



Newsletter

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April 2011

President's Letter

MWA's next meeting will be Monday April 25th starting at 7:00 pm at Boone County Millworks. If you are interested in making 5 Shaker baskets this August 5th & 6th and have not signed up please see Clyde Rea at the meeting as the class is starting to fill up.

Tom Stauder presented the March program. Tom gave an excellent presentation on building models / mock-ups of fine furniture that he makes for himself or is commissioned to make. These models are an excellent way of communicating with the client what the design and scale of the completed project will be. Models give both Tom & his clients opportunities to make changes without wasting expensive wood or labor. They also help Tom figure out what kind of jigs he will need for the project and in what order the components should be cut out and assembled. Again an outstanding program that I hope that you did not miss.

Everyone has need to use sharp edge tools with their woodworking projects. There are many sharpening methods and systems on the market that are somewhat expensive. Our own Ben Colley will present our April program on "Scary Sharpening System". Ben is an outstanding presenter and you will not want to miss his excellent program on a fairly inexpensive but highly successful method of sharpening.

Safety!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

We all need to take a step back and think about being safe in our work. Don't do what I did last week.

Mistake One: I was using a pull saw on a thin piece of plywood to cut some leg pads for my new lathe. I was holding the piece of plywood on the top of my mini lathe. The saw grabbed the wood, it moved violently on the pull cut and sliced my left thumb badly. LESSON LEARNED - always secure the work properly before working on it and keep your hands/fingers away from the saw.

Mistake Two: I was limbing the top of a downed tree with my smaller chainsaw. A 2" branch pinched the saw and I gave the saw more gas to finish the cut, instead on finishing the cut, the saw kicked back violently. I realized what was going to happen and tried to twist my body out of the way. The saw missed most of my body but the chain tip brushed my left leg making mince meat out of the skin. I'm on the mend and will have the four rows of stitches removed when I see you Monday evening. LESSON LEARNED - stop the saw immediately when it pinches no matter how thick the limb is. I have also ordered some chainsaw safety chaps.

Upcoming Events:

Toy workshop Thursday April 28th at 6:30 pm at the PET Facility on Heriford Drive. Please bring your car/truck bodies to work on. We also need our membership to help do various activities needed to make a car at the workshop.

Hands-on woodturning session at my house Thursday May 5th starting at 6:30 pm. Bring your small lathes, tools, blanks, and folks interesting in turning for a relaxing fun evening. There should be lathe time available to those that don't have a small lathe. Please park on the curb side of the street.

Looking forward to seeing and visiting with you at the above events. Also think about who you would like to nominate for Officers for next year.

Thank-you,

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March 2011 MWA Meetings

March 28, 2011

Officers meeting

Present Ernest Hilderbrand , Clyde Rea, Terry Selby, Tom Stauder, Darren Laupp, and Karl Haak
We discussed future programs, the picnic and the Shaker box workshop

Minutes

March 28, 2011

Meeting held at Boone County Millworks

Ernest Hildebrand president

16 members

2 guests

New member Royce Campbell was introduced

Dale Andrews is our new membership chairman

Minutes were read

Treasurer's report showed \$3244.27 in checking, \$1073.39 in CD and \$492.69 for turners

The Shaker box workshop was discussed. We need at least 2 more people to sign up and we need someone to help with 2 bedrooms for instructors

The picnic will be May 21st at Stephens Park Happy Hollow Shelter.

Tom Stauder gave us a very interesting program on how he designs projects using models.

The April program will be on sharpening

Show and tell

1. Darren Laupp showed a carousel horse intarsia
2. Mike Gentsh showed a blacksmith made double caliper

The door prize was won by Jacob Galloway

The Raffle was a miter saw and was won by Mike Gentsch. The raffle bought in \$55.00

Tentative Schedule of Future Events--2011 Midwest Woodworkers' Association

Date	Day	Time	Event
April 25, 2011	Monday	7:00 PM	Monthly meeting at Boone County Millwork
April 28, 2011	Thursday	6:30 PM	Toy Project at PET
May 21, 2011(tentative)	Saturday	11:30 AM	Annual Club Picnic; location TBA
May 26, 2011	Thursday	6:30 PM	Toy Project at PET
June 27, 2011	Monday	7:00 PM	Monthly meeting at Boone County Millwork

June 30, 2011	Thursday	6:30 PM	Toy Project at PET
July 25	Monday	7:00 PM	Monthly meeting at Boone County Millwork
July 28, 2011	Thursday	6:30 PM	Toy Project at PET
August 5 & 6, 2011	Friday and Saturday	Friday evening, all day Saturday	Shaker Box Workshop; Boone County Millwork
August 22, 2011	Monday	7:00 PM	Monthly meeting at Boone County Millwork
August 25, 2011	Thursday	6:30 PM	Toy Project at PET
September 17 & 18, 2011	Saturday and Sunday	9:00 AM to 5:00 PM	Display at Heritage Festival, Nifong Park
September 26, 2011	Monday	7:00 PM	Monthly meeting at Boone County Millwork
September 29, 2011	Thursday	6:30 PM	Toy Project at PET
October 8 & 9, 2011	Saturday and Sunday	9:00 AM to 5:00 PM	Display at Pumpkin Festival, Hartsburg, MO
October 24, 2011	Monday	7:00 PM	Monthly meeting at Boone County Millwork
October 27, 2011	Thursday	6:30 PM	Toy Project at PET
November 28, 2011	Monday	7:00 PM	Monthly meeting at Boone County Millwork
December 1, 2011	Thursday	6:30 PM	Toy Project at PET
December 5, 2011 (tentative)	Monday	6:00 PM	Annual Club Holiday Dinner; location TBA



Left: Tom Stauder demonstrates scale models he uses to design and build fine furniture. Right: Darren Laupp shows his intarsia carousel horse at the March MWA meeting



Left: Mike Gentzsh shows a double ended caliper at the March MWA meeting. Right: The walnut rocker I tried to win in a raffle at the Big Muddy Folk Festival in Boonville earlier this month. It was finely crafted by a woodworker in California.

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