



# CAPITAL AREA WOODWORKERS

## WOODSHOP ADVISOR



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### The August Meeting

by Jan Smith

Our August meeting was held on Wed., Aug. 6th at MCL. Pres. McGrath told us about his adventures trying to update the nametags we use. We welcomed a guest, Jim Park (Hope I heard that right?). Ralph sold him some wood and Mike plays golf with him. Hope you come back! Also, attending was O.C. Logan who was roped in at the tool sale. Glad you came! Mike also thanked Bob Fox for the boat ride at the picnic and Ralph Winch for demonstrating his Wood Mizer at his Open Shop.

Mike announced that at our next meeting we will have Porter Cable rep's showing us the Omni Jig and low profile sander. Mike suggested we come early to talk to them and eat and let them start their presentation at 6:15pm.

Next, Mike begged for someone to volunteer to be President-Elect for next year and get used to how things are done. We were very fortunate that Paul Goff volunteered for the position and he was quickly nominated, eagerly 1st, 2nd and 3rd, and voted into the position. Our thanks to Paul for volunteering! He was invited to the following week's Officer's Mtg. to become accustomed to things.

### The Program: Polyurethane and Finishing

Mike announced that we were supposed to have a program on veneers but that it fell apart when the presenter was unable to come. Therefore, Mike had to come up with something fast. He handed out an article on "The 7 Myths of Polyurethane Finishes."  
1--Brush across the grain first to work the finish into the wood. 2--Thin the first coat 50% to get a good

bond. 3--Never shake the can or you'll introduce bubbles. 4--Thinning with naphtha makes polyurethane dry faster. 5--Thinning with Penetrol reduces brush marks. 6--Slant the panel to reduce brush marks. 7--Scuff sand between coats to get a good bond. After discussing these myths, members who use polyurethane regularly offered advice and their experiences.

Roland Folsie uses a combination polyurethane and oil. He uses a paper towel to apply. Other people use rags to apply. Other people commented on combinations they use for finishing. Evaporation and curing are two separate stages in the finishing process and you should wait long enough between coats to avoid gumminess. Norm mentioned that he likes to spray a finish. Bob Fox talked about the air assisted sprayer he got after the meeting at Sherwin-Williams a few months ago. Some people use a foam brush for application. Some use small spray cans. Norm Koerner mentioned he has been experimenting with a new stain from Don Smith's place on MacArthur. It is an expensive aniline dye. Discussions of sanding and grit were also offered by the group. Roland finishes up with Johnson's Paste Wax. He also talked about a liquid Howard's wax. Mike feels that polyurethane holds up well on furniture and is tough.

Thanks to all who contributed to the discussion! At the conclusion of the discussion, Mike warned Bob Fox that everyone is going to start bringing their items over to use his \$2,500 sprayer.

After the discussion on polyurethane and finishing, Mike mentioned Christmas coming up and what would we do as a Club this year? Will we have door prizes for spouses made by members as last year?

Will we have gift cards again? Will we have room for the meeting at MCL or need another location for December? Also, does the Club want to do toys again? What were the problems with that? Should we have items at a Christmas bazaar and then donate the money earned to Toys for Tots or another group? In this case, it wouldn't have to be toys, it could be any kind of item that would sell and earn money to be donated. Roland Folse mentioned that Prairie Art Alliance will have some sort of sale at the holidays and we might be able to do something that way. What does the group think? Any other ideas?

Mike McGrath and Bob Linksvayer are still pushing the woodworker's seminar idea. They are not sure yet of details. It will probably be a Saturday with 6-8 presenters doing different things and people would move around to different stations in a round robin fashion. One idea would be a SketchUp presentation. Another possibility would be turning pens, etc. Another idea would be that the fee people pay would include a membership fee where they would also become members of our Club. This might build up our numbers. Would you be interested in doing a presentation? It would be a 1-1 1/2 hr. presentation. Possibly suppliers might want to have a table too, like James Machinery or Milwaukee, etc. Another decision is where to have the seminar that could accommodate several presentations going on simultaneously. Cost might be a factor.

Mike also had available an article about the Omni Jig if people wanted to look at it and have questions for the Porter Cable reps at the next meeting.

Bob Fox mentioned that we need to decide if we want to set something up with Waverly Woodworking which he thinks our members might like to go see the operation. It is located in Auburn. Would it be a field trip or a meeting?

## Show and Tell

**Frank Thornton** brought in a smaller scale version of a Shaker style blanket chest made out of poplar from a 150 yr. old tree. It was made exactly like a full size chest would have been made. It is 1/4

scale. He made it to be used for 3 x 5 recipe cards. It has a drawer for pencils and pens. Frank also made a 1/2 scale chest to be used as a jewelry box. It was made of walnut and oak and poplar. He used a milk paint finish and tung oil finish with paste wax.

