

Peoria Area Woodworker's Club Newsletter
2015-02 February

Notice

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

March 18th Program: It's early Spring and most of us are finding out if the batteries in our cordless power tools, our lawn tractors, boats, motorcycles and other things survived the Winter. Jake Hagerdorn, of the Interstate Battery Center on Brandywine Dr. in Peoria can help us with that. He is coming to visit again to "talk batteries." He will review "battery basics," proper maintenance and care procedures and a bit about their experiences with the new lithium batteries. Then, he will host a "no holds barred" Question & Answer Session.

February 18th Meeting Notes: Some 31+ woodworking enthusiasts came to the Woodworker's Shop on one of the colder nights of the year. John Keen chaired the meeting and Khaled Mohammad presented the evening's program on SketchUp For Woodworkers.

Business Meeting: Treasurer, Norm Bartlett, reported that the balance on our CEFCU statement dated 02/14/15 was \$2,240.35 in Savings and \$52.15 in Checking and that those figures were in agreement with his records.

New Business: The Woodworker's Shop invited us to participate in their upcoming **Wood Expo** on Friday-Saturday, March 6-7. Volunteers included Jim Seelye who will set up his Show & Tell-Power Point presentation to run continuously on the big screen. Bill Frerking offered to demonstrate chip carving and pyrography techniques. Russ Marie will demo the Excalibur Scroll Saw for the Woodworker's Shop. Bill Wiese plans to demo his shop-built dovetail fixture set-up on a tablesaw and other members will bring Show & Tell projects for display. Our Wood Expo participations have always yielded leads to prospective members. Member participation and support will be appreciated.

We have also been contacted by Wildlife Prairie Park's Education Director about a weekend demo of how woodworking could be a wintertime hobby. No decision has been made due to the pressures of other priorities. But, such an event may have possibilities for later in the year.

Drawings: John Keen was the lucky winner of the \$35 Woodworker's Shop Gift Card and Andy Kosirog won the 50/50 drawing.

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Program: Khaled Mohammad took us through a tutorial on Google's basic version of SketchUp. It is a 3D-modeling program used to create sketches, detailed shop drawings, 3D models, cut lists and more. With some practice, one can "build" on paper" before taking tools to wood. It is downloadable from Google. There are free versions and others that are "not so free.

Several members already have it and more will be giving it a try. Our thanks to Khaled for his "kick start." More to follow.



Show & Tell:

John Clark: John built this fitting room mirror for his daughter-in-law. The three mirrors are well reinforced on the backside. The center mirror is mounted solidly to the base to provide vertical stability. The two side mirrors are hinged to the center mirror. The base is up on casters for necessary mobility and to add some height. When not in use, the side mirrors fold inward and the unit can be easily moved out of the way.



Del Luedtke: Del has "upped his game" with his new General Excalibur Scroll Saw. He gave us a look at one of the "puzzled angels" sawn from some well figured maple. The natural tone of the Danish oil finish further accented the wood's distinctive grain pattern.



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John Freimuth: Now all of Grandpa John's grandkids have their very own rocking chairs. This one is for Anna (as one might conclude from the carving on the front). It is made from soft pine. It is sturdy, stable (resists rocking to far back) and, all sharp edges were well rounded as they should be.



Antique cut nails added a rustic touch. He wasn't sure about where they came from but they were interestingly shaped and different from any others he has used. As the nails added just the right touch to Anna's chair, it was the poly finish that presented the challenge when he tried to push the cold weather envelope just a bit. But haven't we all.



Norm Bartlett: Norm needed a Valentine's Day gift so he called upon his scroll sawing skills to make these collapsible baskets. The larger basket was sawn from 3/4" oak veneer plywood. The smaller one is from 3/4" oak. Both did collapse and open flawlessly. The small horizontal tab at the base provided upright stability.



Mark Padesky: Mark made these "heirloom scratch awls" from Woodcraft kits/plans. The kit provided the metal parts leaving the turning, fitting and finishing to Mark. He used walnut on the two darkest awls, ash on the lighter and koa on the other. Doubt any of these directly replaced his old "go to awl" just yet but, after a year/so...maybe.



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John Goodenough: John has a new Excalibur scroll saw and is diligently working his way through a scroll sawing skill building tutorial. He's making headway. We've seen what he could do with his "entry level" saw so we should see some more intricate pieces shortly....possibly another heirloom quality chess set.



Vic McDonald: Vic wanted to stay "on game" after the holidays. So, so he took up the challenge of making a couple of spiral ornaments with floating banners inside.



Well, Vic, it looks as if you "still got it."

New Member: Meet Ben Madigan from Bartonville. He's recently retired and looking to explore some worthwhile leisure time activities...like woodworking. You came to the right place, Ben. Welcome.



Audio Visual Progress: Jim Seelye has taken us another step forward in our audio-visual journey. He found a way to update the large screen's software so it could accept a signal directly from a laptop without going through the projector. For us, it means an easier path to using pictures, cd's, or memory cards for Show & Tell presentations. When you think you need something other than bringing the piece in for Show & Tell, please give Jim Seelye a call ***ahead of time*** to work out the details. 309-346-4609. seelyjv@itv-3.com.

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