



November, 2018

December Meeting Christmas Party



Our annual Christmas Party is Tuesday, December 4th at 6:30. Bring a potluck and your spouse or significant other.

White House Collection of American Crafts: 25th Anniversary

This collection is on display at the Clinton Presidential Center through March 31, 2019. Initiated in 1993 in honor of the "Year of American Craft: A Celebration of the Creative Work of the Hand", the collection includes 73 works of glass, metal, ceramic, fiber, and wood created by 78 of America's foremost craft artists.

New Newsletter Editor

Thank you for letting me become your new newsletter editor. Please bear with me as I learn a new skill. - Jarion

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Upcoming Meetings...

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| January 8 | Leaf Carving with Paul Drennan |
| February 5 | Butch Darrell |

Meetings are held at

Steen Hall
Park Hill Presbyterian Church
3150 John F. Kennedy Blvd.
North Little Rock, AR 72116
7 p.m.
Unless otherwise noted

Dues...

Dues are \$25.00 per year, payable at the meeting to Secretary-Treasurer Angie Heifner.



November Recap

Handtools with Shep Miers



Shep Miers demonstrated the use and care of hand woodworking tools. On display were Shep's essential hand tools, which he uses in the classes he teaches at the Arkansas Arts Center, and the tool box he built to transport his tools in an organized and safe manner.



Mr. Miers explained about the various types planes and their uses. These include the jointer plane, jack plane, smoothing plan, block plane and speciality planes. He spoke about various sharpening systems including his personal choice, freehand, and suggests that you choose a method and use it consistently until you understand how or what needs changed.



Shep also discussed hand saws and the difficulties in using them. He mentioned pull saws, such as Japanese or Korean saws; and push saws, such as panel, coping and dovetail saws. Shep demonstrated the use of various types of chisels. The beveled edged bench chisel - used for dovetails and general chisel work. The mortise chisel - use to cut and lever out waste wood in mortises. And the paring chisel - used for fine tuning joints and shaving thin amounts of wood. Finally, Shep discussed measuring tools such as the square, folding rule, winding sticks, and marking gauges.

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Member's Gallery



Pat Morris made this quilt stand from a black walnut tree cut from his property. All of the joints are hand cut, mortise and tenon and assembled with hide glue. The carvings on the ends echo his wife's Pennsylvania background. The finish is Waterlox.



Rob Middleton shows off a beautiful cutting board with a Greek Key design made from maple, walnut and cherry, all finished with multiple coats of mineral oil.

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Treasurer's Report

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| Beginning Balance Oct, 2018 | 3914.26 |
| Dues Collected† | 0.00 |
| Funds Available | <u>3914.26</u> |
| Expenditures | |
| Printing newsletter | 63.00 |
| November program | 100.00 |
| Total Expenditures | <u>163.00</u> |
| Reconciled Balance | 3715.26 |

Total 2018 Paid Membership: 59 members

1 Corporate Sponsor

As of: November 11, 2018

†We did have one new member, Tommy Kidd, but I was not able to deposit his check before I went out of town so it is not included in this report.

Current Officers

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| President | To Be Determined |
| Vice President | Bryan Meldrum |
| Secretary–Treasurer | Angie Heifner |
| Newsletter–Editor | Jarion Stevens |
| Photographer | Rick McFarland |
| Board Members | John Althoff Rob Middleton Pat Morris George Harrison |

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