



CAPITAL AREA WOODWORKERS

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Upcoming Meetings

Annual Picnic

July 10, 2010 12:00 Noon
Rochester Park

The club will provide the chicken, drink and paper plates, etc. Each member is requested to bring a dish to share in accordance with the following schedule and table service for your family. Members are also encouraged to bring a table cloth.

A-F Fruit

G-J Salad

K-P Dessert

Q-S Vegetable

T-Z Potato Chips, etc.

We will have Show and Tell plus a Silent auction. The auctions are planned to sell our wood and any other items related to woodworking. Auctions were successful last year and anticipated to be more successful this year. Bring at least one item you just aren't using any more and see what it will sell for. Sign-up sheets will be provided listing your items for sale and the owner will be able to list a minimum bid. Bidding will take place at a fixed time and the club will not take any share of the money.



June Meeting Notes

By Dick Metcalf

Ron McDonald called the meeting to order at 6:30. Announcements:

- Ron called our attention to the annual picnic (read details in left column)
- Ron talked again about the need for someone to volunteer for the position of President Elect since Jim Copper has moved out of Illinois. There is an immediate need for the club to fill this position if we are to be successful next year. If no one volunteers we are going to ask for nominations from the floor or recommendations from a nominating committee. Please give some consideration for whom you would like to see as our next President.
- Don Stein said there is a relatively new shop-smith for sale by the widow of a woodworker near New Berlin. If anyone is interested please contact Don for more information.
- Rolland said the Alliance Garden and Artist Tour is scheduled for June 12. He asked that anyone interested in purchasing a ticket contact him or Hazen.
- Dan Schmoker reminded everyone about the Tree Identification Class he is conducting at his home, June 9, at 6:30.
- New members Mel Meier and Trevor Boyd were introduced.
- Wayne Lavern passed out a survey form "Where Do You Purchase Your Supplies and Equipment" After members provided the information requested, Wayne collected the forms. He will provide a summary of this information at a future date.

The Program Presentation by Dennis Gross

Dennis began his presentation by reviewing the primary sources of recycled lumber: old barns, old houses, pallets, auctions, flea markets, etc. Over 50 years ago half of the population in the USA were living on a farm and had at least one barn. Today less than 2% of the population lives on a farm. It makes sense for woodworkers to utilize these resources because: this lumber—enhanced by nature—is prized by architects, craftsmen and builders because of its beauty and the inherent attachment to American history. Much of this vintage wood comes from original growth forests with its dry and dense wood properties.

Why is there so much barn wood still around? Old barns can be renovated for less than half of what it costs to build a new one and have been left as is until decisions are made. The types of wood primarily found in old barns are oak, hickory, pine, maple, chestnut, and walnut. The different styles and sizes of barn wood are: interior floors, roof boards, solid beams and weathered siding.

What are the reasons for using recycled lumber? “Green Living” is the popular term used today and has become very popular with the building industry. An example is shown in the column to the right.

And regarding pallets, the first question usually asked is why try to make anything from this source? Perhaps you are financially challenged to make more projects to bring to show and tell and you just don't like to see any resource sent to death by burial at the landfill.

Ok, you've bought into the idea and want to give recycled lumber a try for rebuilding a piece of junk furniture?. What do you do first? Try to determine the age or period of furniture. Then try to determine what pieces of the whole need to be replaced/rebuilt. Run a cost comparison analysis and if the numbers are to your satisfaction, go do it! There are pics in the right column and below that tell the story.



Dennis Gross



The green table



The found junk cabinet



The cleaned and glued cabinet



The painted cabinet



The finished valuable and beautiful cabinet

Show and Tell

Tom Brock showed us some beautiful lathe cutting tools he made. He used a long drill bit purchased at harbor freight to drill the handles to accommodate the cutters. Sorry, no picture.

Comments by the Editor

Do you need air dried wood for the project your anticipating doing?

Air dried lumber is getting harder to find but there are times when it is needed for its bending properties. It's usually easier to bend and, in general, has good grain color. Carter Brothers lumber located by the Rail Golf Course has a supply of non- planned wood in 4/4 and 8/4 size, selling at competitive prices, that you might want to look at.

And finally, I hope to see all of you at the Picnic on July 10.

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