



Newsletter

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President's Letter

Greetings Woodworkers,

Our February Meeting -- For our February meeting, Norm Anderson generously invited us again to his home shop. The meeting was one week later than usual on Monday, February 29th, and it started at 6:30 rather than 7:00.

We took a vote at this meeting, and the group chose to change the meeting time to 6:30 permanently, rather than 7:00. Officers will need to meet at 6:00.

Norm graciously described all aspects of his shop, and was his normal entertaining self throughout the meeting.

For the program, Norm presented a Brain Teaser Puzzle and Box Puzzle. He also thrilled the crowd with demonstrations of his HOOOOEEEE thrown in. Frankly, with Norm's help I made a tracing template of the brain teaser puzzle, and at home I have still not been able to arrange the four pieces into the shape of a capital T. I keep wondering if Norm shorted me a piece of the puzzle!?!?!?!?

Norm also gave a prize for determining when the next time would be that earth will experience a fifth Tuesday in February (turns out to be in 28 years).

It was an entertaining evening, and a nice change of pace. Norm, thank you very much for once again stepping up and taking the time to put together a program for all of us woodworkers.

TheMissourian, Community Organization Engagement -- At Norm's meeting we were also given a short presentation by Shuya Zheng. Shuya is from China and is currently a journalism student at Mizzou. She works at the Missourian, and was at the meeting to promote the Missourian's Community Outreach program. The basic message was that the Missourian is happy to act as a resource for community organizations. She asked that any interested MWA members please feel free to contact her. In her thank you email to me following the meeting she reiterated: "If you and your group are interested in sharing something with the community, like what you did for Columbia kids, please feel free to contact me either by this email address [sizr25@mail.missouri.edu] or my phone number (573-808-7982)."

Our March Meeting -- Robbie Doerhoff, of the Missouri Department of Conservation, kindly volunteered to make a presentation regarding the bad insects and diseases that travel in wood and kill trees, including the Thousand Cankers disease in Walnut which we have discussed a little previously. He assures me that most members will learn a lot about tree pests and wood movement laws.

Robbie states that his presentation will include lots of PowerPoint slides. He will also bring samples and specimens for folk to examine up close (a little creepy--literally!). He points out that the Department maintains

a booth at the St. Louis and Kansas City woodworking shows, and this topic always generates a lot of interest among woodworkers. Mark your calendars for the March meeting at Boone County Millworks on March 28th. I am looking forward to it.

Our April Meeting -- At this time we have no presentation lined up for our April meeting. Please feel free to make a suggestion, volunteer a friend, or even volunteer yourself.

Our May Meeting -- Don Bristow has generously volunteered to host us all at his home and shop for the May meeting. His program will involve aspects of box making (jewelry boxes, fancy storage boxes, etc.). It is also nice to get to see Don's shop. He had the good fortune (and foresight and opportunity) to design his basement shop when he and his wife were designing their new house. It has separate HVAC, and lots of well planned utility. Fun to see.

Program Ideas -- All future program ideas are welcome.

That's all for this month. I hope to see you at 6:30 this Monday, March 28th, at Boone County Millworks for a fun and educational presentation by Robbie Doerhoff.

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

Joe Gorman

February 2016 MWA Meeting

Meeting held on February 29, 2016 in Norm Anderson's shop. Joe Gorman presided. Present were 15 members and 2 guests

There were neither minutes nor a treasurer's report.

Norm showed several of his projects and demonstrated techniques he uses. As usual, he entertained the members as he showed various tools. A lot of questions were answered and advice given.

Show and Tell:

1. Steve Pagan showed a marble roll.
2. Don Bristow showed a spalted walnut box.
3. Norm Anderson showed a pizza cutter, cheese cutter, rolling pins, and puzzles.

There will not be a toy workshop this month.

Ernest will host a wood turners' workshop at his house on March 3rd.

There was no door prize or raffle.



Kinetic marble roll made by Steve Pagan demonstrated at the February MWA meeting.

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