



## Newsletter

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### **President's Letter**

Greetings Woodworkers,

Our August Meeting -- We had an especially educational and fun evening at Mark Hall Cabinetry. Both Stephanie and Mark Hall were incredibly gracious. Stephanie provided a great deal of information about cabinets, finishes, countertop types and considerations, and design. She noted that currently glazed, antiqued and distressed finishes are much more popular than plain stain (I must just be too old to adapt).

She talked about their “screen to machine” software that allows them to first draw plans for a kitchen, and then have the drawings used by the machines to actually make the cabinet parts. One result is that they can reproduce old moldings for historical renovation. Also your own personal house fix-up (Ernest says they make perfect reproductions).

In the shop we were in awe of many machines. One of their staff (I regret not getting his name because he was extremely helpful and approachable all night) gave a full demonstration of their Skill CNC machine. They also have a 42” sander that they have rented out to woodworkers for \$75/hour (price may increase!). They have a computerized chop saw, and a banding machine that applies bands so as to look like a natural edge of the wood veneered on the top and bottom of the MDF. They also have a couple of large spray booths that are open into the shop, and suck the air in the other direction.

Mark also discussed their methods of construction. They make all of their cabinets themselves, and everything is built very solid. There was also much discussion of “green” processing, including conversion coatings with catalyzed lacquer. We discussed many other aspects of working on cabinets, and processing techniques and approaches—far too many to name.

Mark and Stephanie took three hours with us—an awful lot of time. It is a reflection of both the many awesome things to see and learn, and also of the kindness and caring of these two individuals. Mark and Stephanie, thank you very, very much.

Our September Meeting -- Our September meeting will be held this Monday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, at Boone County Millworks. It will be a video night. I have a CD of “Travels with Roy in Europe.” In it, Roy Underhill visits five different areas of Europe and Scandinavia and shows and discusses historical and current woodworking practices and products. The presentation also discusses some of the differences with American woodworking. Really neat stuff!

Our October Meeting/Event -- The Hartsburg Pumpkin Festival is in October. In the words of Terry Selby: “The Midwest Woodworkers Assn. has been accepted as a vendor for the 2016 Hartsburg Pumpkin Festival. It will be held on Oct. 8th and Oct. 9th from 9am. to 5pm. on both days. We have electricity available for anyone that needs it for power tools. This is a great opportunity to promote our club, demonstrate woodworking techniques, and help children construct wooden toys -- maybe even turning them on to woodworking. We will set our tents up on Friday night before. As in previous years we need to be unloaded and vehicles moved by 7am. As far as I know we are in the same location as in previous years. Questions call Terry at 573-442-1581.”

That's all for this month. I hope to see you at the MWA meeting this Monday, September 26, at 6:30 on site at Boone County Millworks. It promises to be very interesting.

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

Joe Gorman

### **July MWA Meetings**

The July 2016 meeting of the Midwest Woodworkers' Association was held on July 25, 2016 in Don Bristow's shop. Joe Gorman presided with 17 members present. Toy workshop at the PET facility on July 28th and a turners' workshop on August 4th. Annual dues of \$20.00 are due. Tom Stauder had steel shelving available.

### **Show and Tell**

Darren Laupp showed a yard sign and sunflower intarsia he had recently completed.

The program was presented by our host, Don Bristow. He showed his shop equipment and gave an interesting and informative presentation on how he designs and makes boxes and his methods for choosing and installing hardware.

### **August MWA Meetings**

The August 2016 meeting of the Midwest Woodworkers' Association was held at the Mark Hall Cabinet Shop at 6:30 PM on August 22, 2016. Joe Gorman presided; 16 members and 1 guest present. There was no business meeting nor raffle.

Mark and Stephanie Hall gave a presentation on their business. Stephanie told how they help clients design projects and choose wood and finishes. Mark took the members on a tour of the shop and showed how their CNC machine worked. He showed us their wood inventory and the various machines they use. It was a very interesting presentation.



Don Bristow's presentation at the July MWA meeting.



Some of the many boxes Don had on display at the MWA meeting in his shop.

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