



Newsletter

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July 2015

President's Letter

Greetings Woodworkers,

Our June Meeting -- Our June meeting had a pretty good turnout. We also were privileged to observe and ask a lot of questions about the construction of a substantial number of Show and Tell items.

June is also the month for the annual MWA officer elections. I didn't mention that in the last newsletter so as not to scare off any would-be attendees from the meeting (or possibly I just forgot). The first question asked at the meeting with regard to the election was whether a member had to be in attendance to be elected. The decision was made that the fact that a member could not be in attendance at this particular meeting was not a sufficient reason to deny him (or her) the honor of both assisting, and being recognized by, fellow woodworkers in this way. That opened us up to a wider pool of potential nominees.

As it turns out, the election results have provided us with an entire new slate of officers. Fresh blood in decision making positions is revitalizing for an organization. The new officers are:

President:	Harrold Ankeney
Vice-President:	Yvon Robert
Treasurer:	Jake Bruton
Secretary:	David Moreton
Newsletter Publ:	Brian Pace
Program Dir.:	Jim Zajicek
Festival Dir.:	Steve Alexander

We want to extend our heartfelt thank you to the past officers for their hard work on behalf of all of us. We also want to extend our congratulations, and sincere appreciation, to the new officers for helping us out in this way. And a brief word of encouragement—following my own surprise election as MWA president I was worried about not knowing what to do or how to do it. But there are many members who will be happy to answer any questions you might have about the duties involved in your new role. Not to worry.

Another word of encouragement -- despite the hard economic times that we live in, the remuneration paid to MWA officers for holding these positions has not been reduced! We appreciate and value our volunteers.

Our July Meeting -- Harlan Palm, known to many of our membership, has graciously agreed to make a presentation at our July meeting, this Monday the 27th at Boone County Millworks, regarding timber improvement. Harlan has invested many years in raising and harvesting timber. We have a lot to learn from him, and are looking forward to his presentation.

Membership Dues -- Annual dues were actually due last month. The rates are:

- \$20 for MWA annual membership for an individual
- \$25 for MWA annual membership for two from the same family unit
- \$35 for joint annual membership in the MWA and MTA (the turners)

You can bring cash or a check to the next meeting and hand it to me (Tom Stauder left for Brussels!). In the alternative, it may be more convenient to simply mail Tom a check, made payable to MWA, at 4779 East Turkey Trail Drive, Columbia, MO 65201.

Program Ideas -- Jeff Easley

If you recall, in the last Newsletter I mentioned Jeff Easley, who was a woodworker at Art in the Park, who is based in Iowa, and who makes interesting abstract wall sculptures and studio furniture. Since our last Newsletter, I did my best to get him to make a presentation to the MWA. After exchanging about six emails we got friendly enough that he sent me some pictures of his house (see below), which are attached. But the closest he came to being willing to do a program for the MWA was to suggest that we could meet at his booth during Art in the Park (I thought the night before, at Boone County Millworks could have worked)! He thought that, combined with a good newspaper or TV story, our presence at his booth during the event would be good advertising for him!!!! I doubt we would get much out of a meeting at his booth (and most of us wouldn't be able to see or hear while he was talking—and some of us have booths of our own).

On a different subject, he built his house out of a pole barn. It includes some very interesting use of large beams, as you can see in the pictures. These beams were reclaimed out of an old barn, and you will notice an odd design at the ends of the beams. Jeff says that they are scarp joints, made to join the beams together (in their original application) for long spans. As I have always said, if you are patient and listen, you can learn stuff from anybody!

Other Matters -- I hope you all have had chances to make sawdust recently. Sadly, once again I have had little time in the shop, and have no other wood related matters to report.

I hope to see you all this Monday, July 27th at Boone County Millworks for our regular meeting. I am really looking forward to Harlan Palm's presentation on timber improvement. Until then, be safe in the shop and have fun.

Joe Gorman





June 2015 MWA Meetings

Officers' meeting

Present: Terry Selby, Ernest Hilderbrand, Dale Andrews, Joe Gorman, Karl Haak

We discussed the 2016 picnic, programs, and officers

Business Meeting

June 22, 2015; 7:00 PM

Meeting held at Boone County Millworks, Joe Gorman, president

Minutes were read

Treasurer's report showed that the woodworkers had a balance of \$2467.92 and the turners had a balance of \$1645.79.

Current officers were re-elected.

Dues are due.

Terry had scrap wood.

Joe said that Lee Valley had a free shipping deal.

Joe said there would be a toy car workshop at the PET shop on June 25th and a turning workshop at Ernest's house on July 2nd.

Ernest said that Art in the Park was a success.

Show and Tell

1. Ernest Hilderbrand showed a red elm natural edge bowl he turned.
2. Darren Laupp showed a scrollsawn plaque and an intarsia he made for his daughter's school.
3. Dale Andrews showed a pen he turned.
4. Mark Jeeter Showed a slab of Bradford pear and asked advice on how to resaw it.
5. Mike Gentsch showed seam rippers he turned.

There was no program.

The door prize was a combination square and was won by Joe Gorman.

The raffle was a \$40.00 gift certificate and was won by Mike Gentsch.

Woodworking Classes at the Arkansas Craft School (arkansascraftschool.org)

July 31-Aug 2--Woodturning with Jimmy Clews

August 29-31--Woodturning Design Concepts with Alan Carter

September 2 & 4--Product Photography for Crafters with Ed Alexander

September 11-13--Introduction to Woodturning with Kip Powers

September 16-18--Natural Edge Bowls and Vessels with Gene Sparling

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