

Knothole News

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Greetings Everyone,

Hot and humid, I can almost hear the wood in my shop swelling (in width only as you know.) Looking forward to seeing you at our meeting, and the A/C is on. We will be discussing again the Club's "toys" project: where we are and what we want to accomplish, individually and as a Club. Please bring your favorite plan to share along with ideas for a club build. I have some wood to share for toy builds if you have a need.

Look at the new "reminder" column, and always feel free to call and remind us what we need to be reminded of. Don't forget "Show and Tell", something off your bandsaw would be particularly appropriate and don't forget your questions and advice and experience to share.

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THIS MONTH'S MEETING

Thursday, July 11, 2019 at 6:30PM

We will meet at Bill Nay's shop

(see page 6 for directions and a map)

Bandsaws—Basics and Beyond

Joint presentation by Bill Nay & Gregg Zumwalt

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Bill Morgan 918-369-6435

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Vacant

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Betty Zumwalt 918-249-4663

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Minutes from Last Month's Club Meeting by Bill Morgan

The GCWW club met on 6/13 at Bill Morgan's home shop. In attendance were Bill Nay, Gregg Zumwalt, Ray Hucek, Arthur Barber, Mike Ruttgen, Harold Blalock, Shaun Garbry, Venton Knarr, Robert Rothenbacher, and Bill Morgan.

Bill Nay called the meeting to order and led the group in a discussion of several items of club business:

Ray Hucek brought in the name tag case and new tags were made for members who were not active when we previously used tags. Ray agreed to maintain the case and provide blank tags for new members.

Ray gave the financial report. We currently have \$1810.11 in the club's account. we discussed the advisability of reinstating nominal membership dues for the club. While we currently don't have any ongoing expenses, we do expend some funds for components for the annual toy build, business cards, website costs, etc.. As the club continues to grow we may want to build up some funds for possible future needs. The issue was tabled for more discussion at a future meeting.

Bill Nay provided a sign up sheet for the 6/21 & 6/22 Woodcarver's show as well as some of the club's new business cards which we'll be able to use in promoting the club to the public. Mike Ruttgen will add a "reminder" section to the newsletter to highlight these kinds of events in the future.

We have a couple of "open" positions for the club's board. Bill Nay is now the club's president, Gregg Zumwalt continues as the vice president, Ray Hucek is the treasurer and has also agreed to handle the name tags. Arthur Barber is our webmaster, Mike Ruttgen handles the Knothole News and Bill Morgan continues as the secretary. Harold Blakock agreed to act as our "floating" board member - - a position that is designed to provide assistance to the other board members as required and to add another perspective to the boards discussions and decision making process.

We currently rely on volunteers for a monthly meeting space and also require the same volunteer to provide a program for the meeting. Ideally we'd have a program coordinator who would take on the responsibility for identifying potential programs and developing a program schedule. While this has never been a highly sought after position on the board, it is one that is important for the club's success and one that will be supported by the rest of the board as well as the membership.

Bill Nay volunteered his shop for the July meeting and Robert Rothenbacher will host the August meeting. Harold Blalock's shop is progressing and we'll get a chance to see it first hand at the September meeting. Since December is our Christmas dinner meeting, we only need host volunteers for Oct. and Nov. for the balance of the year.

The 4th Thursday dinner for June will be at 6:00 on 6/27 at Oliveto's which is on the north side of Memorial just north of 91st street.

Gregg Zumwalt reported that he's purchased some items from "Tools Plus" and found that they have a wide range of woodworking tools and products at reasonable prices and offer free shipping.

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President's Message (continued from page 1)

Just want to say a special thanks to all that helped with the Club's booth at the Woodcarvers' show last month: Betty Zumwalt for the table skirt, Earle for toys and everyone else for their time helping greet the public and bringing things you made to display. I think it was successful in getting our name out there, both for positive interest shown and the positive impression. I expect there to be benefit down the road just from people finding out about us. I think maybe Bill Morgan's pull toy grasshopper was the one item that no-one seemed to be able to pass up, it was a magnet calling to be rolled across the table. An excellent representation of our work and the Club, so thanks to all. Bill provided his plans and I'll have a few copies at the meeting and maybe some will be interested in producing some of those fun toys.

