

St. Louis Woodworkers Guild



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Our Next Meeting

Thursday 7:00 PM
October 15, 2015

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

Automated Furniture Production

This month, Martin Goebel will discuss the intersection of hand-crafted and automated furniture production. This will be a definite can't miss program!

At Our Last Meeting: Heirloom Joinery Techniques with Steve Palmer

Steve Palmer is a juried artist with Best of Missouri Hands Artisan Group, and owns Sugarcreek Woodworks & Design. When he can Steve also teaches furniture design at the Eureka School of the Arts in Eureka Springs, Arkansas.

Steve has been working with wood his entire adult life and has a great appreciation for its natural beauty. Over the years he has created a wide range of turned pieces, boxes, jewelry boxes, and furniture that combine original designs, various materials and contrasting woods. He almost exclusively uses domestic hardwoods using the finest joinery.

Steve is an engineer by training and it shows. He believes a fine line and a tight fit add

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**Steve Palmer
with some of his
woodworking
featuring
heirloom
quality joinery
techniques.**

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President's Letter *October 2015*

At the end of last month, I was able to attend Woodworking in America 2015 in Kansas City. It was a great experience and one I hope to repeat next year. The classroom instruction was top-notch and the instructors are some of the best woodworkers in the country. In addition to the great classes, Woodworking in America also has a great marketplace and it attracts most of the top tool vendors in the country. Because it's such a great conference, it attracts woodworkers from around the country and I had a great time talking to a lot of different woodworkers. Of course, I brought up the subject of the St. Louis Woodworker's Guild and asked the woodworkers that I met about their guild or club. It was great to be able to compare notes with woodworkers from other guilds. Most of them were surprised at how much we were able to offer for our membership. It's no secret that I'm really proud of our guild and its members and to be able to validate that was very rewarding.

After talking to so many woodworkers from other guilds, it's really apparent that the most successful guilds are listening to their members. A successful guild needs to offer the programs, classes and services that its members need and want and not what the executive board thinks is appropriate. So, in that spirit we will be putting out a new member survey by the November meeting. We have a wide variety of woodworking experience and expertise in our guild and we need to tailor our activities to accommodate that experience and expertise. So, when the survey comes out please take the time to fill it out and answer it completely. We want to make sure that the programs, classes and services that we offer are giving you a good value and are meeting your needs.

This month we have another great program. Martin Goebel will present a program on how he has combined the best of traditional woodworking with CNC production to produce his unique designs. The program will be called "the intersection of hand crafted and automated furniture production". This is a chance to really see what the future of woodworking is and Martin is on the ground floor of this movement. Recently, Fine Woodworking magazine named him one of the countries up and coming furniture makers and have a really nice article on him in the November/December issue. You really don't want to miss this meeting and this program. I hope to see all of you there!

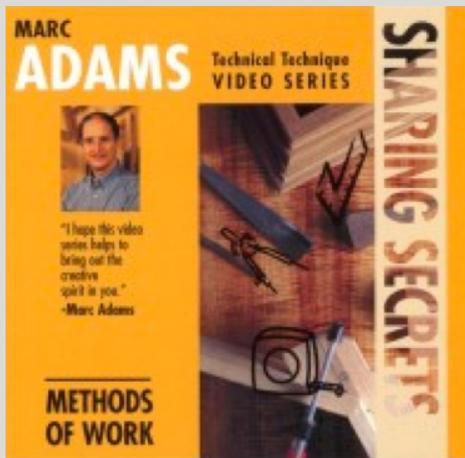
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Workbench Tops Available

Fellow Guild member, Dan Pace, has twenty or so heavy (as in commercial) solid core doors available for \$20.00 each. The Guild used two each of these doors to construct the workbenches in our shop at Faust Park. They are flat and very stable. If you are interested in acquiring a couple for your workbench project contact Dan Pace at dnmcpa@sbcglobal.net

Library Corner: Sharing Secrets DVD

by Marc Adams



Marc shares his secrets with a number of topics from furniture/projects design and assembly to machinery maintenance.

