



Newsletter

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President's Letter

Greetings Woodworkers,

Our May Meeting -- Our May meeting was our annual picnic. It was held at the Happy Hollow Shelter in Stephens Park. There was a good group of children and staff from Coyote Hill. A good time was had by woodworkers, their significant others, and the folk from Coyote Hill. In fact, the Coyote Hill folk enjoyed it so much that we received a very nice thank you note from Kari Hopkins at Coyote Hill noting how much everyone loved it.

Thank you very much to all of the woodworkers and significant others who made this happen. It is a really nice thing to do for these children, for the staff, and for ourselves.

Our June Meeting -- In the absence of a special live presentation, we are once again going to show woodworking videos. My sense was that the last time we did that people enjoyed and appreciated it (I may be biased in that regard, since I have so much to learn and it all sounds interesting).

For the June meeting, Terry Selby has gone to the vast MWA library stored at Boone County Millworks, and has pulled woodworking videos made by Marc Adams. For those who don't know him, Marc did a workshop at MWA before my time, and he offers many different woodworking classes (typically weekend or week long) by a multitude of excellent instructors from around the country at the Marc Adams School of Woodworking, just south of Indianapolis. The videos culled by Terry include such topics as workshop safety, methods of work, and finishing techniques. We may not have time to watch them all. Those in attendance can vote on what order we should take them in.

Speaking of Boone County Millworks, we owe them a lot of thanks for allowing us to meet at their shop so often, and for giving us Terry on loan! Hopefully they see some amount of business from us woodworkers. I can tell you from personal experience that they offer good value and service. I am currently in the process of replacing all of the window and door casings and baseboard trim in my finished basement. I assumed that Boone County Millworks would be a little pricey. But just a month ago I purchased about \$650 worth of primed finger jointed pine casing and baseboard from them, and I would have paid over \$1,100 for similar material at Home Depot that was not as nice. Unlike other places I looked, Boone County Millworks also had more than ample supply in stock. Please keep them in mind for your millwork needs.

It is also a well kept secret that Boone County Millworks has a sophisticated key service that can help you with master key systems and subsystems (they maintain our key systems at work).

Our July Meeting -- As previously described, Don Bristow will host us for the July meeting in his workshop at home. This meeting will be held on our normal meeting date, the fourth Monday of July (July 25th) at 6:30 p.m. Prepare for an interesting presentation on aspects of box making, as well as getting to experience Don's shop. Directions and more information will be provided in the July Newsletter.

Program Ideas -- All future program ideas are welcome.

The Picnic for May of 2017 will again be held at the Happy Hollow Shelter in Stephens' Park. It is an extremely popular shelter, and you have to book it waaaayyyyyyyyyy ahead of time (Parks and Rec suggested that they keep a calendar one year out, and that we should take full advantage of it).

If you would like to mark your calendars, the date for next year's picnic is Saturday, May 20th. Mizzou graduations are the preceding weekend, and Memorial Day is Monday May 29th, so we have hopefully minimized conflicts.

The Coyote Hill Project -- I sent out an inquiry to find interested volunteers for a work day to help with Coyote Hill's needs in the areas of a picnic table, shoe racks, planters, and stepping stools. The only responses I received were from Jim Zajicek and Bob Youngquist (hence the June video evening rather than Coyote Hill work day!).

Jim then sent me an email with links to many YouTube videos and other resources on how to make these items (that is really fun). So this project is moving along slowly and evolving. It may be that after we assess sizes and numbers of items needed by Coyote Hill it might be possible for some willing members to even do some of this in their own shop. We might even be able to send you plans, or a YouTube video and dimensions (and wood?! If you like that format better, please email jgorman@ptclabs.com. We will keep you apprised of developments.

That's all for this month. I hope to see you at the MWA meeting this Monday, June 27th at Boone County Millworks at 6:30.

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

Joe Gorman



Tensegrity tower constructed by Tom Stauder installed at Art in the Park at Stephens Park in June. Or, as my three-year-old grandson called it “Tom’s Tower”. Unfortunately, the tower came in second to the ice cream truck as his favorite attraction at the event.

Dues

Traditionally, yearly dues of \$20.00 for membership in the Midwest Woodworkers’ Association are due at the June meeting.

Email Newsletters

For some reason, the Outlook email system decided to lose my contact list for the MWA mailing. I will attempt to re-construct it as best I can but for now will use the list for the last mailing. Obviously, if you don’t get this newsletter, you won’t know that this inopportune event occurred. If you are in touch with other members of the MWA who complain that they have not received a newsletter, please ask them to send me an email so I can put them back on the list. Very sorry to have this happen but it seems to be one of the negative effects of the digital age. youngquistr@missouri.edu

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