



June 2016
Issue 365

Our Next Meeting

Thursday 7:00 PM
June 16, 2016

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

Making Moldings with Hand Planes

Former Guild President
Wayne Watson shows us
how to use different planes
to make moldings by hand.

At Our Last Meeting: Guitar Building with Joe Mendel

Joe jumped right into things by grabbing some thin slices of wood and demonstrating how he bends the sides. The first step was to wet the wood and wrap it in paper and then aluminum foil to keep the wood from drying out. After marrying the wrapped wood with heat blankets and thin steel, he put the wood into a bending form and let the wood begin to heat up.

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Joe Mendel showing
off one of his
acoustic guitars.

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President's Letter June 2016

Recently, we conducted the annual audit of the guild's books. This is an annual requirement that is in our bylaws and I'm glad to say that it went real well. We were able to account for the guild's receivables and expenditures down to the penny for the 2015-2016 fiscal year. This audit also marked the passing of the books from Tom Tupper to Tom Tierney as the guild's treasurer. I can already tell that Tom Tierney is going to do a fine job as the guild's treasurer and I have every confidence in him. We are definitely on solid ground financially as an organization and we owe that to the efforts of our outgoing treasurer, Tom Tupper. Tom has done an amazing job over the years as our treasurer. His methods of accounting have not only been effective, but are a marvel of simplicity. Tom won't be going far though, as he will be taking over as the guild's Membership Chairman. I really want to send a big thank you to Tom and Leslie Tupper for all that they do for our guild and I encourage you to thank them too. Their efforts and volunteerism with the guild is one of the reasons we have had such remarkable growth in our membership. Thank you!

We are also looking for volunteers to fill two of our other positions in the guild. The positions of Guild Librarian and the guild's Mini-Workshop Coordinator need to be filled. The librarian makes sure that the guild's library of books and videos are available at each meeting. He or she will also make books or video purchases throughout the year and catalogs those purchases within the library. The mini-workshop coordinator position schedules mini-workshops and shop tours to be conducted throughout the year. The topics come from the guild membership. When one of our members suggests a viable topic, the coordinator will find someone to teach that skill and will schedule a time and place for the class. If you are interested in either of these positions, please let one of the board members know.

At this month's meeting, past President and current Guild Director Wayne Watson will discuss making moldings with hand planes. He'll cover the different types, how to maintain them and how/when to use them. In addition to being a guild member, Wayne is also a member of the Mid-West Tool Collector's Association and the Society of American Period Furniture Makers. He brings with him a wealth of information and is definitely one of our "go-to" members on this topic. You do not want to miss this meeting!

Mike

Tool Moving Day at the Guild Workshop



The new tools arrived and were moved in to the Guild's workshop at Faust Park. Lots of members showed up to move in the new and take out the old. Thanks everyone for the help!

Chef Denny at work.



The team hitched up to get the Grizzly planer off of the trailer.

Unpacking the Grizzly band saw.



Announcements

There were 72 attendees, including guests and members, at the May Guild meeting.

Congratulations to Dave Gronefeld, winner of a \$50 gift card from Rockler woodworking and hardware.

Future Workshops

June 25 & July 16, 2016
Ladder chair building with Keith Lissant

July 23, 2016
Building shop jigs with Bob Brinkman

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

Upcoming Meetings & Events

June 18, 2016
Tour of Tom Tierney's shop

Toy Report

TOY TALLY

301 Collected – May
2,337 Collected – YTD
391 Delivered – May
1,840 Delivered – YTD
44,568 Delivered - Since 1994

Thank you to our May contributors:

Charlie Gorla
Keith Lissant
Wayne Humphrey
Dale Norman
Jerry Lammers
Rich Sanders

OVER 100 CLUB

Rich Sanders - 482
Charlie Gorla - 399
Wayne Humphrey - 266
Keith Lissant - 231
Bob Zahner - 179
Jerry Lammers - 173
David Knudson - 114

2016 TARGET and CHALLENGE

Progress towards our 2016 targets:

3,000 delivered items
61% achieved
30% member participation
12% achieved

PATTERN CHALLENGE

Thanks to all our members who brought in their favorite wooden toy/object pattern to the April meeting. If you missed submitting one, not to worry, know you can submit one at any meeting. We'll be working on getting them posted to the web site.

The toy committee consists of Wayne Humphrey (314-440-2173), Jason Ottenson (507-202-6703), Vickie Berry (972-741-1944), and Bob Zahner (314-291-1878). Please call us with comments, suggestions, or if you need to arrange pickup or delivery of toys.

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While the wood was coming up to temperature, Joe moved to his slide presentation, where he showed how the body was going to come together. The sides are glued to the top and bottom with the addition of kerf blocks and lots of clamps. After gluing, the top and bottom are trimmed to size and then the edges are routed for a decorative inlay around the body. After sanding and working on the sound hole, its on to the neck.

The neck that Joe showed was a one piece neck with a laminated fret board of a contrasting wood. A separate piece of wood is also laminated to the headstock at the top of the neck. After the neck is glued up Joe shapes the neck and then works on attaching it to the body. The neck is attached with glue and/or bolts after the instrument is finished.

Joe uses EM 6000 water-based lacquer from Target Coatings for his finish. He prefers the water-based coating since he finishes his instruments in his basement and doesn't want to kill his family.

After finishing with his slide presentation, Joe pulled the guitar side out of the bending jig and unwrapped it. He was worried that the piece would just spring back since it wasn't in the form very long, but it held its shape nicely.

Joe wrapped up his presentation by passing around the bent guitar side and a ukulele that he built. The finished piece is beautifully done and explains why he only completes 10-12 instruments per year.

Thanks Joe, for taking the time to put together a great presentation for the guild!



Show and Tell



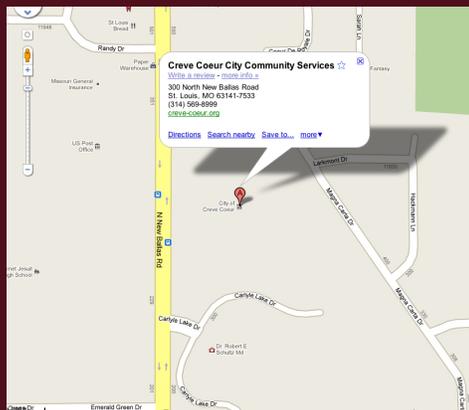
Keith Lissant - Keith showed a cross necklace made from holly and birch plywood.



Brad Bernhard - Brad showed a hand-carved pie crust table top.

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