



Newsletter

<http://www.midwestwoodworkers.org>

August 2016

Greetings Woodworkers,

Our July Meeting -- Don Bristow gave us an interesting presentation, at his home workshop, on aspects of box making. Don had his entire shop set up in little stations with boxes on display demonstrating various aspects of box making. It was like attending a crash course on box making at a school. By his own admission, Don is a born teacher—and it showed.

We learned a lot. Don noted that in box making you must first figure out the function to be performed by the box. Regarding box proportions he noted certain formulas that help in figuring out the best dimensions for a box, and he provided a handout. We discussed aspects of lid types and manufacture. He had very interesting examples of how a pretty routed piece of trim could be cut in several ways and put back together to make nicely designed feet for boxes. His drawer construction was also interesting, and involved gluing the drawer face on after the box is made. We also discussed the dilemma of designing a drawer stop when there is no face frame cross piece directly below or above the box for the stop to catch on.

We also learned how Don applies flox (sp?) to line the interior of boxes. He showed us some absolutely beautiful marquetry that can be purchased pre-made for a pretty penny and then applied to the lid of a box, and we discussed the intricacies of application. In addition to discussing many other box making matters, Don gave us ideas for shop organization as well as subject matter organization of helpful articles in three ring binders. All in all it was an especially educational and enjoyable evening.

It was easy to see that a lot of preparation went into Don's presentation for us, and we really appreciate it. Don, thank you very much once again for a great evening.

Our August Meeting -- As Earnest Hilderbrand has noted (and arranged) our August meeting will be this Monday evening at 6:30 at Mark Hall Cabinetry. Rather than reinvent the wheel, I will just copy what Earnest said:

“Hello all,

Bob is on vacation so I'm sending out information on our next meeting. Mark & Stephanie Hall have grown their business from a very small mom & pop affair to a major high end cabinet business over the past 25 years. They will talk to us on about the cabinet design phase being converted to building plans to being built. They will also give us a tour and demonstrate their CNC machine.

Please bring a chair to sit on and your safety glasses.

Mark's shop is at 2620 N Stadium Blvd. Go north from I70 & North Stadium Blvd (Route E) past the golf course on your right, concrete plant on your right, U-shape office building complex on your right and the next building on the right is the showroom/shop.

**Looking forward to seeing everyone Monday,
Ernest Hilderbrand
[573-449-6106](tel:573-449-6106)”**

Our September Meeting -- We have no commitments yet for a September presentation, if anyone has ideas.

The Coyote Hill Project -- Kari Hopkin at Coyote Hill has gotten back to us with the YouTube and other videos from Jim Zajicek that show her choices for the stepping stools, shoe racks, etc. We will get back to you all with information about the plan going forward.

That's all for this month. I hope to see you at the MWA meeting this Monday, August 22, at 6:30 on site at Mark Hall Cabinetry. It promises to be very interesting.

Until then be safe in the shop, and have fun.

Joe Gorman

P.S. I am not sure that I have the most recent email list. If any of you are familiar with any of our newest members, if you could share this with them that could be helpful. Thank you.

The lack of further material in this newsletter is a reminder of how much we rely on and appreciate Karl Haak for taking minutes of each meeting, and Bob Youngquist for finishing off and sending out the MWA Newsletter.