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Our Next Meeting

Thursday 7:00 PM
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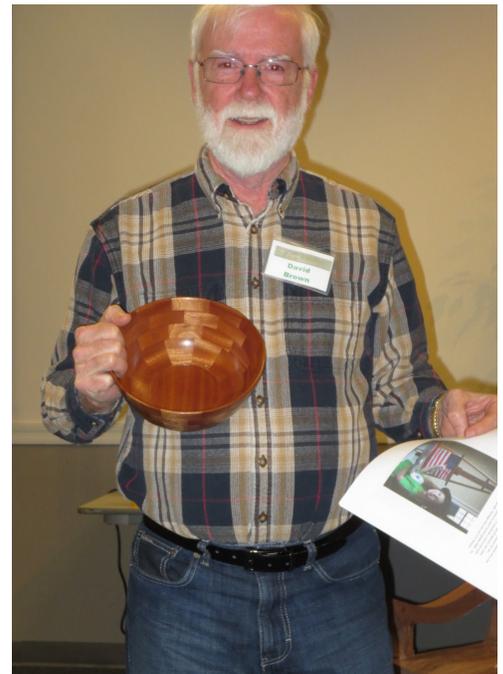
Creve Coeur
Community Center
300 North New Ballas Road
Creve Coeur, MO 63141

Chair Building with Brad Bernhard

Join guild member Brad Bernhard as he shows the construction techniques for building beautiful sculptured chairs in the Sam Maloof style.

March 2013 Meeting Annual Show & Tell and Silent Auction

The meeting on March 21st was our annual show and tell event and silent auction.



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Wayne's Sawdust April 2013

We are entering the second quarter of the year and our Guild is as busy as ever. We have mini-workshops planned every month for the next several months. We are participating as judges and demonstrators at the St. Louis District Technology and Engineering Exposition at Florissant Valley Community College. The Guild also provided walnut plaques, thanks to U-Pick Hardwood who donated the material and provided modest financial support to assist in jump starting the District contest. The Veterans Administration at Jefferson Barracks Hospital has also asked the Guild to assist them in judging the entries in their annual Creative Arts Festival. I will let you know more about this new community activity in the future.

Our toy program for hospitalized children continues its history of success thanks to the leadership of John Patton and Steve Briner and, of course, to those of you who support the program with your unselfish donations each month. Just think of it, we have delivered over 36,000 toys. That is a lot of happy children, most of which are in a struggle to get well. When I speak to people about the Guild's activities, the fact that we have donated thousands of toys over the years is instantly recognized as quite an accomplishment. We can all take pride in what the Guild has accomplished!

Rich Weitzman has proposed to the Executive Board that we consider expanding the toy program to provide toys at Christmas time to the "Toys for Tots" program. The Board has agreed that a second toy program is certainly worth our attention. This will, of course, be dependent upon our members stepping up and supporting it without adversely affecting our toys for the hospitalized. Rich will be laying out this new initiative in the coming months. I know our members will get behind him to make this a success as well.

The Guild has delivered 28 lanterns to the St. Louis County park at Jefferson Barracks. In the past they have been borrowing the lanterns which we have provided to the County at Faust Park. I would like to thank all of you who came out to the "Chicken Coop" to assemble the lanterns.

Election of Guild Officers will occur at this month's meeting. The current nominations are; Wayne Watson, President; Denny Krupinski, Vice-President; Keith Lissant, Secretary; Tom Tupper Treasurer; Mike Sistik, Director. Nominations are still open. If you wish to run or nominate someone you may do so at this month's meeting.

Wayne

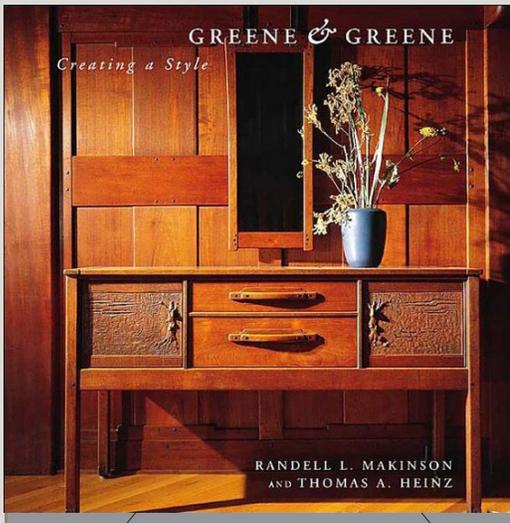
Build A Backsaw Class

Due to the class instructor, Matt Cianci, coming down with a bad flu the day he was supposed to travel to St. Louis, the class was postponed until June 15th-16th. If you have signed up for the class and cannot attend that weekend, or if you are interested in attending and want to see if there are any openings, please contact Wayne Watson at (314) 846-1172 or via e-mail at workwood@earthlink.net.

Book Review: Greene & Greene, *Creating a Style*

by Randell L. Makinson and Thomas A Heinz

Review by Ethan Sincox



As much as I like a good woodworking book that gives me instructions and dimensions I can use as a basis for a project, I have just as big an affinity for books that make me think about what I'm creating before I even make my first saw cut. These are the kinds of books that also help me to stop worrying about being so exact with my measurements and dimensions and just let the form evolve and grow as I build it. This is the spirit I want to nurture in my own artistic style of woodworking.

