

***** Merry Christmas*****

Peoria Area Woodworker's Club Meeting
Wednesday, December 18th @ 6:30
The Woodworker's Shop on Manito Rd., Pekin

Tomorrow evening, our meeting will highlight a Show & Tell of projects members have made (or may still be making) as Christmas presents for this Christmas or perhaps a Christmas past. A hospitality will be provided by our resident "Refreshments Elf," John Keen. Expect to have LaGondola sandwiches, chips, cookies and more but, should you feel so inclined, feel free to bring a side dish or something seasonal to share. After all, few things make a woodworker smile like the smell of sawdust, a SawStop for a table and a plateful of goodies.

November 20th Meeting: President, Dan Withrow, called the meeting of some 33 Peoria Area Woodworkers together at the Woodworker's Shop promptly at 6:30.

Business Meeting: Treasurer, Norm Bartlett, reported that the club's CEFCU statement listed a balance of \$2,193.47 in savings and \$128.88 in checking. Those figures reconciled with his record.

Drawings: The 50-50 cash drawing winner was Bill Wiese, Dan Withrow won the \$25 Woodworker's Shop Gift Card for Show & Tell Participation and Jim Doering won the \$35 Woodworker's Shop Gift Card from the attendance drawing.

Show & Tell:

Dan Withrow: Last month, Dan entered a prototype in the 2 x 4 contest. This is the "real thing." Now he has two good ones.

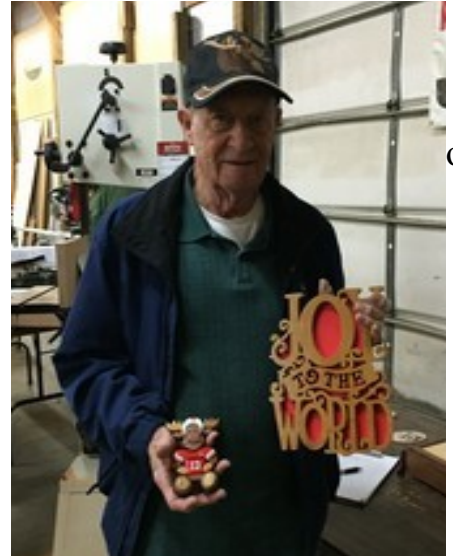
A.J. Gatzemeyer: A.J.'s brother enlisted him to make him a box for "old car brake tools." The wood is sassafras. The lid slides to the right to open. A place for everything and everything in it's place.



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Vic McDonald: In keeping with the Yule Tide season, Vic repurposed some 1/2" old oak to make his fine "Joy To The World" plaque. But it is also football season, e.g., the little Nebraska intarsia moose. His wiry smile came from two pieces of wire. Everything else (some 19 pieces) were of butternut, aspen and walnut. One can bet cutoffs get pretty small before they go into Vic's trash can.



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Carl Miller: Carl is a woodturner that bought a scroll saw. It looks as if he is getting the hang of it. Expect to see more.



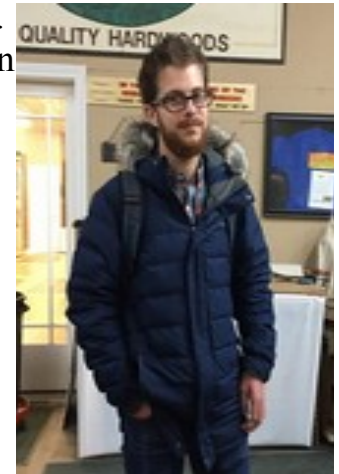
Mark Padesky: Mark made this fine keepsake box. The sides are walnut, the legs are purple heart, not sure what the top was but the knob was hand crafted aluminum. All-in-all, a fine "keepsake."



Jason Clayton: Jason addressed the “pine elephant” in the room. It’s actually a little piggy bank. Hollowed out by stack cutting layers. Not sure if the little camper is a piggy bank as well but it could have been.



Wesley Thill: Meet Wesley Thill, Event Coordinator for River City Labs. The following came from their website. River City Labs is a volunteer run Makerspace. A Makerspace is a club/community of makers, tinkers, hobbyists and creators who, for a membership fee, share a physical space, tools, knowledge and ideas. They have a wood shop, metal shop, electronics lab, laser cutters, 3d printers, vinyl cutter and more. It is member run. Check out their website then, should you be interested, attend a Thursday evening open house for a tour and a chance to talk to their members.



River City Labs -7916 N. Hale Ave., Peoria, Il.
Website: <rivercitylabs.space>

Russ Marie: A special thanks to Russ for his discussion of the finer points of tuning a bandsaw for resawing. He certainly makes it seem to be such a simple procedure. Perhaps it is practice.



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