



Newsletter

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December 2013

President's Letter

Greetings Woodworkers,

Our November program was fun. Norm Anderson wowed the troops with his hooeee, as well as with his presentation on The Angle of the Dangle. He provided everyone with a copy of a chart that allows for setting the saw angle to get various compound angles. The subject matter is so complex that, during the presentation, what I could truly comprehend was that these were neat objects which could be built by cutting two different angles into various edges of the boards used to build the structure. It seemed to me that, if I could spend a day playing with the chart and a lot of scrap wood, I might be able get a more practical sense of how the set up works. I am looking forward to the day when I can have time to use the chart (clearly a valuable resource) and make some stuff.

Norm also entertained us with his hooeee and stories. He is clearly a born entertainer. I very much aspire to learn some of that stuff, and foist it on nephews, nieces, grandkids, etc. On Thanksgiving I almost attempted the story of Oley and Leena, with Oley sneezing his innards out—but I lost my nerve. Hopefully later.

Our December program, as described in the last MWA Newsletter, is our annual Christmas Dinner. It is our opportunity to spread some Christmas cheer to the children from the Coyote Hill home. We give them a night out, feed them, and send each one home with a wooden car. In the process we get to share a meal and each other's company ourselves (it's nice how giving so often also involves receiving – it is a well kept secret, well worth learning). The dinner is coming right up this Monday.

The Christmas dinner will be held at the community cafe at Community United Methodist Church, 3301 W. Broadway (across the street to the west of WalMart and almost across Broadway from HyVee). Come around the back of the church and you will see an entrance toward the center, and the large room to the right of the entrance where the dinner is held. The doors will open at 5:30 p.m., and the goal is to start eating about 6:00.

In order to accommodate our guests from Coyote Hill, we ask that members bring a dish that would serve twice as many people as the number in your group. MWA provides the entrée and drinks, and members can bring a vegetable, starch, or dessert. You are also welcome to bring woodworking show-and-tell items if you like. Your own children and guests are certainly welcome as well.

As mentioned in Ernest's email, there are also some fancy door prizes at the Christmas Dinner this year.

On another topic, Klingspor contacted Bob Youngquist and said that in order to retain our membership's 10% discount on Klingspor products, the MWA needed to provide a membership list, including contact info. Tom Stauder astutely noted that we need to be very careful about giving away members' confidential info. The deadline for retaining the discount for next year was here, and after serious soul searching I felt that for this limited purpose it was okay to release the info. Klingspor assured us that they do not sell the list, or use it for

any other purpose. Going forward, we should have a discussion at a meeting about whether members are comfortable with this kind of thing.

Our next MWA meeting will be on Monday, January 27th. It will be held at the home of Don Bristow, 4101 Joslyn Court, Columbia, MO 65203. Don and his wife recently built a new home, and he has a wonderful shop in the basement. He has graciously agreed to let us hold a meeting there to see his shop (which is always fun). We can all benefit from seeing some of the ways that he has set up his operations. Part of the bargain with his wife, in order to end up with this wonderful shop, was that Don would trim out their entire new home. Much of that work is done, and is absolutely beautiful, and Don will show us some of that as well. The trim work is not completely finished. In fact, as I spoke with him earlier today Don was struggling with installing drawers and drawer slides in the gorgeous entertainment center he has built as part of an entire wall and mantle combination.

Don also suggested that as part of the January program he would share with us, and demonstrate, a few of his best shop tips. He also suggested (and I heartily concur) that we should all bring our one or two most bestest shop tips to share. That could involve bringing and showing a jig or fixture, bringing and sharing an article, or just discussing one or two tips that you have been told or discovered and that you find helpful in woodworking. Our meeting on January 27th is shaping up to be an exciting night.

Well, I hope you have all had opportunities to work some wood. Ernest Hilderbrand finally succeeded in getting me to dip my big toe in the waters of turning (that seems like an awkward analogy). Anyway, he sold me a nice used Jet mini lathe, gave me some blanks and some pointers, and loaned me some tools. I then attended his monthly garage turning session last Thursday, with my new (to me) toy. It was the first time I had been at one of his sessions in a couple of years, since right after I got five stitches in the middle finger of my left hand from a table saw kickback accident. It is easier playing with this stuff without fresh stitches! It is a lot of fun to start doing a little turning (I am still learning the best ways to hold the tools to get wood shavings). Just so you know, in Ernest's garage the sense of wanting to help and to teach, and the feeling of camaraderie, is incomparable.

I have already purchased a couple of inexpensive paperbacks on turning. One is a small paperback entitled Elementary Turning, originally published by Rand McNally in 1907 as a training book for shop class instructors. It was revived recently by Popular Woodworking Books (which also publishes Popular Woodworking magazine). The publishers revived it because they thought it was easy to follow and covered the elementary principles of turning very completely. In the words of the new publishers "It contains 62 short lessons that walk you through every single turning operation, from securing the work in the lathe and cutting basic shapes, all the way up to making curved mouldings and a piano stool." We will see!