Greene & Greene: *Creating a Style* is not your typical coffee table book on Greene & Greene furniture, though it does contain some of the best detailed photographs of Charles & Henry Greene's works I've seen to date. Instead, this is more of a study of how their architectural style,

and resulting furniture style, developed and how they refined this style over the years. It works to provide substance to the architectural beliefs that Charles Greene wrote about early in their career. He said:

Our attempts mostly in the line of domestic architecture may be arranged in three grand divisions: 1) to understand as many phases of human life as possible; 2) to provide for its individual requirement in the most practical and useful way; 3) to make these necessary and useful things pleasurable.

The first chapter discusses plans, beginning with the request for a simple bungalow from Mr. & Mrs. Arturo Bandini in 1903. This U-shaped design was one of their first that encouraged a flowing relationship between inside and outside spaces. In the houses that follow, Makinson and Heinz show you another 13 or so plans, stepping through the evolution of the overall idea of building a structure that is harmonious with its surroundings.

In the second chapter, the focus turns to the materials they used, from shingles and siding to natural stone and brick garden walls. Through their distinctive and creative use of natural materials in their design elements, they fashioned graceful and inviting houses that did not rely upon grandiose budgets.

The chapter most woodworkers are going to jump to is the third one, which focuses on interior rooms they designed in their entirety, from the hardwood flooring laid on a bias to the candlestick sitting on the fireplace mantle. This chapter contains photographs of rooms staged as they would have appeared when the home owners saw them for the first time. Though they depict different rooms, in different houses, during different stages of their architecture career, they always display what Charles Greene referred to as "the oneness of all that exists." If you take your time, and really look at the details in the imagery, you can easily find the small things that build on and complement each other to create continuity and harmony within each space.

If you are looking for a book with a bunch of pictures of the typical Greene & Greene elemental styles we see every time Charles or Henry Greene's name is mentioned, then this may not be the right book for you. Instead, if you are interested in reading about their first architectural projects and seeing how these projects planted seeds that grew into what we now expect to see, and if you are interested in trying to apply Charles Greene's third grand division of architectural belief to your own work, to make necessary and useful things that are also a pleasure to touch and use and see, then... maybe this is a book you should consider reading.

Announcements

March Attendance

There were 66 people in attendance at the March 21st guild meeting.

Raffle Winners

In addition to the \$50 gift card from Rockler, saw blades were given out in last month's raffle to Rich Sanders, Dan Sudkamp and Jeremy Taylor

Upcoming Events

On Thursday, May 16th, Gary Roux, from the International Wood Collectors, will give a presentation on collecting wood.

On Thursday, June 20th, Steve Frank will present his ideas on segmented woodworking techniques.

Officer Elections

April is always the time of year when we bring in the new officers for the board of the St. Louis Woodworkers Guild. The current nominations are:

Wayne Watson
President

Dennis Krupinski
Vice President

Mike Sitek
Director

Tom Tupper
Treasurer

Kieth Lissant
Secretary

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Toy Report

We delivered 153 toys in March. All of you that brought toys to the March meeting did a great job. We were almost completely out of toys. The total delivered since 1994 is 36,591. Year to date total is 489. We can use anything such as; cars, bird houses, airplanes, animal kits, coyotes, cats, Tulips and other flowers at the next meeting in April.

If you need patterns see our web site to select and print a pattern or you may call and we will send you the patterns by mail. We really need about 20 to 30 each of any craft pattern you select.

You can call John at 314-843-0616 or Steve at 636-866-6121 for any of the above or to arrange pickup or delivery.





Mini-Workshops

Crosscut Sled

On Saturday, April 20th, Wayne Watson will be conducting a 4 hour mini workshop on building a crosscut sled for a tablesaw. You will be able to make some of the sled during the class, but it can't be completed until you are in front of your own table saw.

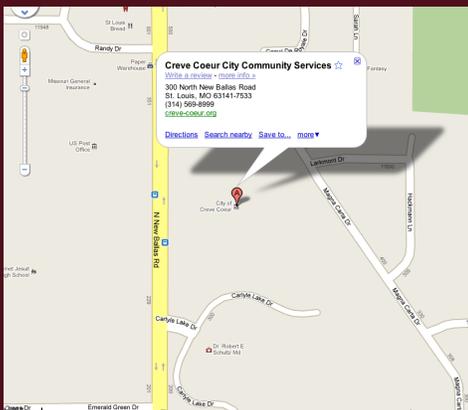
Relief Carving

On Saturday, May 18th, Rick Weitzmann will conduct a one-day class on relief carving. This will go from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information on any of the mini workshops listed above, contact Bob Brinkman at 314-378-1893 or via e-mail at r_brinkman@hotmail.com.

Meeting location.

Creve Coeur Community Center,
located at 300 North New Ballas
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Membership Application

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Occupation _____

Type of woodworking you enjoy _____

E-mail address _____

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

*If you would like to join the St. Louis Woodworkers Guild please attend our next meeting or mail this application and your check for \$30 for one years dues to:
St. Louis Woodworkers Guild, P. O. Box 411766, St. Louis, MO 63141-9998*