

**Woodworker's Club Meeting**  
**Wednesday, May 18<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 PM**  
**The Woodworker's Shop, East Manito Rd., Pekin.**

**April 19th Meeting Notes:** President, Khalid Mohammad called the meeting of April 19th to order.

**Business Meeting:** Treasurer Norm Bartlett forwarded the CEFCU statement and has reported the sum of \$2,529.79 in the club's savings account and an additional \$49.34 in checking. And as usual, those figures reconciled with the CEFCU statement dated 4/9/2016.

**Drawings:** Lester Ruckle was the lucky winner of the 50/50 drawing and Les Linton won the \$35 Woodworker's Store Gift Card. 37 members attended including three new members, Mike Hawley from Washington and Mark Salrin and Denny Dukes, both from Marquette Heights. A big welcome to our newest members

**May Meeting:** John Goodenough will give a presentation on scroll saw work and for our June meeting A.J. Gatzemeyer will give a demonstration on the technique he used to fuse the glass patterns he showed in the April meeting.

**April Presentation:** Gene Lair brought in the Rattan hamper he is working on to show some of the necessary and from my point of view difficult steps to successfully assemble and weave a Rattan Piece.

Earlier this year, Roland Behrens introduced us to the 7-Step Method Of Hand Weaving Rattan material into a chair seat. That inspired Gene Lair to venture further into "wicker" which is the general process of weaving. "Caining" refers to the materials being used. A skill building "wicker" project Gene suggested might be similar to the rattan clothes hamper he shared with us.

"Wicker" can be looked at as an offshoot of "woodworking." The internet is an amazing resource for information on materials and the skill building that will lead to mastering the craft. The tool requirement seem minimal. It doesn't require a great deal of work space or considerations like sawdust abatement but it will take patience and tenacity. If "wicker" doesn't inspire you, you might not like knitting either. If we all enjoyed the same things, it would be a uninteresting world, would it not.

Most of the Rattan that Gene uses is imported from China. The weaving is done keeping the Rattan strips wet and flexible. Gene's work always comes out great and the patience required to accomplish that puts him right up their with Job!!



Expect to see Gene's finished hamper in an upcoming Show & Tell.



**Show & Tell:** As usual, we had a pretty nice show and tell. Below is at least one of what everyone brought in.

April Meeting Note: Les Linton made a motion to add a gift card drawing for those that bring items in for Show & Tell. The motion was seconded and passed. Each person that brings in a show and tell item will be given a ticket and the lucky person drawn at the end of show and tell will receive a Woodworker Shop gift card.



**A.J.Gatzemeyer:** A. J. brought in five framed fused glass patterns that he developed using BullsEye useable glass.

The frames were all done with wormy oak.

A.J. will give a presentation on how he made the unique patterns at the June meeting.

**Vic McDonald:** Vic brought in another version of his “original” moose. this one with a nightcap and heart. This one was made using butternut, cherry, aspen and light walnut. Another very nice project.





**Dave Esme:** Dave brought in a few of his bass fishing lures. Plans came from a Wood magazine and required band saw, dremel and I'm guessing a lot of sandpaper. Paint was done using acrylics. Oh, and he even caught some fish with them!!

**Marc Padesky:** Mark scaled the Wordsmith season 7 Garden Bench plan to fit his material and came up with this beautiful bench. A lot of angles make this piece really unique. Not sure if it is going to be setting in the garden, but this one would be welcome in almost any room... Nice work Mark!!





**Rich Espe:** Rich brought in a John Deere tractor produced from the Toys & Joys collection. Tractor is oak and the wheels are walnut. Rich also brought in the fixture he made for cutting the treads on the tires. Another great example.

**Dave Lawson:** Dave brought in a cutting board that he made as a wedding gift. Dave noted that he had let a few of his woodworking skills get a little rusty and he ended up cutting and trimming 3 times to get to the “scaled” piece he brought in. All in all a very nice hard maple piece. When did you say the wedding was???



**And a final note:** On Monday I received a call from Sandy Garza from the Crittenton Centers asking if we would be attending their 2016 Circle of Hands Giving Society Reception at the Janssen Building. They were wanting to include the club in their thanks for what we were able to provide them after the Marigold festival last year.

I was able to get Dave Lawson to be my wingman and we attended. A lot of thank you remarks were made by their members and we were told that the rest of what we had left for them was sold at their Christmas event.

They of course are hoping that we can continue again in 2016. I guess that can be an agenda item at an upcoming meeting.

See everyone next week.

Les

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