

Newsletter

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President's Letter

Norm Anderson



Greetings Woodworkers: Thanks to all who attended the Christmas dinner last month. The kids from Coyote Hills had a great time and the food was great. Thank you to those who brought items for drawings and show and tell. We are not allowed to photo at the dinner because of the Coyote Hills kids we had a talent show with some kids singing Christmas music and a lot of fun drawing gifts. We had several drawings for items built by our club and all the kids got a car or two plus bracelets, bowls, puzzles and some very nice items for kids and adults. We gave out some nice prizes to woodworkers from Taylor Tools including an eight-piece set of Narex wood chisels and some Micro Jig push blocks. A special thanks to Taylor Toolworks for donating some of the push blocks they have a great grip and hopefully will save a finger on the lucky winners. Many of you have had some quality time in the shop creating special art projects to be given to loved ones for Christmas. We do this mostly to see the expressions on their

faces now, but also think of the future and possible immortality of knowing someone will say my Great Grandpa made this way back in the 21st century. I do think it is good to sign and date our work for this very reason. Time flies and it is hard to believe we have left the 1900 behind and are now 20% into the 21st century. HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE. "Time flies like an arrow but fruit flies like a banana"

NEXT MEETING: JANUARY 27 6:30 PM (4th Monday). Tom Stauder presenting on Framing and matting.

Boone County Millworks: (2112 Vandiver Drive, Columbia, Mo)

Members who do matting and/or framing are encouraged to bring and jigs they use and demonstrate to the group. We really all appreciate those who give a presentation but we all learn from our group and like to keep the format open and have other members speak up on how they do things. I enjoy this woodworking group for what I learn and really miss the months when we have good meetings. The charity work we do is also good, but most of us are here to learn more techniques and expand our knowledge of woodworking. Thank you to all who step up and add to the meetings. Please bring some "Show and Tell"

to the meeting and we will take some photos with you and your projects. We will have MWA Hats and a nice drawing so bring a little cash “you can’t win if you don’t play”

FUTURE MEETING:

February 24th Dean Gregory will present on making Shaker boxes at the Boone County Millworks. Some of you have seen his posts on the beautifully curved boxes.

March 23rd will be a tour Joseph Eultgen’s shop near Ashland. We will need to carpool as much as possible and very likely park at the Millworks to share a ride to his shop. Joseph has a large production shop east of Ashland and is willing to show us his operation. He is an expert’s expert in vacuum chambers for creating wood forms. He has 25+ years of experience at Boeing as a model maker. Some of his chambers at Boeing were 26’ by 26’ by 26’ which he helped make using flexible plastic sheeting and special glue strips.

We are needing a volunteer for April meeting.

Possibly in April or May we will take a tour of Tom Hutchinson’s shop. A very interesting area with lots of sawn wood and tree sliced cookies to look at as well as his experiments with wood spalting and epoxy’s. We will probably do this as a bonus meeting on a Saturday to maintain a having a presentation on our regular Monday evening. OTHER ITEMS

We have what is called a” Hacker Space” here in Columbia
COLUMBIA GADGET WORKS
1404 Grand Avenue

Hacker Space: they have 3 D printers, computer cutters, welding machinery, metal lathes, mills, etc. for members to stop in and use anytime day or night. They have a fee of \$40.00/month for full use of shop. They have a free night for non-members to stop in and check out the facilities and meet members on Thursday evening 7:00 PM

I would like to check this out some time. Please give me a call if you would like to go sometime.

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The Woodworking Shows info@thewoodworkingshows.com

Kansas City: January 17-19

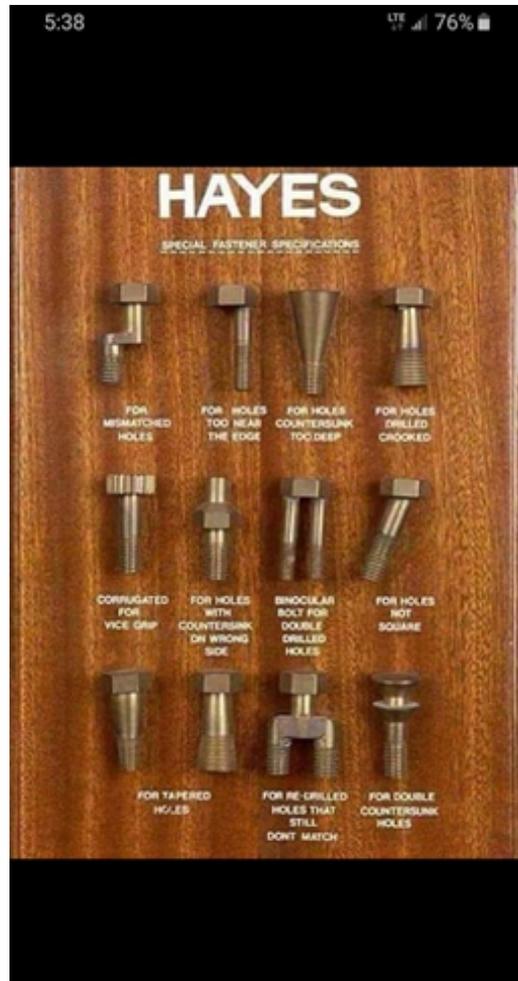
St. Louis: February 7-9

Sorry this is too late for the KC show, but the St Louis show is coming. I went last year and was very disappointed. I understand that many of their exhibitors dropped out and the show did not have much to offer in the way of exhibits or demonstrations. I would like a report from anyone that attended or plans to attend this year.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR PRESENTATIONS

We could use a presentation on various woodworking topics.

Topics including, but not limited to the following.



Bandsaw boxes: (I would like this on the top of the list because I would like to try it but need to see one first.)

Staining and Finnish tips and techniques.

Sanding and getting wood ready for finish.

Shop safety and equipment.

Tool maintenance and adjustments.

Jigs and Fixtures that save time

Building toys and gizmos.

Building furniture and design ideas

Anything not mentioned above that would be of interest.

MWA Christmas Toy Project

Before Christmas, MWA members delivered nearly 900 toys to various children's service agencies in Columbia and Boone County. We also had a good supply of toys and games for the children from Coyote Hill who were our guests at the annual Christmas dinner.

Ernest and Rich presented a toy project demonstration at a gallery in Kirksville before Christmas and the gallery owner generously donated a trove of wooden wheels and other toy parts that had belonged to her late husband. I have sorted and inventoried the parts and will bring several copies of the spreadsheet to the January meeting. If any MWA members can use any of the parts, I will make arrangements to get them to you. In addition, there were some nails and screws of various sizes which I will bring to the meeting for anyone who can use them.

The toy boxes are empty and it's time to start making car bodies for the 2020 Christmas season, We usually need 1800 to 2000 cars to meet our needs for the Pumpkin Festival and Christmas distribution. Terry has molded car stock available at the mill shop or there are some suggested shapes for bandsawn car bodies on the club website. Just be sure to drill the axle holes with a 15/64th or 7/32nd bit and be sure to drill the holes close enough to the bottom of the car so the wheels touch the ground.

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Jefferson City, MO 65109

573-893-2836

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