



St. Louis Woodworker's Guild

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Meeting Room,

Mailing Address

Courtesy of Woodcraft



Next Meeting

Collecting and Making Wooden Hand-Planes

Presented by Guild members Wayne Watson and Don Snyder

Hand planes are among the most useful tools in a woodworking shop. New planes are readily available, well made, and can be works of art to the woodworker's eye. But, good quality individual planes can be expensive. Accumulating the variety needed for various shop applications results in a very sharp pain in the wallet. One way to limit such pain is to acquire used planes and restore them to use. Another way is to make your own from scratch. Wayne Watson will talk about acquiring and restoring wooden hand planes. He will show examples of various wooden planes from his large collection, and he will discuss ways to purchase and restore used planes. Don will talk about making wooden hand-planes and show some he has made; examples being jointer, bench, chamfer, and molding planes. Wayne is the expert collector and Don the novice maker. Together, they will discuss approaches for adding wooden hand planes to your set of woodworking tools.

Mike Olson was originally planning to assist Don and Wayne in this presentation, however, he will be out of town and unable to participate. A companion talk will be given by Mike Sistek at the April meeting. Mike will discuss making metal hand-planes.

Toys

Toys for Hospitalized Kids

Please find following the toy activity report for the period ending December 31, 2007 as compiled by Toys Co-Chairmen John Patton and Steve Briner.

We delivered 200 items to the hospitals during this past month and collected 22 new items. We now have delivered a grand total of 25,301 toys since 1994.

Next Meeting

Thursday 7:00 PM
January 17, 2008
Wood Craft Supply Store
2077 Congressional Dr.
Maryland, Heights, MO

We start delivering again in January and can use just about every thing especially Valentines day, St. Patrick's day and the always popular patriotic items (such as the flag pattern).

We wish that all Woodworkers and their families had a very happy holiday season.

Please look at the Guild's WEB Calendar at //www.stlwoodworkersguild.org to select a pattern or you may call and we will send you the patterns by mail.

If you need patterns, wheels, axles (dowels) or need suggestions, please call (see below). We have wheels available in four sizes: 1-1/4 OD, 1 OD for the Whimsy Car, 7/8 for the PT Mini car and 1-1/2 OD for the large racer. You may call John at 314-843-0616 or Steve at 636-922-1947 for any of the above or to arrange pickup.

Other News

Unpaid Membership Cancellation – If you have not paid your 2008 membership dues, your membership has ended and this is your last newsletter. To reverse this action at the January meeting or within the next couple weeks, send your check for \$25 for 2008 membership dues to Jim Hoeller – Treasurer 7247 Lindell Blvd. St. Louis, MO 63130. Do it now! So you don't miss a single newsletter issue or Guild activity.

Woodworker's Show – February 8,9,10, Collinsville, Illinois Coliseum. If you signed up to assist at the show, please arrive at least a 15 minutes before your assigned time and spend your time in the booth. If you have an item to display at the show bring them to the January meeting or to make arrangements for pickup and/or delivery to the show please contact Jerry Lammers at 636-349-7849.

Recycled Furniture Contest – If you haven't started on your project for the contest, now is a good time. The basic rules are as follows: You can build anything you want as long as you able to carry it to the October 2008 meeting for judging. The majority of the wood must come from a piece of recycled furniture. You must bring a picture of the original piece of furniture before destruction and the completed piece. New or recycled metal, glass, accent wood, knobs, hinges, etc. may be added to make the piece functional. The winner will be selected by popular vote of the attending membership at the October meeting. The grand prize will be \$100.

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And, now we begin the **twenty-fourth** year of the St. Louis Woodworker's Guild!

President's Notes:

Wow, What a Trip!

It was a cold Saturday morning when I arrived at Kurt Herrmann's house. We had planned a trip to Springfield MO, and since it is a three hour ride we wanted to start early.

I had a purpose for this trip: to purchase a large piece of equipment. Kurt wanted to drive his car, but when we measured the trunk to see if it was big enough we realized we would need to take his wife Dee's van.

We started out at Quick Trip to get a coffee for the road. Soon it was time to get some breakfast, and we saw a sign for Cracker Barrel; but when we go off the highway we couldn't find it...fortunately, Bob Evens was easier to find. Now that we had nourishment, we were ready to get to our destination: the Grizzly Store in Springfield. If you haven't been there, you are really missing something. It is a toy store for big tool junkies. I don't know if there is another store anywhere that has as many stationary tools; but if there is, it would be hard to beat Grizzly's prices.

