



Newsletter

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President's Letter

Greetings Woodworkers,

Our February meeting was nice. It was the occasion of our annual Swap Meet. I know that a number of nice woodworking tools did change hands. I managed to pick up a nice rasp with a cool hand plane type of handle from Bob Youngquist.

For those who brought things they could not sell, I want to extend my sympathy. I can empathize. It was the second year in a row that I was unable to unload my Chicago brand Biscuit Joiner. I even had it marked this year at just \$5.00. In fact, when that value pricing still did not attract attention, I announced that I would donate it free to a good home, if any member even knew someone who might like it. Still nothing!!! This thing is in great shape. I have never used it, and I think the original owner hardly ever used it. So before I put it on Craigs List, if you couldn't make the Swap Meet or have rethought the situation, let me know by the meeting. Once it goes on Craigs List for free, it's gone!

Our next meeting is this coming Monday, March 24th, at Boone County Millworks, at 7:00 p.m. Our program will feature a presentation by Ms. Chris Willow. Chris makes and sells wooden toys. She was featured in an article in the Columbia Missourian last month. She has a business entitled Mamaroots, which markets to families with young children. She will tell us about the toys she makes, and her business. It's always good to hear about someone being able to make money working wood.

For our April meeting we are going to go tour Cardwell Hardwoods in Jefferson City. Even though it is a drive, we are going to attempt it in our normal Monday night meeting slot (April 28th). In order to still start the meeting at 7:00 (for their benefit and ours) I would like to suggest meeting at Boone County Millworks at 6:00 rather than 7:00, and we can carpool to Jeff City. I will also get you the address, so you can meet us there if that works better for you.

In addition to an assortment of hardwoods that they will tell us all about, they have recently built a millwork shop they will show us, and they also have warehouses they are happy to show us if we show an interest (I think they are even getting in some pizza!).

The May meeting will be the annual MWA picnic. This year it will be on Saturday, May 31st (which conveniently does not conflict with either the Memorial Day weekend or most school graduations). We hold it on a weekend and invite the Coyote Hill children and staff. We all bring a dish, and hang out under a pavilion near a playground and barbecue and shoot the breeze and watch the kids have a good time. It's a hard deal to beat. Details to follow.

Keep thinking of program ideas.

I hope you have all had opportunities to make sawdust. I personally have been chained to my desk at work seven days a week, but continue to look forward to woodworking opportunities. Actually we are doing a little rehab at work, so I got to bring in some tools. One piece of it was relocating a few big forty-four inch doors with metal frames. The doors are very heavy and after 33 years had started to sag a little. It turned out that by chiseling out the location on the door for the top door hinge, to make the hole a little deeper, I was able to pull the doors back up some. It was gratifying, fun, and felt like more of an accomplishment than sawing off the bottom quarter inch of the door (although that is good too).

I hope to see you this Monday for our March meeting at Boone County Millworks, to hear Chris Willow talk of her exploits with natural toys (wood toys instead of plastic—a woman after my own heart).

Be safe in the shop, and have fun.

Joe Gorman

Toy making plans

Need some ideas for making wooden toys? Check out these websites:

<http://www.craftsmanspace.com/free-projects/simple-toy-on-wheels-plans.html>

<http://allcrafts.net/woodworking/woodtoy.htm>

<http://allcrafts.net/woodworking/woodtoy.htm>

<http://galleryhip.com/wooden-toy-car.html>

<http://toymakingplans.com/website/PlanSets/scrollsawmagic-fabulous-fifties.html>



January MWA meeting at Don Bristow's shop



Show and Tell from Darren Laupp at the February MWA meeting.



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