

Peoria Area Woodworker's Club Newsletter 2022 – April

Peoria Area Woodworker's Club Meeting

Wednesday, April 20th

President, Les Linton, opened the meeting with a welcome to all and a thank you to those who helped he and Lee Gatzemeyer replace the cardboard box protection we had for our audio visual equipment with a sturdy well made wooden cabinet.



Following, Les gave his own presentation on wood shop safety along the lines of “*when it doesn't feel right, it probably isn't safe either.*” He gave the 26 member audience plenty to think about. It was well done and much appreciated.

The introduction and presentation led up to the break where John Keen may have out done his previous best with bacon wrapped little cocktail “doggies” in a bbq sauce. All in all, it was an enjoyable meeting despite it being a cold, dark rainy night.

Business Meeting

Treasurer, Norm Bartlett's reported a balance in the club's CEFCU saving account of \$1,295.27 plus an additional \$76.28 in checking. His record did agree with the corresponding CEFCU statement.

Norm's also mentioned that we currently have a total of 47 members in good standing meaning that they have paid their annual dues.

Drawings: Mark Padesky won the \$25 Show & Tell Participation Woodworker's Shop Gift Card. Tom Fidler won the \$35 Attendance Gift Card and Lee Gatzemeyer picked up the 50-50 winnings.

Show & Tell:

Carl Miller: As he accumulated more worthy collectibles, Carl started making finger jointed storage boxes for them. A great leisure time activity and a worthwhile utilization of cutoff materials. In the other hand, he is holding a type of bee hive he likes to make for Mason Bees. Mason bees are native to this area. They are heavy pollinators of most everything, good neighbors and they don't sting. Quite a story if you google them and learn of all they do for us.



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Les Linton: The box on the left is the product of a CNC skill builder exercise. It is a “candle box.” He did the kumiko like work on his CNC but notice also, the joinery.

The shadow box protects key artifacts from his earlier days on the railroad. No digital locks or cell phone time pieces in those days.



Bill Wiese: Bill used his MicroJig MatchFit Accessories to make fixtures for these boxes or trays for incidental storage applications. He also presented a MicroFit assisted Kreg Pocket Hole fixture that wasn't in the pictures.



John Freimuth: John made this fine white oak box with walnut insets as a gift for his wife.



Lee Gatzemeyer: Lee fashioned an unusual cell phone stand from a machinist's scribe. Looks as if it might work well in a stationary application. It has it's appeal. The box has an epoxy inlay. He mixed colored caulk dust in the epoxy to get the translucent hue.



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Vic McDonald: Vic made this small trinket box to look like a pair of glasses. Worked in there is some walnut, mahogany, aromatic cedar, zebra and a pair of golf tees.



John Goodenough: John just finished the second of a pair of purple heart and maple zig-zag boxes. He enjoyed making them and he will enjoy donating them to a favorite charity.



Fritz Schoenbein: Fritz made this rustic memory box from some ash and walnut that he had around for a good while. Notice the joinery. Sturdy little piece.



Larry Coggins: Larry turned this fine little round ring box. Neat piece.



Larry Truckenmiller: Larry made this well done walnut keepsake box. Good finish complete with a full compliment of finger joinery.



Brian Berchtold: The box on the left is maple with matched the grain all around. He used his



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CNC on the oval box. Oddly enough, he said that these little boxes are easy to give away. Wonder if there is a waiting list.

Russ Marie: Russ rustled up some resawn cherry, warmed up his scroll saw and turned out these delicately decorated letter holders. The pictures fail to show how precisely the pattern is sawn. You still got it, Russ.



Mark Pedesky: Mark used white oak to encase authentic mid and large sized post office boxes. He sized the end grain with a 50-50 glue wash and applied a honey maple finish.



All in all, it was quite an interesting Show & Tell.

The primary area of interest in tomorrow evening's Show & Tell is "yard art." That might include bird houses, bird feeders, bee hives, flower boxes and, of course, anything else. Remember that bringing a project qualifies you for an entry in the S & T Participation Drawing for a \$25 Woodworker's Shop Gift Card.

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