



Newsletter

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June 2017

President's Letter

Greetings Woodworkers,

Our May Meeting -- Our May meeting was our annual picnic. It was held on Saturday, May 20th in the Happy Hollow Shelter in Stephens Park.

I was unable to attend this year. In the words of Bob Youngquist: "The sky cleared for the picnic and the sun came out. A small but enthusiastic crowd of woodworkers and their families hosted our guests from Coyote Hill for the usual spread of great food. Tasty burgers and hot dogs cooked by Chef Terry and his BBQ crew. Kids from Coyote hill had a good time on the playground. All in all, a good time. Sorry if members couldn't make it but hope they find time to attend next year."

The annual MWA picnic is one of two functions that we put on annually, to benefit the children and staff at the Coyote Hill children's home. It is relatively brief (three hours or less), and is a nice break for all at Coyote Hill. My first couple of years in the MWA I skipped the picnic, thinking that I didn't know anyone very well. But it really is primarily about the kids. You won't lack for conversation or entertainment or a sense of purpose and fulfillment. If you were unable to attend this year, I urge you to consider it next summer.

Our June Meeting -- Our meeting this Monday, June 26th will be held at Boone County Millworks at 6:30 p.m. For this meeting Tom Hutchinson is generously stepping up once again, this time to provide us with his insights regarding burls. In Tom's words:

"I have about 20 years experience working with burls. At Hut Products we had trucked in loads of burls weighing several hundred pounds. The main species were big leaf maple from north west coast, buckeye burl from California and box elder from the western states. We used dozens of other species but in lesser quantities. I have slabs as samples of many of these species.

There is no specific known cause for a tree producing a burl but I would discuss many of the theories. Most of our burl was stabilized, died and turned into pen blanks and larger blanks for duck calls. I will have samples of these stabilized died blanks and finished products.

I have asked my son David to bring some of his duck calls made with stabilized burls.

Time permitting I would also like discuss my dehumidification process for drying wood that I'm using for my projects. I bought a new dehumidifier and have installed it in the room that contains the Grizzly cyclone dust collector. It is connected to a hose which drains thru a hole in the floor so there is no tank to empty. I put

boards of several different species in the dust collection room that range from 40% to 20% moisture and in less than a week that moisture is down by 50%.

Lastly is it permissible to announce in the news letter that I have a Craftsman 1/2 inch shaper for sale. Asking \$100.00.

Thanks,
Tom Hutchinson”

Our July Meeting -- We continue to seek a program for July. Please let us know if you have ideas.

That’s all for this month. I hope to see you this Monday, June 26th at Boone County Millworks to hear and see Tom Hutchinson’s presentation on burls.

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

Joe Gorman

June Meeting

The June meeting of the Midwest Woodworkers’ Association is traditionally the time of year for election of new officers and payment of annual dues of \$20.00.



Rolling pins turned by Norm Anderson, Show and Tell at the April 2017 MWA meeting.



Hummingbird intarsia made by Darren Laupp, Show and Tell at April 2017 MWA meeting.



Tom Hutchinson presents the April 2017 MWA program on native and found wood available in mid-Missouri.

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