

St. Louis Woodworkers Guild



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Our Next Meeting

Thursday 7:00 PM
May 21, 2015

Creve Coeur
Community Center
300 North New Ballas Road
Creve Coeur, MO 63141

Jewelry Boxes with Vic Barr

Guild member Vic Barr
will show what it takes
to make beautiful jewelry
boxes and many other
wood items

At Our Last Meeting: A Celebration of 40,000 Toys Delivered to Local Hospitals

The April Meeting was a celebration of the Guild Toy Program reaching a huge milestone. The delivery of our 40,000th toy to area children's hospitals: Children's. Cardinal Glennon & Mercy. In addition to Cake & Ice Cream, we had an additional treat, representatives from Cardinal Glennon & Children's Hospitals joined us to talk about the positive impact that our toys have on the hospitalized children. One of the children wrote a great letter to the Guild thanking us for the toys. Alberta Lee from Mercy Children's Hospital could not join us, but she sent a letter that expressed her appreciation for all the toys. Don Snyder read Marissa Hirlinger's letter about the daughter of her dear friend named Keira. Keira is frequently in the hospital to receive treatment for a rare cancer. She really looks forward to spending time in the Arts & Crafts area with our toys & craft items. During this time she totally forgets about all the cancer stuff and enjoys decorating and playing with the toys.

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President Letter *May 2015*

I have to say that last month's meeting was very inspiring. I knew that our toy program was making a positive impact on our community, but not to the level that was presented to us. I'm really humbled to think that the toys our members make have such a huge impact on the children and families at the hospitals that receive our toys. For all of you that represent our toy program and for those of you who have made toys – thank you! I put the photograph that was handed out at the meeting of Jaycie Martin, the little girl from Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital, up in my shop to serve as my inspiration to make more toys for the program.

It would have been difficult to have made the 40,000 toy mark without help from our guild sponsor, St. Charles Hardwoods. From supplying wood to making the molding knives for our car blanks, they've been an integral help in reaching the 40k mark. We also can't forget Brian and the guys at Rockler who have made and donated toys to the program. I'm really grateful that our sponsors are involved in our guild activities and really seem to look at sponsorship as a partnership with us. I'm pleased to announce that our list of sponsors is growing. We've added three more sponsors in the last few months. Bill Cerny of Edwardsville, Illinois is a hardwood dealer specializing in quartersawn and natural edge hardwood from his company, On the Natural Edge. He will give a 10% discount to St. Louis Woodworker's Guild members. Guild member Emil Damotte of Raintree Hardwoods in Granite City, Illinois will offer a 15% discount on his remaining selection of hardwood. Many of you should have received an email with his flyer. Also, for those of you who want a unique way to sign your work, Signature Medallions in San Diego California will give guild members a 10% discount off of their prices. They have small medallions that you can put into your work with a forstner bit. To see what they have to offer go to www.signaturemedallions.com and when placing an order mention that you are a St. Louis Woodworker's Guild member when you check out.

At our May 21st meeting we will have Vic Barr presenting. Vic is an outstanding presenter as well as an outstanding woodworker and we are in for a treat. I look forward to seeing all of you there.

Mike



Dear Woodworkers,

Congratulations from all of us at Mercy Children's Hospital on reaching your 40,000th project mark. I speak for the entire Child Life team in thanking you for your dedication to Mercy and for your part in improving hospitalizations for thousands of children throughout the years.

Your wood projects speak for themselves in their quality, design and creativity. That goes without saying. Rather, it's the impact that your projects make in our quest to improve the hospital experience for our patients that I'd like to address.

It takes more than medicine to heal a child. Your organization helps to provide the "more"! Your organization of compassionate, skilled artisans and have made it easier for us to do our jobs in caring for our 'Mercy Kids'. While the contribution you provide might just look like a wooden toy or craft piece, it really is so much more. Your donations are motivators for children to get out of bed and visit the activity room despite the pain of a recent surgery. Your donations provide opportunities for our patients to interact with peers and enjoy time with siblings. Our chronic patients with frequent admissions often arrive to the floor with, "Can I paint a car again?" They show no sign of distress from yet another admission, instead they are focused on participating in a favorite hospital pastime.

