

Woodworker's Club Meeting
Wednesday, May 17th @ 6:30 PM
The Woodworker's Shop, East Manito Rd., Pekin.

April 19th Meeting Notes: President, A. J. Gatzmeyer called the meeting of April 19th to order.

Business Meeting: Treasurer Norm Bartlett forwarded the CEFCU statement and has reported the sum of \$2,347.67 in the club's savings account and an additional \$95.96 in checking. And as usual, those figures reconciled with the CEFCU statement dated 4/8/2017.

Drawings: Les Linton was the lucky winner of the 50/50 drawing and John Freimuth won the \$35 Woodworker's Store Gift Card. Our \$25 gift card for show and tell was won by Russ Marie. 45 members attended.

For the May meeting At this time we do not have an agenda for the May meeting. I will put out a notice the week before the meeting as a reminder to everyone and include the agenda at that time.

April Meeting:

Arborist Brandon Dobnick or Dobnick Timerworks, Oswego, IL drove down to give a presentation on the use of "Urban Wood" and his quest to sustain what we already have and preserve this planet we live on. Rather than trying to describe his cause I am simply adding part of the mission statement from the Dobnick Timberworks web site. dobnicktimberworks.com

"Our Mission is to continue the legacy of our living landscapes through sustainably recycling urban trees by finding their highest purpose. We refuse to harvest any of our wood solely for its raw timber value, rather, a hundred percent of our wood has been harvested from trees within our urban landscapes which have died and/or needed to be removed for reasons other than timber value, i.e. Dutch elm disease, emerald ash borer, and other issues. All of our wood is harvested/collected locally within a fifty mile radius."

Brandon described some of the issues with trees that we are losing. How, when and why he chooses to harvest trees and showed several examples of the items he produces and the beautiful slabs he is able to provide.

With all the questions Brandon answered after the meeting, it was a late night for him getting home. I want to personally thank Brandon for a wonderful presentation.

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Les Linton: Les brought in a shelf piece that he made to participate in the 2x4 challenge at the Grundy County Woodworkers Club.



Carl Miller Carl brought in this beautiful “Cradle Boat”. I appears to have been used for a few different family members and will likely be remember forever.



A.J. Gatzemeyer: A.J. showed off some of the boxes he produced using inexpensive frames as his base. Nice job.



Vic McDonald: Vic continues his intarsia moose collection.



Rich Espe: Another awesome Toys & Joys project by Rich. An Excavator.



Mark Podesky: Mark, obviously tired of burning his hands produced some simple "oven sticks."



Louis Knief: Now some of us can really do magic with wood, but Louis was able to turn a piano into a lamp!!! Good use of resources.



John Goodenough: John brought in a couple of his end grain cutting board. Very complex pattern. Nice job John.



Jerry Wallis: Jerry brought in a couple of pieces he acquired on trips abroad. A carving and cane.



Show and Tell Note:

Bernie Piercy: Bernie brought in a Kreg Jig joint and I did not have a picture that actually showed that. We will do better next time. Sorry Bernie.

Dave Esme: Dave brought in Sandy Post, a writer for some of the local general news publications in the area. Sandy is considering including information on our club in some of the upcoming publications she writes for.



Dave Lawson: Dave is displaying one of the new hats that Vic McDonald brought in. For hats, contact Vic.



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