



Newsletter

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May 2013

President's Letter

Greetings Woodworkers,

It was 5:50 a.m. on an overcast May morning. The MWA president noted that the street in front of 208 N. William (the home of Robert Boxley, a past MWA president) was quiet in the early gray light. The landscaping was pretty, the house in notably good shape, and the light in the kitchen window was early evidence of the 6:00 a.m. garage sale for woodworking tools. With little else to occupy him, the pres wondered about what this master craftsman must be like, and what types of woodworking he favored.

Shortly, along came Harrold Ankeney, then Tom and Rosie Stauder and a friend, and Don Bristow. All jovially exchanged stories of woodworking in the brisk morning air, while anxiously awaiting the opportunity to acquire yet more clamps at garage sale prices.

There was much talk of the Washington or Augusta, Missouri woodcarver Michael Bauermeister. They spoke glowingly of his expertise and his reputation, including his tall vessels and his wavy wall pieces which have been commissioned, and won awards, and hung in galleries throughout the United States and beyond -- from the Smithsonian Museum to Los Angeles, California and across the ocean. We spoke of the Bauermeister wall hanging in the lobby of Boone Hospital, right here at home.

While we can only aspire to work wood like Michael Bauermeister, I believe we share with him the feelings that come from working with wood, from designing a piece and seeing to all the details, and getting caught up in the process of woodworking. Unlike many of us, he has completely devoted himself to the art and craft of woodworking. Yet, we all understand when he says:

“Wood has become my voice and my language. Over the years spent making things both useful and useless out of wood the physical work of sawing, carving, turning, and polishing has become my contemplation.

The real effort is in figuring out what to make next. Sometimes the wood itself makes a suggestion. Sometimes I work just to keep my hands occupied. And sometimes it all comes together into a kind of wooden poem.”

As time went on there was speculation about whether this was the right day or the right time for the garage sale. Had Ernest gotten it right? Noting that we had gotten past 6:15, with no sight or sound of activity, the group was getting restless, and decided it was time to see what was going on. As it turns out, the notice of garage sale had said “weather permitting.” This was a very overcast day, threatening rain, and so the sale had understandably been postponed!

So go the lives of woodworking tool scavengers. No possible opportunity is too early or too far. They come and jostle for their piece of the pie. Win, lose or draw, it is a battle well fought, and they return home (or to Bible Study, or to the Diner) to live to fight another day.

Our April meeting was fun. Since Jacob Adams, our scheduled speaker, was unable to attend, the Lake Area Woodworkers were kind enough to come up, and they made a very interesting presentation. Jim Smith came up with Al, Dick and Clyde (Clyde Rea is the MWA Vice President, in addition to being a member of the Lake Area Woodworkers) Jim brought samples of the many different toys that he makes for children in the Lake area. It was an impressive assortment, and a lot of fun to learn about.

Al also told stories of his days as a shipwright on the West coast, running a crew that made huge yachts completely out of wood. Some of those vessels took a crew of several men a couple of years to build, and could obviously only be afforded by the super-rich. Fortunately for us, Al also brought a photo album. The beauty of these ships, and the remarkable and very apparent craftsmanship, were simply amazing.

For our May meeting we are having our annual picnic. It will be this coming Saturday, May 18th, at Albert Oakland Park, Shelter No. 2 (see attached map). The MWA is providing meat. Please bring a side dish (vegetable, dessert, salad etc.) and please bring enough to feed your party and an equal number of guests from Coyote Hill. Coyote Hill is planning on bringing 32 people.

For the picnic, we try to eat at 11:30 a.m. So please arrive before that. The shelter is scheduled to be cleaned by 10:00 a.m. Come as early as you like to enjoy the park and each other. There is a playground close by. There are plenty of tables with bench seats, but you can also bring folding chairs if you want alternative comfortable seating for part of your visit.

Hope to see you this Saturday at Albert Oakland Park.

Until we meet again, be safe, and have a ton of fun working wood.

Joe Gorman

April 2013 MWA Meetings

Officers' meeting; April 22, 2013

Present: Ernest Hildebrand, Terry Selby, Dale Andrews, Harold Ankeny, Yvonne Robert and Karl Haak

We made plans for the picnic to be held on May 18th

Ernest said we need to order toy wheels

Business Meeting; April 22, 2013; Boone County Millworks; 7:00 P.M.

Joe Gorman president

18 members present

Minutes were read

Treasurer's report showed that woodworkers had a balance of \$5388.48 and wood turners had a balance of \$1215.97 for a total of \$6583.97

The picnic was discussed.

Terry had wood to take

Tom Stauder said he had a chance to get some walnut lumber and if anyone was interested to contact him.

Ernest said there would be a toy workshop on April 25th at the PET shop and a wood turners workshop on May 2nd at his house

Ernest also said there was a garage sale on May 4th at former member Bob Boxley's house at 208 north Williams

Show and tell

1. Darren Laupp showed intarsia pieces he made

2. Ernest Hildebrand showed 2 bowls he turned

Don Bristow had catalogs to give away

The door prize a bottle of glue was won by Don Bristow

The raffle was a \$40.00 gift certificate from Westlake's was won by Bob Youngquist

The raffle bought in \$55.00.

Jim Smith from the Lake Area Woodworkers gave the program. He told how he makes toys and showed several toys he made. Al Stroller and Dice Kautzmann also participated



Left: More intarsia masterpieces by Darren Laupp. Right: Top quality bowls turned by Ernest Hilderbrand.



Jim Smith shows MWA members some of the toys he makes for children in the Lake of the Ozarks area.

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