First, we went to the warehouse where they have their dinged and dented merchandise for sale at discount prices. Unfortunately, there was not much there, at least nothing that we wanted. However, the main store was another story. We picked up a few small items that we could use and then toured the store's huge display of large stationary industrial tools. One could spend a lot of time just looking at the many configurations and multiple sizes of the different pieces of equipment that are available. We found the store staff to be quite knowledgeable and very friendly.

The real purpose of the trip for me was to purchase a one-horsepower spindle sander with spindles ranging from 1/4 inch to 4 inches. When Kurt agreed to ride with me, he was just going along to see the store. However, all that soon changed. After seeing the spindle sander, he figured that a workshop wouldn't be complete without one. And, now that Kurt has built his new shop, surely he had to have one as well!

After paying our bill, we were sent across the road to a 330,000 square-foot warehouse to pick up our 600 pounds of purchase and load them into the van for the trip home. Unloading the sander and getting it into my basement was a daunting task. I am fortunate to have a strong young nephew to help me, or I'm not sure how I would have managed.

After our excursion (and our expenditures), Kurt and I decided it would be nice to take our wives to dinner and convince them why our new purchases were so needed. We had a lovely dinner, they were happy that we had new "toys" – or so they said – and it was a wonderful day with friends made through the Guild.

Mark

Library Corner

Happy New Year!

This first newsletter of the New Year includes another iteration of my now traditional recap of what we have in our library. I try to consider entries of old as well as items added over the course of the prior year. As I stated last year, I like this approach for two reasons; first - it updates you on what's available, and second - it makes my holiday newsletter contribution a little easier! Just seems like there's never enough time...

We have two cabinets in the back of Woodcraft's storage area that are quite full of books, magazines, and visual material that I'm sure by now covers pretty much all interests related to woodworking. We have everything from carving to custom shop setup, from furniture making to foundation repair, from toy making to tool usage. And content can vary from general knowledge to precise instruction on a given topic. A complete list of all books, magazines, and videos is maintained on our website. Viewing it can't be easier - just click the *Library* tab on the *Guild Services* page; Kudos to Webmaster David Brown for maintaining such a high-end site.

Most notable this past year were donations of several quality books, thanks to you generous Guild members. We received a great book on workbenches to kick-off 2007 (*The Workbench - Schleinig*), followed later in the year by a book on making doors (*Doormaking Patterns & Ideas - Birchard*), then another on turning furniture parts (*Woodturning for Furniture - Conover*). Aside from these, I also reviewed some items I found on the web and public television, all available for purchase should the majority voice an interest.

I regret to say we've also suffered a loss of several decent books and videos over the last few years. I apologize for just now formally presenting the list. I'd like you to consider these and let me know if you're interested in any of them. There were some inquiries about the workbench book immediately after Wayne's awesome presentation last January. At the time I thought our wayward copy would make its way back. But it didn't, and I haven't heard from prospective borrowers since then. Here's a list of those items no longer in our library... some of these are from the 90's, and have only been checked out a few times:

Books

The Ultimate Wood Block Book
A Manual of Veneering
Woodshop Dust Control
The Workbench Book
Veneering Simplified
Understanding Wood Finishing

Videos

Making Rustic Furniture
INCRA Jigs
Making Kitchen Cabinets
Ironing On Veneer
Mastering Your Bandsaw
Refinishing Furniture

I have to admit, I fall short when it comes to enforcing our check-out policy. Our borrowing terms are rather simple; borrow any book, magazine, and/or video on a meeting night, and return the item(s) at the next meeting. The number of items to borrow is limited only by what you feel you can read/view in a month. I've never really stressed this before, but terms also state that if items are not returned within a generous grace period (several months) a borrower should remit full list price of the item. This enables us to purchase another copy for the library. I usually just send reminders to folks who have borrowed items for an extended period and they just about always turn up. We woodworker's are an honest lot, and I realize library books aren't always top priority in everyone's busy schedules! Perhaps I'll make my New Year's Resolution to maintain better records of how long items are borrowed! In any event, I'd really appreciate everyone's help with this. Please try to return library material after one month of use.

As you can see, I keep this first article of the New Year rather general. The library holds a great deal of information that should draw woodworkers of all skill sets. I hope you can find something of interest. As always - let me know if you can't. I'm open to suggestions on what could make this resource even more useful to you. Library entries are available for checkout during each general member meeting (third Thursday of the month).

Mark Gezella - Guild Librarian

St. Louis Woodworker's Guild Membership Application

Name _____ Date _____

Street _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Occupation _____

Types of woodworking
you enjoy _____

Amateur, Intermediate
or Expert _____ E-mail Address _____

Where did you obtain this application
and learn about the Guild? _____

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St. Louis, MO 63146. You will start receiving this Newsletter, which will keep you informed of the time and place of meetings and
other events.



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