Lastly, the beautiful wooden tops provide a tool for distraction as children await painful procedures. We distract those that don't yet know how to spin the tops with instruction while they wait. And for those kids who already know how to spin a top, we challenge them in top-spinning competitions while they wait.

Mercy Children's Hospital is so grateful of our partnership with the Woodworkers Guild. You have been so committed to helping us care for the kids we love so much for so many years. Congratulations, Woodworkers Guild!

Alberta Lee
Manager of Child Life
Mercy Children's Hospital

Announcements

There were 68 attendees, including guests and members, at the April Guild meeting.

Future Workshops

June 20th - Turning Pens.
Taught by Jeff Nasser

Contact Bob Brinkman to sign up for any of the workshops.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

May 21st
Jewelry boxes with Vic Barr

June 27th & 28th
Veneering, Banding and Inlay with Freddy Roman, Massachusetts maker of fine period furniture.

Toy Report

We delivered 210 toys this month. Our year to date total is 750 items. Grand total since 1994 total delivered is 40,716.

Steve collected 332 items at the April meeting. Thanks to all who devoted their time and talent to this program. For the next delivery in May 2015 we have sufficient cars on hand, but Memorial Day crafts, and Independence Day, and Mother Day, Fathers Day, Grandparents Day (Heart Necklaces, etc.) would be appropriate for the holidays coming up.

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 need about 20 to 30 each of any craft pattern you select.

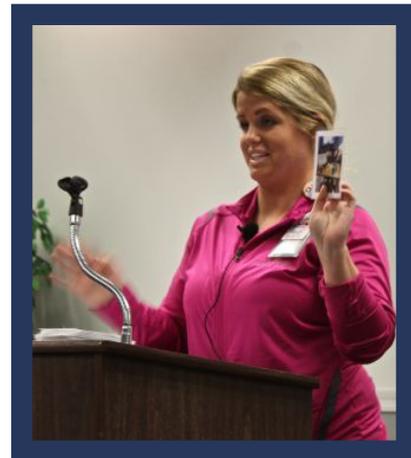
You may call John at 314-843-0616 or Steve at 636-866-6121 for any of the above or to arrange pickup or delivery.

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Next, we honored several Guild Members for their contributions to the toy program:

- Steve Briner made the most toys (2613) during the 10 year period between 2004 and 2014
- Wayne Humphrey made the most toys (588) in 2014
- Keith Lissant made the 40,000th toy
- John Patton & Steve Briner were honored for outstanding contribution to the toy program
- Eddie Wilson, owner of St. Charles Hardwoods was honored for his generous donation of profiled wood for race car bodies
- Charles Gorla was honored for donating the most toys as a Non-Member. Both in 2014 and in the 10 year period between 2004 and 2014. Charles was given an honorary 1 year membership.



Representatives from Children's and Cardinal Glennon Hospitals shared their inspirational stories of how the toy program has benefited their young patients.



St. Charles Hardwoods was recognized for their generous donations of toy material throughout the years.



Steve Briner



Wayne Humphrey



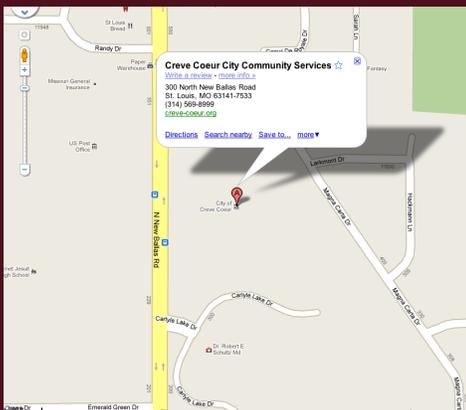
Keith Lissant



Charles Gorla

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*