

Peoria Area Woodworker's Club Newsletter  
2015-03 March

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**Notice**

**Woodworker's Club Meeting**  
**Wednesday, April 15<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 PM**  
**The Woodworker's Shop, East Manito Rd., Pekin**

**April 15<sup>th</sup> Program:** Paul Cobb & Jason Snyder will “share the spotlight” Wednesday evening. Paul has just returned from “wintering” in Arizona with a “pictorial tour” of the facility where he teaches woodturning. Then, because we are yet to see an “Error Reset” button on a band saw, Jason Snyder will give us an essential “refresher course” (for some), a “tutorial” (for the rest of us) on basic band saw operations, maintenance practices and, by all means, doing it safely.

**March 18<sup>th</sup> Meeting Notes:**

**Jake Hagerdorn**, of the Interstate Battery Center on Brandywine Dr. in Peoria came to our meeting to talk about battery basics, maintenance and care processes, what to do and, what not to do and, what's new with the lithium batteries. It was an interesting and informative presentation and we appreciated his sharing his knowledge and time.

**Business Meeting:** Treasurer, **Norm Bartlett**, reported a balance from our CEFCU statement dated 03/14/15 of \$2,240.61 in Savings and \$12.55 in Checking. Those figures were in agreement with his club records.

**New Business:** Les Linton proposed that we participate in Pekin's Marigold Festival in September. He suggested we stock a booth with member crafted and donated woodworking items with the intent selling them and donating the entire proceeds to area children's charities. The proposal passed on a “show of hands” vote on (1) that we do participate and (2) that the club funds the entry fee. Watch for more details as we get organized to make it happen.

**Drawings:** Dwayne Allen was the lucky winner of the \$35 Woodworker's Shop Gift Card and A.J. Gatzmeyer picked up the 50/50 prize.

**New Members:** Five new members joined us at the meeting. Tim Wilcoxon of Benson, Tom Robertson of Bartonville, Tad Martin of Atlanta, Mike Nesbitt of Washington, and Richard Durr of Peoria. Welcome gentlemen.

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### Show & Tell:

**Norm Bartlett:** Norm made this graduation picture frame as a keepsake to display his youngest granddaughter's school pictures. The twelve smaller opening will have the year-to-year school pictures with the latest, or the earliest or their favorite in the center. It is red oak with a Varathane Diamond poly finish.



**Mark Pedesky:** With patience and persistence Mark turned this fine vessel out of a piece of sycamore that otherwise might have found it's way to the fireplace. Nice "save" Mark.



**A.J. Gatzemeyer:** A.J. found his "pattern clock" a little tall at 23" so he modified it to 15" which works out to a more pleasant ratio of height and width.

But, wait for it, wait for it...no, he isn't making just one. The clocks were a hit with the whole family. He's making 30.

Choices (so far) in material include rip sawn oak, Brazilian cherry, walnut and douglas fir.

Choices in finish include a finish in antique cherry red, mission oak brown or Brazilian cherry.



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**Vic McDonald:** Vic needed a “skill builder.” The spirals or spring like pieces Vic made started out as 1 ¼” dowel rods. He wanted to see what he could do with a spiral blade on a scroll saw. Well, now he knows. “Spirals.” But, not many could make them like he did. Don’t believe me...try it.



**Bill Frerking Jr.** Bill made this “Maximilian Innovation Award” desk/shelf plaque to recognize a co-worker’s achievement. The difficult part, may have been turning the sphere. It came from a block of cedar. Bill Sr. got involved in the lettering on the base. The unit sitting atop the sphere is a lunar rover.



**Richard Durr:** New member, Richard Durr, enjoys working with laminations. The tear drop shapes are keepsake boxes of paduke, maple, walnut & cedar. The rolling pin is of bloodwood and maple. The cross is from zebra wood, walnut, maple & bloodwood. The “host” in the center of the cross represents the “bread of life.”



I probably didn’t get the woods right and the pictures certainly fallshort of showing the precision of his handiwork and I apoligize for that. Perhaps we can get Richard to show us how he does it. Fine work.



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**Website: Web Master, Dave Esme**, has notified us that our new web site is now active. Check it out at [peoriawoodworkers.org](http://peoriawoodworkers.org). We owe Dave a special thanks for his efforts.

**Show & Tell Assistance:** When you want to show a project that is large, heavy, installed or maybe delivered elsewhere, consider photographs. Most of us have digital cameras now and those pictures show well on the Power Point presentations Jim Seelye has on his laptop. He can accommodate cd's, memory cards, or printed photographs. It is best, however to give Jim a call in a day or so in advance so there are no surprises at Show & Tell time. **Jim Seelye, 309-346-4609** or [seelyjv@itv-3.com](mailto:seelyjv@itv-3.com).

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**Classifieds:** If/when you have woodworking tools/items for sale, we can rather easily send out a “flyer” to the members on our email listing. Glad to do it. Just send it to me. If there are questions/difficulties, we will work something out.

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