

Newsletter

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July 2013

President's Letter

Greetings Woodworkers,

Our June meeting was very enjoyable. A presentation was given by Ernest Hilderbrand on coloring epoxy to patch cracks in wood. He discussed much more than colors. One of the many things that were extremely helpful was a great deal of information about which brands and types of epoxy to use to give yourself more open time to work with the glue before the glue gets too dry or too tacky. Another pointer regarding maximizing open time was to mix the dye with the epoxy resin first, before mixing in the other epoxy ingredient—so you don't start the glue drying yet.

Beyond that, he had much advice about colors, types and sources of dyes, and even some mixing suggestions. I still can't believe how the metallic bronze dye stays streaky when mixed with the black dye, rather than totally blending together. It is a great look, but seems counter intuitive. I don't think I would ever have discovered that myself, no matter how many hours I logged working with epoxies and dyes. Overall, Ernest's advice and information can save a tremendous amount of time and distress from bad results and do-overs.

Our July meeting is coming right up this Monday, July 22nd. For our presentation Richard Petty of Greener Lumber will tell us about how his company recovers submerged lumber from various parts of the world. He will also have PowerPoint slides to show. When I met him I was flying back from a seminar, and he was flying back from Belize, where he was recovering submerged old growth mahogany, which he then ships up here, preps, and sells to the world. I am sure that his pictures of the wood pieces, as well as the foreign sites and the recovery methods will be quite interesting.

In August (our August meeting is on the 26th) we will have a presentation by our own Mike Gentsch (not to be confused with any other Mike Gentsch)(see what you have to put up with when you pick the wrong guy to be President!). Mike will talk about drying and stabilizing green or wet pieces of wood using a vacuum system. I can't imagine how this could work, and am looking forward to finding out.

I hope you have all had opportunities to make some sawdust. I have not myself, so I am living vicariously through you. But I can repeat that I have a couple of Wild Cherry trees in my back yard that will be coming down soon, and you are all welcome to come and cut off pieces you would like to have. If you are interested, please let me know (you can email jgorman@PTClabs.com) so that I can be sure to keep you informed of when the event will occur. You are also welcome to come look at the trees now, if you like. With this project, I am sure that I will be getting into some serious sawdust soon.

Just to let everyone know, it is once again the time of year when Midwest Woodworkers' Association annual dues are due. It's still a bargain at twice the price. Single membership is \$20.00, a couple is \$25.00, and if you would like to belong to both the MWA and the Turners association, for a single low payment, that is \$35.00. Please make your checks out to Midwest Woodworker's Association or MWA, and mail them to our esteemed Treasurer, Tom Stauder, at 4779 East Turkey Trail Drive, Columbia, MO 65201.

It is not too soon to sign up for a shift or day or days to share some fun and good will (and fun food) at the MWA booth at the Heritage Festival (September 21st and 22nd) and the Pumpkin Festival (October 12th and 13th). If you can help out, please send me an email and state which days you can be there (again jgorman@PTClabs.com). It really is enjoyable, and a fun thing to do with and for the kids.

In order to keep our records of your contact information straight, if you are aware of having changed addresses or telephone numbers in recent years, please drop me a line. If you have changed email addresses without telling us, then you did not get this!

I hope to see you this Monday to hear and see Rich Petty's very interesting stories of world-wide wood recovery, and to share sawdust stories.

Be safe in the shop, and have fun.

Joe Gorman

June 2013 MWA Meetings

Officers Meeting Minutes

Meeting held on June 24, 2013

Present Terry Selby, Ernest Hildebrand, Joe Gorman, Tom Stauder, Clyde Rea, Yvonne Robert and Karl Haak

We discussed programs

We announced that dues are due

Business Meeting Minutes

Meeting held on June 24, 2013

Meeting held at Boone County Millworks

7:00 P.M.

Joe Gorman president

14 members present

Minutes were read

Treasurer's report showed that the wood workers had a balance of \$4001.64 and the turners had a balance of \$1235.49 for a total of \$5237.13

Terry had toy stock and scrap wood

Ernest said we would have a toy work shop on June 27, at pet shop

He also said we would have a turners' workshop at his house on July 11th.

Ernest Hildebrand gave a program on how he uses epoxy to repair furniture and repair defects in his turnings.