The majority of the video is on design layout, shaping wood, and assembly solution secrets. Marc discusses a number of methods on making mock-ups to create a 3D image of the wood project before cutting a single piece of wood. He also demonstrates using the Golden Portion Rule in the layout of wood projects. A number of method for drawing curves and arcs is demonstrate in the video. Mark discusses

a number of secrets in the assembly of wood projects focusing mainly on the use of the joiner and planner.

The remainder of the video (approximately 30 minutes) covers topics such as machinery maintenance, special jigs and fixtures, wood repairs, sharpening, and finishing.

The SLWG Library also has a number of books that share woodworking techniques, jigs, and fixtures.

Show and Tell

At the last meeting members showed off some of their work. Here is a quick rundown of the action:

Brad Bernhard	Tilt-top table
Steve Nagy	Box made from crown molding on shop built table saw jig
John Bronson	Tray made from reclaimed lumber
Cecil Robertson	Upcoming Windsor chair class & Guild Facebook page
Jeff Nasser	Round box made from Lignum Vitae with Holly accents
David Brown	Bowl made from Lignum Vitae with Salad Bowl finish

Windsor Chairmaking Class

Cecil Robertson will be hosting a Windsor chairmaking class on October 24, 25 or 27. If interested, let Cecil know by this Saturday, October 17th, so he can make sure to have enough seat blanks. In this class you can learn to build a Windsor continuous arm chair or a Windsor side chair. Class schedules are available at www.eightquarter.com.

Contact Cecil Robertson at 314-605-1410 if you are interested.

Announcements

There were 60 attendees, including guests and members, at the September Guild meeting.

Congratulations to Dan Sudkamp, winner of a \$50 gift card from Rockler.

Future Workshops

October - November

Infilled Plane Class with Robbie Field and Mike Sitek (4 sessions, \$100 plus Materials)

October 17th

Veneering with Jeff Morgan and Mike Sitek

November 19th

Bandsaw boxes with Robbie Field

December 19th

Hand plane tune-up and repairs with Wayne Watson

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

Upcoming Meetings & Events

November 19, 2015

Tony O'Driscoll
Green and Green Furniture

December 2015

No Meeting

January 21, 2016

Charles Hoehn
Building a Coppiced Ship Model with Wave Action

February 18, 2016

Don Snyder
Design and Construction of a Table Lamp

Toy Report

We delivered 284 toys in September, bringing our year to date total to 1904 items. Grand total since 1994 is 41,870.

The guild collected 244 items at the September meeting. Our thanks to the nine people that donated.

We have a large supply of cars on hand. Other craft items would be good. Don't forget that Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Years are coming up and themed items would be a good idea. Please try to get seasonal or holiday themed items to us a month or more in advance to be sure they are delivered in a timely manner. There is no Guild meeting in December, but we try to deliver 12 months a year, so we need heavy donations in the Fall to carry us over.

Please remember that there are as many girls in the hospitals as boys and try to donate items that will appeal to both. Any quantity of an item is acceptable.

The Toy Committee consists of Wayne Humphrey (314-440-2173), Jason Ottenson (507-202-6703) and Vickie Berry (972-741-1944). Please call us with questions, comments, suggestions, or you need to arrange pickup or delivery of toys.

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to the overall beauty of a piece. With this in mind he makes all of his woodwork to heirloom quality standards.

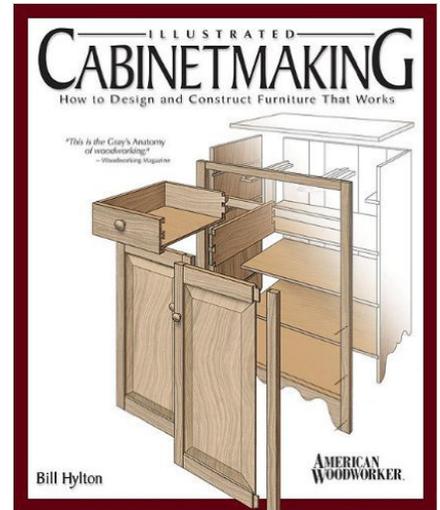
The first part of Steve's presentation consisted of a slide show of various examples of his work. He likes to let the wood speak for itself and uses a wide range of figured lumber, usually without stain. He showed a range of products from small boxes to furniture pieces to a kitchen full of cabinets.

