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**Richard Durr:** Keepsake boxes come in all shapes, sizes, materials and colors. Here, Richard is showing a bowling pin box, and different teardrop heart shaped laminations and natural colored duck shaped boxes. The cruxifix he makes typically have three distressed, burnt nails..all impressive work.



**Bill Wiese:** It was cold out when Bill started on this workbench. It has some of the design features of both the Woodsmith's Shaker-Style and Highland Woodworking's Split Top Roubo bench design worked into it.



The sturdy Douglas fir legs were once part of a local distiller's whiskey barrel rack.

The 4" top is 3/4" x 3" cherry over 1" MDF. The "split" in the top is 19 1/2" back from the front. It holds a "back board" so the leg vise can clamp front-to-back widths of up to 20 inches. It shows well in a following picture.



The Benchcrafted Leg Vise virtually eliminates racking, has a full 9" workable depth and, a very powerful grip. The scissor action of the "St. Peter's Cross" takes advantage of the mass and free spinning action of the hand wheel to provide a smooth, free-wheeling movement that it is just fun to use.

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A Benchcrafted Tail Vise is mounted on the right front corner. It's mechanism (center picture) extends some 14"-16" forward/horizontally. Handcrafted bench dogs fit into "sockets" evenly spaced along the front of the bench to yield a clamping capacity of four/five feet.



We could ask Bill about the fine looking croquet mallet on the bench but he might be saving that for a later Show & Tell. In the meantime, we should definitely express our appreciation to him for bringing his workbench in for all to see. Thank you, Bill.

*All in all, it was quite an evening and we ended up with an amazing "inventory" for our Marigold booth and there is still room for more. If you have something you would like to donate, call Jim Seelye @ 309-346-4609. The inventory moves to the booth Saturday morning.*

*If you can denote a bit of your time at the booth, it will be appreciated as well. Please call Jim Seelye@ 309-346-4609 [seelyjv@itv-3.com](mailto:seelyjv@itv-3.com)*

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**Our next meeting at the Woodworker's Shop will be on the evening of Wednesday, September 16<sup>th</sup>.**

**Any of the donated projects that didn't happen to sell will be available for pickup at the meeting.**