Vic himself.



**Bernie Piercy:** Bernie made this military flag and memorabilia display for his father. The table top is triangle shaped with a rim on the edge sitting just proud enough to hold the box securely. The polished brass hardware and trim highlight the display and the finish. When closed, the “upside” of the box is a raised panel.



**Dale Chenoweth:** Dale & his grandson made this fine pair of stackable plywood saw horses. Note the replaceable/sacrificial strips on the top of the bottom saw horse and the overall fit and finish of each piece. It’s a piece of work to be proud of.



**Karl Nerstad:** Karl brought photos of a fine doll house he assembled from a kit. It’s not an easy or just an overnight task...but, it is a project that gets a grandpa into the Christmas spirit.

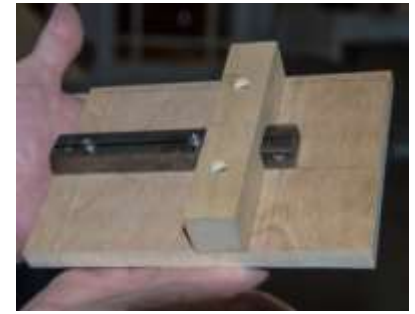


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**Bill Webster:** Bill brought three shop built projects...a fixture that controls the tendency for an extended length drill bit to wander off center when drilling the hole for a long knuckled joint.



Move the fixture along the hinge line advancing a knuckle ahead of the bit thus keeping it alignment.

To the right is an example of Bill's shop built blast gates. They were/are inexpensive, work great and are self-cleaning.



The 3<sup>rd</sup> project was the "checker joint." He drilled a center hole in a pair of poker chips/checkers that had serrations on the outer rim then glued them to a matching pair of wooden strips. With a thumbscrew through the center hole and a wing-nut, it became a functional hinge that was surprisingly sturdy and could be locked in any position. That's a poor description but we missed the "photo opportunity."

**Dave Lawson:** Bill Webster brought his shop built Moxon vise to our October meeting. It was, as Bill said, just fun to use. I was impressed. And, I had just the board squirreled away just begging to be used...a 7' x 9" x 1 7/8" piece of maple. I purchased the "hardware kit" from Bill, i.e., the Acme thread rod, nuts, washers, bushings and the "weights" and came up with the vise shown here.



**Lessons learned:** (1). If portability is desirable, don't make it so big. (2). If your favorite projects are smaller as mine will typically be, don't make it so big. (3). If the pain of bumping into the threaded rods bothers you, keep it handy but out of the aisle. **Result:** My "re-do version" will be just about half-size of what's in the photo and Bill was right...it is fun to use but it will be even more fun to use when it is smaller and mounted in the right place.



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We will be looking forward to seeing everybody at the Woodworker's Shop Wednesday evening, January 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30. We will be talking about box making and probably a bit more. The library will be open and available before, during and a bit after the meeting. Bring your "mad money" for the 50/50 drawing and cross your fingers and hope to win the \$35 Woodworker's Shop Gift Card.

One last thing....Norm received a note over the holidays from Bill Schulz. It sounded as if it were meant for all of us so I've tacked it on here. I know he would appreciate a note back.

*"Hi guys! Everything is ok here in my retirement community but I sure do miss by scrolling & workshop. I had no place to put it up here so I had to sell it all. Bummer! Health wise, I'm doing ok. The legs are getting better (arthritis) thanks to the therapy. So, have a nice holiday, Bill Schulz"*

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