



# Newsletter

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## President's Letter

Greetings Woodworkers,

Our April Meeting -- Terry Selby provided instructions and a demonstration on the use of the shaper at Boone County Millworks. In this presentation, the shaper was used to demonstrate making doors.

Terry pushed large lumber through the shaper at good speed. It made many of us wish it made sense to buy a shaper for home. Even on a good router table, making the shaped edges for full size doors will take several more passes on the router, going much slower.

He showed the shaping and assembly of stiles and rails. He made it look very simple (of course Ozzie Smith made playing shortstop on the Cardinals look easy too). Terry went through preparation, the order of assembly, the use of Titebond glue for this purpose, and other details of construction. He also had several sample doors available in various stages of construction, to further our learning.

Terry had other tips as well. For example, to make the stock to be used on the door, Terry glued two  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch boards face to face, with the cupped direction facing the center for both pieces (looking at the end grain). This helps avoid future warping. Ultimately that resulting  $\frac{6}{4}$  board converts to a 1 and  $\frac{3}{8}$  inch door, after sanding. Terry also noted that stain grade poplar, with a Cherry stain, looks like Cherry (but significantly cheaper).

I learned a lot. Thank you, Terry, for a very interesting and instructive presentation.

Our May Meeting -- Our May meeting is our annual picnic. It will be held on Saturday, May 21st in the Happy Hollow Shelter in Stephens Park. We try to eat around 11:30, so arrive before that, and we should have it wrapped up by 2:00 or so. You will enter Stephens Park off of Broadway. Immediately after entering the park, make a left turn going up the hill, and proceed to the last shelter. If you are interested, maps and more information about the park are available at the Columbia Parks and Recreation web site.

The MWA provides, and Terry Selby and helpers grill, meat (usually hamburgers and hotdogs). 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. If you are able to bring your dish in a disposable container, then the Coyote Hill staff can take home any leftovers (I also use a Dollar Store serving spoon for the same reason—but they presumably have serving utensils).

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.

You are also welcome to bring Show n' Tell items so that our guests can learn a little about woodworking.

Our June Meeting -- We continue to seek a program for June. Please let us know if you have ideas (especially if you have a presenter).

Our July Meeting -- As previously described, Don Bristow will host us for the July meeting in his workshop at home. Prepare for an interesting presentation on aspects of box making, as well as getting to experience Don's shop.

Program Ideas -- All future program ideas are welcome.

Other Things -- At the April meeting, Tom Stauder brought the beginnings of an art work that will be one of the decorations at Art in the Park this year. It is based on the "Needle Tower" sculpture by Kenneth Snelson, made in 1968. Whereas the Snelson sculpture is made of aluminum and steel, Tom's is made of wood and wire. It will be an extremely interesting (and tall) piece. It will be worth seeing it at Art in the Park, even if you only go for that.

Hardwood Supply -- When thinking of places to get hardwood, I don't normally think of LaCrosse Lumber. But on a recent visit I found that they have finished Poplar (12 inch wide, 3/4 inch boards that are S4S and ready to go) for \$4.39 a linear foot. They also have several hardwood species in S2S with one edge unfinished. They are described as "8" and wider, all S2S & straight lined ripped to 1 edge." These were going for: 4/4 Cherry \$4.99/board foot; 4/4 Maple at \$5.49/bf; 4/4 Walnut at \$8.49/bf; and 4/4 Red Oak at \$4.49/bf.

That's all for this month. I hope you can attend the MWA annual picnic, with guests from Coyote Hill, on Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup>.

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

Joe Gorman

### **April 2016 MWA Meetings**

Officers' Meeting; April 25, 2016

Present: Terry Selby, Joe Gorman, Ernest Hildebrand, Dale Andrews, Don Bristow, Tom Stauder, and Karl Haak

We discussed programs and the picnic

Business Meeting; April 25, 2016; 6:30 PM; Boone County Millworks

Joe Gorman, presiding

13 members and 1 guest present

Minutes were read

Treasurer's report showed that woodworkers had a balance of #3878 and the turners had a balance of \$1705

Terry had scrap wood

Ernest said we would not have a toy car workshop this month due to a shortage of cars and that there would be a turners' workshop at his house on May 5th

The annual picnic will be held on Saturday, May 21, 2016 at Happy Hollows Shelter at Stephens Park. The club will furnish meat, drinks, bread and tableware. The residents of Coyote Hills will be our guests. Members are asked to bring covered dishes and deserts and to bring enough to feed twice as many as their party as we will share with our guests.

### **Show and Tell**

Tom Stauder showed a sculpture he is making for Art in the Park and asked for help in transporting it to the park.

Terry Selby gave a very interesting program on how he makes door parts on a shaper and how he assembles them. He made it seem easy.

The door prize was a set of hacksaw blades and was won by Dale Andrews.

The raffle was a \$40.00 gift certificate and was won by Dale Andrews. The raffle brought in \$38.00

We need program ideas and anyone with suggestions is asked to contact an officer.



Tom Stauder and the “Needle Tower” he is building for installation at Art in the Park to be held at Stephen’s Park on June 4 & 5, 2016.



Terry Selby shows members of the MWA the proper method for making a custom door.

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