**Tom McCue** made a book stand that could be adjusted for different angles out of red oak for his church. He used mortise and tenon joinery.

**Lon Scott** brought in some more pens to show and also talked about a place on Lake Superior shore that draws logs up out of lakes. He bought a piece of bird's eye maple there and it had a certificate stating that the wood is somewhere between 250 and 500 years old and it had been under the water for around a hundred years. The name of the company was Timeless Timbers and they have some beautiful wood. One building is like a huge hangar. It is 40' tall and just stacked with wood. Lon even said they have some wood there that sells for \$1200 a board ft! He plans on making some pens out of the maple and also showed us several of his pens made from deer antler.

**Jim Neuses** showed us a jig he got at the Collinsville show for some dovetail joinery. He likes it as there is no setup to it. You could use it on the router table. Or, you could flip it over and use it with free hand router work. It was \$230 with a couple router bits.

Frank Thornton, our treasurer, said that we have **\$1,408.69 in our treasury.**

In the **50/50 drawing**, **Paul Goff** was the lucky winner of **\$14**. It pays to volunteer to be Pres-Elect!! I didn't catch who was the winner of \$10 to offset the cost of their meal.

**Frank Tureskis** mentioned that some videos need to be returned to the Library. Someone outside of the Club was looking for information on the Woodchuck machine. Frank was still trying to sell the last of the face masks that were left. Also, someone donated three new videos to the library.

## **Portrait of a Woodworker--**

**by Don Gottschalk**

We don't have an article this month. It isn't that Don just didn't want to do it, he is running out of names of people that haven't had an article done about themselves. I'm sure there must be some people out there as we have had some new members. If you have never had an article written about you, let Don know. Or, if you know of someone and they just don't want to call up or raise their hand and say, let Don know. Perhaps Frank Thornton or Chuck Frank could get Don a list of new members in the past year or so.

## **Tools for Sale**

Ron Heckman is moving and has tools for sale (if he still has any of them).

Craftsman 12" Bandsaw/Sander  
Model 113.243311  
Saw with legs and motor  
1/2 HP motor  
With extra blades and sanding attachment  
With rip fence and miter gauge  
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1/2 HP motor  
1 drill press vise with tool  
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## **Sawdust for Brains September Thoughts**

**by Mike McGrath**

I have just spent two hours redoing the name tags. As I was completing the last row, I discovered that we are a bunch of **woodwookers**. Even Microsoft thinks it is a word. If there are any more mistakes on the name tags, I don't want to hear about it. (Just kidding)

I would like to welcome Paul Goff as our President-Elect 2009. I am very confident he will do an excellent job.

Our September meeting should be a good one. The Porter Cable guys will be here to demonstrate their Omni Jig and their low profile sander. They are also interested in our thoughts about their other equipment. So arrive early and hear what they have to say. It's Wed., Sept. 3rd at 5:30pm at MCL.

The October meeting will be a discussion on hardware, especially hinges and draw slides. Be thinking about what your favorites are and how you install them. Demonstrations and jigs would be very welcome, along with resources such as suppliers and/or articles discussing slides and hinges.

November is still in the air. Any suggestions??? (Celebration of a newly elected President Barack or John?)

Christmas is coming soon. Our Christmas program will include spouses/significant others. We would like to have gifts made by the members available for the spouses. Anyone interested in making a gift should sign up at the September meeting. These gifts should not be extremely extravagant, somewhere in the \$10.00 range. We are looking for 10-15 gifts.

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## Upcoming September Meeting

Our monthly meeting will be on **Wed., Sept. 3rd at MCL. Eat at 5:30pm and program at 6:15pm.** The program will be presented by representatives from **Porter Cable** and they will show their **Omni Jig and low profile sander.** Come with questions and/or comments. They want feedback.

**Also, Roland Folse says he might try the Omni Jig at his Open Shop on Sept. 11th.**

## Officer's Meeting

The Officer's meeting will be held at Gene Shutt's house on **Mon., Sept. 8th at 7pm.** (I assume this because it is usually the Monday following the monthly meeting.) Any interested member may join them if they have something to bring up.

## Upcoming Meetings

On Monday, October 6th our meeting will be a discussion on hardware, especially hinges and draw slides. Bring your favorites or jigs or suppliers, etc.

We're not sure yet what is on the agenda for November.

We are always looking for ideas for meetings, presenters, topics, etc. Give us your ideas!!!

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## Open Shops

**We still have an opening for November.**

September--Roland Folse--Thursday, Sept. 11th  
Might try out the 23" Omni Jig  
#2 Virginia Lane

October--Jim Neuses

December--Dan Schmoker

When you know date and details let me know and will put it in newsletter.

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