The second part or the meat of the presentation, consisted of a booklet Steve has compiled as part of his teaching materials. The booklet contains valuable information on cabinetry, joinery and furniture design. He uses the booklet for his woodworking classes, and it starts with design concepts and continues through woodworking techniques. He uses this booklet to guide students with almost no experience to build a finished piece in a short span of time.

Steve focused on only a couple of joinery techniques, specifically mortise and tenon joinery and dovetail joinery. He feels that with only these two feathers in your woodworking cap that any woodworker can create heirloom quality pieces.

Steve often referred to another woodworking book, *Cabinetmaking, How to Design and Construct Furniture That Works*, which he uses for himself and students to fully illustrate many woodworking techniques in very clear detail.

Many thanks to Steve for sharing his woodworking experience with the guild and giving a great and useful presentation.



Wood Carving Weekend Workshop with Boris Khechoyan

On September 19th and 20th, the Guild hosted Boris Khechoyan, Master Woodcarver for a two-day, hands-on workshop on woodcarving. This was a great opportunity to learn for one of the best.

Boris is a classically trained Master Woodcarver from the former Soviet Union. He has a worldwide reputation and his carvings can be found in numerous museums. You can view some of his work on his website www.woodcarver4u.com. A former resident of the St. Louis area, Boris relocated to California several years ago. Personal business brought him back to St. Louis and he agreed to give a two day workshop for Guild Members at a very attractive cost.

Muny Shop Tour & Guild Picnic

On Saturday, September 26th we had the annual Guild Picnic. This year it was held in Beautiful Forest Park. As usual, there was lots of great food! For an added bonus we also got a Backstage Tour of the MUNY. It was fascinating to hear all that goes into putting together the shows. Special Thanks to Brad Bernhard & Wayne Watson for organizing this great event!



Bill Cerny Shop Tour

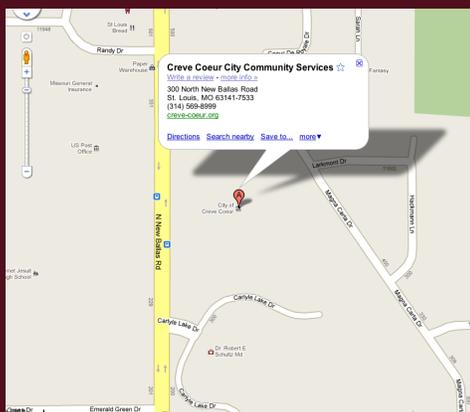
On Saturday, September 19th many guild members attended the shop tour at Bill Cerny's. Bill gave several log cutting demonstrations with the Woodmizer mill and his Stump Rotisserie. He also had huge discounts on fitch cuts of logs. We also got to check out his kiln drying rooms, pick through his huge inventory of lumber and take a tour of their beautiful home. I think everyone had a great time!

If you're looking for wood for a project that has the same grain and color in every board, this is the place for you!

His place is really easy to get to. Get on I-70 E and take I-255 N and I-270 E to IL-143 W in Edwardsville. Take exit 23 from I-55 N and drive to IL-143 W in Edwardsville. His place is behind Caulk's Collision Center on IL-143 across the street from the Knights of Columbus Hall. Just go through Caulk's parking lot and take the drive down to his shop. For your GPS, his address is 7149 Marine Rd, Edwardsville, IL 62025.

Meeting location.

Creve Coeur Community Center, located at 300 North New Ballas Road, St. Louis, MO 63141.



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