

Notice

Woodworker's Club Meeting
Wednesday, February 18th @ 6:30 PM
The Woodworker's Shop, East Manito Rd., Pekin

Wednesday's Program: Google SketchUp For Woodworkers

Khaled Mohammad has used SketchUp and other such programs a good bit and has volunteered to present an introductory tutorial on **Google SketchUp For Woodworkers**. It is the basic free version of SketchUp that is tailored to a woodworker's needs. It provides a way for a relative novice to produce computer generated sketches, shop drawings, 3-D models, cut lists and more.

Notes From The January 21st Meeting

Business Meeting: Treasurer, Norm Bartlett reported that the club treasury balance shown on the 01/10/2015 CEFCU statement was \$2,198.06 in Savings and \$17.15 in checking. With no checks or major bills outstanding, those figures reconciled with the club's record.

Drawings: Gary Knapp was the lucky winner of the \$35 Woodworker's Shop Gift Card and Dave Lawson won the 50/50 Drawing.

Program: Carvers Bill Frerking & Cliff Shoemaker of the Morton Area Woodcarver's Association provided the evening's program assisted by Jim Seelye "on camera." As Bill carved, Cliff provided commentary on carving knives, wood selection, attaining "scary sharp" cutting edges and more.

The close-up view on the monitor was quite effective.



Show & Tell

A.J. Gatzmayer – A.J. tells us that in times past, a little box or chest of drawers like this may have sat on a shelf in a drafting or art supply store. The case has 14 pencil depth drawers of a width to hold three “dozen packs” side-by-side. That would have been just one use for such a neat little chest of drawers.

If I have the story right, A.J. made the first as a gift for a family member. It was well received or, it must have been, because in the following months, he made 28 of them.

The boxes are mostly pine. No nails/screws. The drawer pulls are repurposed hobby shop “candle holders.” The finish is a 50-50 poly & thinner mix plus just a few drops of mahogany oil stain to give it just a bit of a tint.



Mark Padesky – Mark wore out the 43” handle on his “oldie but goodie” cant. Having a shorter bed on his lathe, he put the word out to find a longer one. Bill Frerking came to his aid and let him turn the piece on his lathe. Mark says he can go anywhere when he carries his “big handled cant.”



John Goodenough – John has a new General scroll saw. He is working his way through a “How To” book and having a good time doing it.



Question?
Do frogs have teeth?
Guess some do...some don't.



Russ Marie – A friend asked Russ if he could make “rustic” cabinets for the kitchen in his “rustic” cabin. As he pondered “rustic,” he recalled that he had some cedar boards sawn out of a few large salvaged “pole butts” (the big end of a pole) some time ago. Most of it he used as fence boards around his yard but, not all of it. Here is what he did with the rest.



The first view is of the base. Note the inside corner where a lazy Susan might be used. But, that wouldn't be “rustic.” So, to “do rustic,” in the corner, he fashioned a sliding set of drawers. In the middle picture the drawer unit is in its “stored” position, i.e., pushed to the right. The drawer unit is on rollers and it, even loaded, pulls to the left easily for access to the drawers. The drawers are fully suspended and the unit can't tip. It can only roll to the left.



A rather “rustic application” for repurposed pole butts, don't you think.

Enhanced Show & Tell:

Our new (new to us) audio-visual equipment has added a good bit to our Show & Tell capabilities. When you have a project that doesn't lend itself to “travel,” consider taking pictures of it. Russ originally took pictures of the cabinets shown above just for Show & Tell. The camera picked up the images just fine from an 8 x 10 print for display on the big screen tv.

It is a good idea to talk to Jim Seelye ahead of time to be sure that what you would like to do is compatible with the capabilities we now have. You may be able to bring in a print, memory card, cd or something else and show it just fine.

On a sad note...club member, Gus Waeltz, 88, of Morton passed away Tuesday, Jan. 27, 2015, at home.

He was born on May 11, 1926, in New Athens, Ill. He married Maria C. "Marille" Fuchs on June 30, 1956.

He served in the [U.S. Navy](#) in [World War II](#) aboard the carrier USS Cowpens, and in the [Korean War](#) in VA923 aboard the carrier USS Bon Homme Richard.



He graduated from Washington University in St. Louis with a degree in mechanical engineering. He joined Caterpillar in 1953 and retired in 1989 as the chief standards engineer.

After retirement, he enjoyed woodworking and traveled the world with his wife, Marille, who survives him.

In our woodworking club, Gus was known for having made a number of fine decorative boxes. He will be missed.

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Reminders

Show & Tell is the “keystone” of every Woodworker's Club meeting. Every project is a winner. If you are having problems with a project, bring it in and usually there will be more than one suggestion on how to work your way through it.

Return any “overdue” library books/materials.

Don't forget to pay your 2015 dues. See Norm Bartlett.

Finally, thanks again to our fine friends at The Woodworker's Shop for their generous hospitality.