He showed how he matches colors and the different dies he uses

Show and Tell: Tom Stauder showed a sculpture he made and showed how he made it and Ernest Hildebrand showed a walnut bowl he turned.

The door prize was a tape measure and was won by Yvonne Robert

The raffle was a \$40.00 gift certificate from Home Depot. It was won by Mark Jeter. The raffle bought in \$51.00

Computer Desk and YouTube Video

My grandson Zachary made a YouTube video about his new desk that I wanted to share. I started this desk this spring as a request from him for his computer and specifically for gaming. He drew some quick plans and helped me cut and sand on the top curved section, but I finished the rest over a few weekends. I wanted to have a secret compartment in the desk that would be difficult to find. I had made a doll house bookcase for my granddaughter Madison when she was 5, it had a secret compartment (the secret compartment on it is under the peak a magnetic latch holds up a false roof) that took a few years to find. This desk actually has 2 secret compartments on the desk (the center drawer pulls out to expose a small area behind the main drawer) plus of course the snap out section involved in this video. This compartment would have been as hard to find had I not given some hints which you will hear about on the youtube video.

View the YouTube.

InfiniteH3Z. And scroll down to "infinite quest for secret"

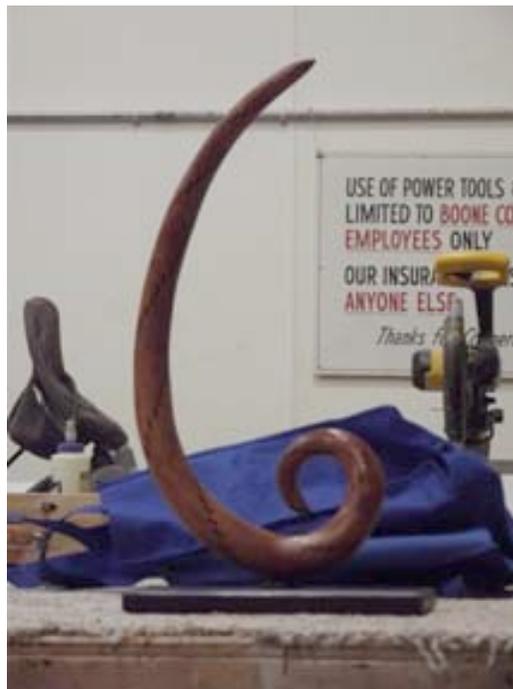
While you are there subscribe to Zach/infinite's YouTube he just needs a few more subscribers to get a sponsor.

Or use this link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f11LnrG1xo&feature=youtube_gdata_player

Thank you
Norm Anderson

**Tentative Schedule of Events
Midwest Woodworkers' Association
2013**

Date	Day	Time	Event	Location
July 22, 2013	Monday	7:00 PM	MWA Meeting	Boone County Millwork
August 26, 2013	Monday	7:00 PM	MWA Meeting	Boone County Millwork
September 21 & 22, 2013	Saturday and Sunday	10 AM to 5 PM	Heritage Festival	Nifong Park, Columbia
September 23, 2013	Monday	7:00 PM	MWA Meeting	Boone County Millwork
October 12 & 13, 2013	Saturday and Sunday	9 Am to 5 PM	Pumpkin Festival	Hartsburg, MO
October 28, 2013	Monday	7:00 PM	MWA Meeting	Boone County Millwork
November 25, 2013	Monday	7:00 PM	MWA Meeting	Boone County Millwork
December 2013	TBA	TBA	Annual Holiday Dinner	TBA



Left: Ernest Hilderbrand demonstrates the use of epoxy resin at the June MWA meeting. Right: Tom Stauder's Fibonacci Spiral. Leonardo Pisano Bigolo (c. 1170-c. 1250) - known as Fibonacci - was an Italian mathematician. He introduced the concept that became known as the Fibonacci numbers in his book *Liber Abaci* (Book of Calculation) published in 1202. In the Fibonacci sequence of numbers, each number is the sum of the previous two numbers (1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, 21, 34, etc.). The ratio of any two successive numbers is very close to the "Golden Ratio" (1.618034) used to design aesthetically pleasing furniture. The Fibonacci sequence is also used by some as a system of wagering but a win is not guaranteed.

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