



Newsletter

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April 2014

President's Letter

Greetings Woodworkers,

Our March meeting was very interesting. Topics varied from woodworking technique to sales tactics and tools. We were beneficiaries of a program by Ms. Chris Willow. Chris makes small wooden toys for small children, and started a company called mamaroots (no initial capital letter, ala e.e. cummings).

Her war stories touched a lot of chords in the audience. The basic concept, which she said is even more popular in Europe, is to provide toys that are natural (i.e. wood), that will last a long time, that are safe, and that provide non-electronic entertainment that is enjoyable and inspires creativity (e.g. making up stories to go with your little rabbit (or wooden car))! We could all relate.

Chris also related such practical stories as what web site she lists on, how payments work, how she ships stuff and charges for it, etc. We thank Chris greatly for her willingness to come and share her experiences with us.

Regarding the storied Chicago brand biscuit joiner from our last newsletter, that failed yet again to find a good home at our annual swap meet, you will be happy to know that after it was posted on Craig's List for free, someone finally took it!

For our April meeting coming up this next Monday (April 28th) we are going to go tour Cardwell Hardwoods in Jefferson City. Even though it is a drive, we are going to attempt it in our normal Monday night meeting slot. In order to still start the meeting at 7:00 (for their benefit and ours) please meet at Boone County Millworks at 6:00. We can carpool to Jeff City, and need to leave by 6:10. If you are running just a little late and would like for someone to wait for you, please call my cell phone at 573-356-7681 and we will see what we can do.

For those wanting to meet us there or wanting to look up directions in advance, Cardwell's address is: 5927 Business 50 West, Jefferson City, MO 65109. Their phone number is (573) 893-2836. I will also bring extra copies of the directions shown on Google Maps.

If you bring some rope or bungee cords, you can tie lumber to the top of my minivan (pray for no rain and not too many bugs!)---just in case you get carried away with Cardwell's stock and prices. Presumably others will also bring vehicles that could haul lumber back. Because we are car pooling, we need to help passengers out with hauling capacity.

NOTA BENE: At Boone County Millworks we need to meet and park in the front parking lot, and not in the back where we usually park. That way BC Millworks can lock up the back lot.

To repeat the Cardwell's event description from the last newsletter, in addition to an assortment of hardwoods that they will tell us all about, they have recently built a millwork shop they will show us, and they also have warehouses they are happy to show us if we show an interest (I think they are even getting in some pizza!). It promises to be a lot of fun.

Mark your calendars for the May meeting, which will be the annual MWA picnic. This year it will be on Saturday, May 31st (which conveniently does not conflict with either the Memorial Day weekend or most school graduations). We hold it on a weekend and invite the Coyote Hill children and staff. We all bring a dish, and hang out under a pavilion near a playground and barbecue and shoot the breeze and watch the kids have a good time. It's a hard deal to beat.

This year we are again holding the picnic at Albert Oakland Park, at Shelter number 2. It is an ideal set-up for a big picnic with children. Directions will be provided in the May MWA newsletter. For anyone who is interested, park maps are also available on the Columbia Parks and Recreation website.

Keep thinking of program ideas.

I hope you have all had opportunities to make sawdust. As usual lately, I have been chained to my desk at work, but continue to look forward to woodworking opportunities. I did mention last time some rehab work at work that is ongoing. Last time I shared my discovery that I could chisel out the top hinge hole to pull large sagging and dragging solid wood doors up a little. As mentioned, cutting off the bottom of the door also can work (provided that you are not already seeing daylight between the top of the door and the door frame when the door is closed!).

Since the last newsletter, I also learned that if you have a metal door, with no opportunity to affect the hinge hole and no easy way to trim it, you can also adjust the angle of the hang of the door (whatever the correct term would be for that) by placing washers between the hinge and the door frame, to push the door out a little. So I had a mop room metal door that was getting stuck on the new floor tile that we laid, on the half of the door away from the hinges (originally there was asphalt tile, but we replaced it with thicker ceramic tile. By placing two washers under the bottom hinge at each screw hole, I was able to angle the door up a little and clear the tile (I am always grateful when an easy solution works). Now, rather than continuing to amaze you with these highly technical woodworking (or quasi-woodworking) tips, I will mercifully close this up.

I hope to see you this Monday for our April meeting for which we are carpooling from Boone County Millworks [AT 6:00 RATHER THAN 7:00] to tour Cardwell Hardwoods in Jeff City. It promises to be a very interesting trip.

Be safe in the shop, and have fun.

Joe Gorman

February MWA Meetings

(Somehow these minutes wandered astray between Moberly and Columbia and didn't arrive in time for the March Newsletter)

Officers' Meeting

Meeting held at Boone County Millworks

Present: Terry Selby, Ernest Hildebrand, Joe Gorman, Steve Massman, Dale Andrews, and Karl Haak

1. We discussed future programs
2. We set a tentative date for the spring picnic as May 31
3. We discussed buying hats and tee shirts
4. We discussed having a meeting at a Mennonite cabinet shop at Versailles
5. We need a volunteer for vice president

Business Meeting

Meeting held at Boone County Millworks on February 24, 2014 at 7:00 PM

Joe Gorman, president

21 members present

Minutes were read

There was no treasurer's report

Ernest announced a toy workshop at the PET shop on February 27

He also said there would be a turners' workshop at his house on March 6

The tentative date for the spring picnic is May 31, 2014

We asked if anyone would be interested in having a meeting at a Mennonite cabinet shop in Versailles. Most seemed interested.

We discussed buying hats and tee shirts and quite a few were interested.

The program was a swap meet and members' jigs. Several people took home new goodies and Bob Youngquist showed a jig he made to use on a rip fence to make wing nuts for jigs.

Show and tell:

1. Don Bristow showed several boxes he made
2. Darren Laupp showed an intarsia dog he made

The raffle was a \$40.00 gift card from Lowes and was won by Don Bristow. The raffle brought in \$64.00.

March MWA Meetings

Officers' meeting

Meeting held on March 24, 2014

Present:, Terry Selby ,Ernest Hildebrand , Don Bristow ,Joe Gorman ,Dale Andrews and Karl Haak

1. We discussed programs
2. Don Bristow volunteered to serve as vice president
- 3 The picnic was discussed
4. The April meeting will be at Cardwell hardwoods in Jeff. City

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Ernest announced a toy workshop on March 27 at the PET shop and a woodturners' workshop at his house on April 3rd.

The picnic will be on May 31st at Albert Oakland park. More details later

The April meeting will be at Cardwel Hardwoods in Jeff City. We will carpool and will meet at Boone County Millworks at 6:00pm. We will park outside the gate.

Terry had scrap wood and toy car stock

Show and tell

1. Olin Hatfield showed turned goblets, a bowl and bracelets
2. Mike Gentzch showed a blacksmith's tool box he made
3. Don Bristow showed several boxes he made
4. Dale Andrews showed a replica of an Oldsmobile car he made
5. Paul Andrews showed wooden jewelry he made
6. Terry Selby showed pictures of a sauna he built

It was good to see so much show and tell. It shows how much talent we have in the club

Several people won door prizes which were pancake breakfast tickets donated by Ernest Hildebrand

The raffle was a \$40.00 gift certificate from Lowes and was won by Don Bristow. The raffle brought in \$54.00

Don Bristow has volunteered to serve as vice president

We have received several thank yous from organizations for the toys

Ms. Chris Willow gave the program. She showed the toys she makes and sells. She told how she started her business and some of the ways she runs the business

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