



**Upcoming Meetings**

**Wednesday, December 5,  
2012**

**Annual Christmas Party  
At Bella Milano  
4525 West Wabash  
6:00 PM**

**Order from a menu, cash bar,  
musical entertainment, door  
prizes, gifts for our significant  
others, a night of great fun for  
everyone**

**Remember to bring a gift for  
our significant others.**

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**Nov. Meeting Notes**

**By Dick Metcalf**

Bob Wire opened the meeting at 6:30.

- Guests tonight included Dennis Greg, Dan Nielson, Ron Mayer, Todd Shoemaker, and Carole Briggs.
- Ric Thompson gave a brief update on his trip to Japan. It was an awesome trip. He met with a Carpenter and learned how to use a Japanese saw, got to see bonsai plants, took about 2,000 pictures, went through a metal manufacturing plant & two Buddhist Temples, etc. Ric and John Forneris will try to put together a full program for February.
- Bob gave a very brief report on the day trip to Effingham. There were ten members in attendance. Six places were visited and the event was a very big success.
- Our revised Procedures Guide was posted on CAW's web site and has been there for a month or so. Bob asked for comments from anyone who has read the procedures and he would entertain suggestions before taking a vote of acceptance to adopt.
- Dennis Gross asked members to please consider being an officer for 2013. Four vacant positions need to be filled to keep the club going. (Later in the evening, Ric Thompson and John Forneris volunteered for President Elect and Treasurer, respectively. Volunteers still needed for Editor and Web Master.)

**Mike Cortelyou led the presentation this night on the manufacture and use of jigs.** He began by paying tribute to Ed Alt — a former CAW member who passed away a few years back—calling him the master jig maker.

Mike's first jig was as simple as it gets: a piece of plywood used with double sided tape when run through the the planer for veneering a completed work of about 20/1000.

Mike asked others to jump into the discussion. Dave Groth showed his simple jig for centering a line on a board. Norm Koerner showed us a jig for repeatedly cutting small strips of lumber. Chuck Frank showed us a finger board.

Mike next presented a jig for cutting miters for picture frames followed by a jig for cutting inlay inserts. Then he discussed a jig for making parts for a bed with an oriental flare. One part was a drawer knob.

Jim McCormick jumped in showing his jig for making mission style beds. Randy Speck showed us a jig for holding a golf ball when playing games. Jim Roles showed us a jig for making picture frames out of barn siding.

Roland Folse discussed making a simple taper jig for cutting wood on the band saw. Norm Koerner showed us a jig for cutting splines for small boxes on the table saw.

Mike next presented some of these jigs used on the chairs he made for his granddaughter and discussed in a program he gave last year. He had a jig for “nibbling” out the seat with his router, another to form the back laminations, another for cutting the back slats (which formed a cross). He also showed a large tenon jig he built using plans from Fine Woodworking.

Finally, Mike said he has made many jigs for his projects and tried to save them. However, when he tries to reuse them, he finds it difficult to find all the parts and to remember the steps he went through to develop and use the original jig.

*Editor's comments: I think thiis was one of the best programs we've had in the recent past because so many members participated—they spoke about the jigs they made and their experience in using them... Dick*



## Show and Tell

**Dan Nielson** made many items out of wood for an outdoor wedding that both he and Bob Wire attended. Because of Dan's unique and fine rustic woodwork, Bob asked Dan to make a presentation here tonight.

Dan said he likes to work with chain saws, band saws and rough cut wood to make outdoor items. The bride was a former student of his and wanted to have a rustic outdoor wedding. He cut the trees and limbs on her property and made candle holders, tables, logs to hold flowers, a wooden plate for everyone to sign and lots of miscellaneous stuff. A variety of trees including oak, birch, sycamore, pine, maple and cottonwood were used to make the rustic items.



**Bob Wire** showed us one of three wren houses he is making for his wife, daughter and daughter-in-law. They are built using 10 pieces of rough cut wood, glued together and turned on a lathe.



**Mike McGrath** showed a chair he made at the Marc Adams school in a Jeff Miller work shop. He used a vacuum press to build the laminated back piece, a jig to cut the double angle tenons for the back slats.



## Miscellaneous Items

**Norm Koerner** gave a report on his trip to the CU Woodshop in Champaign. The business is first class and the tools they have for sale are similar to what you might find, say at a Rockler. They also have a large area for classes to be held. Some of these will be of the same caliber presented at the Marc Adams school, given time.

Norm also reported on a trip he and his wife made to Arthur to visit the Amish woodworker shops. They were welcome to freely roam around the shops and talk to the craftsmen.

Norm said first class work is being done and it was interesting to see the tools they used and the alternative power sources.