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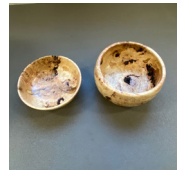
April Meeting More About Planning

Members met April 2 for a new installment of how to plan and execute a woodworking project. President Kim Fifer welcomed the crowd and began the program by announcing that the night's raffle would be for a benchtop drill press. He allowed time for purchase of tickets before opening the evening's program.



Show and Tell

Ken Royal presented two bowls from, as he put it, storage. He turned them from white oak burls and finished them with polyurethane thinned with 25 percent mineral spirits.



Rich Sherman presented three works. The first was another quilters clapper that he had made from catalpa, purple heart maple and walnut. He also presented two Japanese tool boxes, one of catalpa and one of catalpa, walnut, and maple. All projects were finished with polyurethane. (Cont.)

Good Tool - Bad Tool

Rich sherman presented a simple solution to the problem of how to find studs hidden beneath wall coverings. Since everyone agrees that store bought tools don't do the job, he devised his own.

A model of simplicity, the parts consist of a block of wood and a strong magnet. As the tool runs across the wall, the magnet will stop upon reaching a nail or screw and remain there. Simple.



Monthly Meetings

Meetings are held at 7:00 pm on the 1st Tuesday of each month at:

Park Hill Presbyterian Church

Steen Hall

3510 John F Kennedy Blvd

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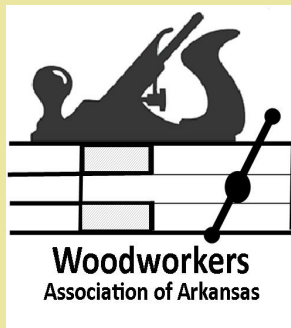
May 7, 2024—Planning A Project - Parts Three and Four

\$\$ DUES \$\$\$

For new or tardy members, annual dues are \$25.00, payable to our Secretary-Treasurer, Gary Williamson.

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FUN FACTS

Catalpa wood may look like a lighter oak or ash when rough sawn. It translates into a thing of beauty when finished.

According to Woodcraft, “Nearly the entire trunk of a catalpa tree is composed of heartwood that ranges in color from tan to golden brown.” Worth seeking out.



Pat Morris presented a stool he fashioned from red oak and beech. He finished it with polyurethane.



Amanda Mamula presented a table she made from pine. She finished it with polyurethane and offered the group a bit of woodworking advice, “Pocket holes are nice.”



The long-awaited Carl McCormack chair made its grand appearance accompanied by a great deal of “wows.” He invited everyone to sit in it but few took the opportunity to desecrate such a work. He made the “Welsh stick chair” from white oak. At this point finish consisted only of oil stain.



When asked, he said he fashioned the work using a jig he presented the month before and “lots of patience.” Questioned as to how long the project has taken, he said, “you don’t want to know.”

The Program

George Harrison and Mel Petty presented a program about selcting wood. George began the program by talking about the appearance and nature of wood including olivewood and African rosewood.

He then demonstrated some techniques in making woven cutting boards using a variety of wood types for definition.

Mel Petty presented facts about several types of wood and their characteristics.

Some of factors involved in choosing a wood:

- Appearance
- Location of finished piece
- Durability
- Rot resistance.

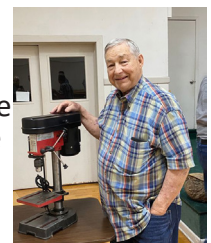


WRAPUP

President Kim Fifer announced that the vote on revised association bylaws will be postponed until the May meeting.

He then conducted the drawing for the drill press. The winner was Richard Goff.

Next month’s program: Wood prep, along with assembly, and build.



Ask Sandi and Woody

It was about daybreak and Woody had the crew standing at attention in the workshop and in front of the table saw. Sandi yawned. Son Splinter scratched in a non-mentionable place. Only Dusty the dog expressed any enthusiasm.

“Okay,” he said, “Here’s a question from a fan.” He read, “Our group just saw a presentation on planning your woodworking project. Could you share an example of how your family does it?” He addressed the standees, “How do we begin?”

“Coffee,” said Sandi.

“Sleep,” said Splinter, rubbing his nose.

Dusty doesn’t always speak. He just signaled, “Treat.”

Woody dropped the letter to his side in disappointment. “Now come on team,” he said. He turned to the worktable and drew forth a length of four-quarter walnut. Brandishing it, he said, “Now what do you suggest that I need first?”

“Rat poison,” Sandi said, yawning.

“Bathroom.” Splinter said, squirming. “Can I go?”

“It’s ‘May I go,’ and no.” He turned to Dusty.

“Ruff,” Dusty said, wagging his tail.

“That’s right Dusty,” Woody said with enthusiasm.

Dusty smiled. Sandy groaned. Splinter grimaced.

“Right, old pal. It’s rough so the first thing we need to do is to joint, plane, and sand the pieces we are going to use so we can reach all the corners. Good boy.”

Dusty wagged his tail. “Teachers pet,” said Splinter. Sandi’s eyes rolled toward the ceiling.

Woody turned to the table and rummaged among other pieces. It took a minute or two and when he turned around, only Dusty remained.

“Well at least one of the team is dedicated,” he said. “Good boy, Dusty. Now let’s get busy.”

Dusty wiggled and said, “How about that treat first?”

Woodworking question for Sandi or Woody? Contact an officer or board member.

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