The other book, which I was very drawn to as soon as I started leafing through it, is a large format (8.5 by 11) paperback entitled O'Donnell's Woodturning Techniques, by Michael O'Donnell. There is a multitude of large glossy photos and other artwork. It is all told from a European perspective (meaning that the featured lathes are all different than what we are used to seeing here). I am really looking forward to spending some time with this book.

I am extremely appreciative of the opportunity to learn from our members, and that type of hands on instruction cannot be surpassed, but it is also helpful to use the books for a little background, and explanation of some basic approaches and alternatives. We are fortunate to have both resources available.

I hope to see you this Monday for the Christmas Dinner, as well as the usual enjoyment and camaraderie of hanging out with woodworkers.

Be safe in the shop, and have fun.

I wish you and your friends and loved ones a blessed and merry Christmas and Hanukah, and a fulfilling, peaceful and happy new year.

Joe Gorman

November 2013 MWA Meetings

Officers' meeting

November 25, 2013

Meeting held at Boone County Millworks

Present: Terry Selby, Ernest Hildebrand, Joe Gorman, Yvone Robert, Harrold Ankeny and Karl Haak

1. We made plans for the holiday dinner
2. We discussed future programs

Business meeting minutes

Meeting held November 25, 2013

Meeting held at Boone County Millworks

7:00 pm

Joe Gorman, president

18 members and one guest present

Minutes were read

No treasurer's report

The holiday dinner will be on Dec. 16th at Community United Methodist Church across from Hy-Vee on Broadway. Members bring covered dish big enough for your group and two more as we have invited Coyote Hills kids.

Club will furnish meat, drink and table service. Bring family and friends interested in woodworking. We will have a raffle.

Norm Anderson gave a talk on compound miters and showed us how a Hooey stick works. As usual he was very entertaining

Show and Tell

1. Darren Laupp showed an intarsia piece and a wine glass holder
2. Terry had scrap wood and toy car stock
- 3 Ernest announced there would not be a toy workshop this month but there would be a turners work shop at his house on Dec. 5th.

Ernest said we would distribute toy cars the week after thanksgiving and we need volunteers. Contact him if you can help

The door prize was a wood burner and was won by Joe Gorman

There was no raffle

The January program will possibly be a tour of Don Bristow's shop

Letter from Klingspor's

Here is the information regarding the Klingspor's woodworking club program. The most significant benefit is a 10% discount on non-powered merchandise. Also, they will contribute door prizes if someone remembers to ask for them. If you are interested in receiving the discount, please follow the directions in the letter to set up an account with them.

In the past, your club has shown interest in our woodworking club and guild program. Our records show that we have not received an updated club listing. In order to maintain our database, we ask that you send us an updated list including new enrollments as well as past members who have not renewed their membership. We need an updated listing every year.

An updated list will ensure your new members are able to take advantage of discounts and special offers. Members who have not renewed their membership will not be extended the discount; however will continue to receive our catalogue. **Also if we do not get the updated listing within 60 days after this letter is sent then your members will be removed from the discount program. The club list must contain the member's name, address, telephone number, and email address if applicable.** Please remind your members that club member names are not sold. Members can also order online. They just need to call 800-228-0000 and set up a user name and password with one of our customer service representatives or create one themselves online. Please let members know that they will need to login before ordering in order for the discount to work. If Not then they will not get the discount. We also have a Club Listing on our website. If you would like for your Club to be listed please let me know and there will be a link added to go to your site from ours.

This program is a great way to help woodworkers across the country save money on products that are already being purchased and also to help promote our great sanding products to your club members. Listed below are some examples of what we have to offer your woodworking members:

- **10% discount on all non-powered merchandise in our catalogues**
- ****Discounts do not apply to items already discounted in catalog****
- **regular mailings of our most up-to-date catalogs**
- **monthly newsletter via email**
- **donations for raffles (twice a year) You have to request them.**
- **expert advice on sanding and woodworking applications**

Clubs that are already participating in our program:

North Carolina Woodturners Association- we actually house their monthly meetings in our retail store in Hickory, NC.

- **Greater New York Woodcarvers** – Little Neck, NY
- **Front Range Woodturners**- Denver, CO
- **Berrien County Woodworkers Guild** – Benton Arbor, MI
- **Greenville Woodworkers Guild** – Greenville, SC
- **Lower Columbia Woodcarvers** – Longview, WA
- **Valley Woodworkers of West Virginia** – Hurricane, WV

Please feel free to contact me anytime with questions or concerns. My number is 1-800-228-0000 ext. 3711, fax me at 1-800-872-2005, or email me at pbarden@woodworkingshop.com.

Thank you for your time and I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

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