Bill Nay, President

Reminders

Upcoming Meeting Locations

August Robert Rothenbucher

September Harold Blalock

October _____

November _____

December _____

Open Positions

- Program Coordinator
- Membership Management

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TOYS

Several suggestions were offered for this year's toy building effort. While some members prefer to build toys in their own shop and on their own schedule, the group builds we've had in previous years were popular and productive. Bill Nay has purchased some lengths of rough cut oak material that he has offered up as raw material and of course construction grade 2 by 4's also make inexpensive raw material for simple wheeled toys. At the July meeting we'll look at a few specific proposals and schedule a toy build for one of the fall meetings.

SHOW AND TELL

Gregg Zumwalt brought in a kaleidoscope that he built for his son. The scope is made from bocote wood and the storage box for it is made from Brazilian rosewood. The material selection pretty much guarantees that this will be a one of a kind gift.

Bill Nay brought in a bowl he turned from a section of a neighbor's downed Maple tree. He also turned a box from the same maple and fitted it with a walnut lid.

Bill Morgan reviewed the "puzzle ball" project described in the Jan issue of Wood magazine. He showed the jig required to cut the individual puzzle pieces and the set up required to control the thickness. Assembly of the puzzle pieces turns out to be more challenging than making them.

Bill also reviewed his most recent progress on the Sam Maloof rocker that he's building. He reviewed some of the "lessons learned" and how he's compensated for some of the problems he's encountered. He also received some helpful suggestions regarding final sanding and finishing from the group.

Photos from Last Month's Dinner



A bad day woodworking is better than a good day working. ~Author unknown

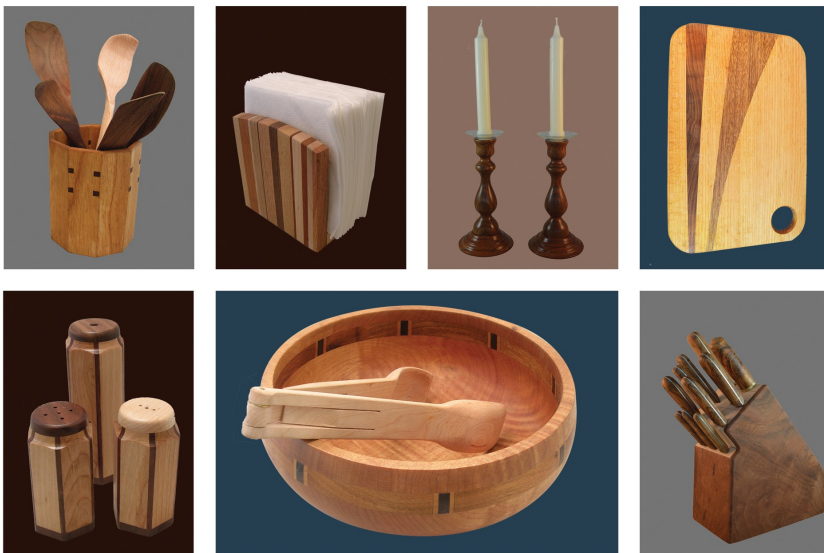
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From Betty Zumwalt



BY KEN HORNER

Woodworking matters. It's more than a pastime or hobby—being a woodworker means that you know the satisfaction and pride that comes from using your hands and mind to build beautiful, functional objects, and that you're as interested in the process as the outcome. Amid the speed and chaos of the modern world, woodworking gives us a place where we can slow down, pay attention, and take the time to do things right. ~Aimé Ontario Fraser, *Your First Workshop: A Practical Guide to What You Really Need*, 2005

For Sale

If you have a tool, wood or other items you would like to sell or offer up to the members, please send a picture and short write-up to Mike Ruttgen (email on back page).



Our next meeting will be on
Thursday, July 11, 2019 at 6:30PM at
Bill Nay's Shop
11145 S 82nd E Place, Unit L
Tulsa, Oklahoma
918-492-8481



Enter Bill's (unit L) on
the back side of this
multi-unit building

Park next to the fence so
you do not block the
entrances to other units

GREEN COUNTRY WOOD- WORKERS

The Green Country Woodworkers are made up of men and women who are interested in woodworking as a hobby.

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The monthly meetings are conducted as educational forums for the benefit of our members and guests. We have idea exchanges, problem solving sessions, safety tips and tool tips plus a main speaker on topics related to woodworking in all its phases.

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The club sponsors community service projects such as making Toys for Tots at Christmas and supporting Beads of Courage by turning bowls and making boxes for children undergoing cancer treatment at Children Hospital at Saint Francis. The containers hold the children's beads. The beads represent their treatment progress.

KNOTHOLE NEWS

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OBJECTIVES

- To provide the Knothole News, a monthly newsletter
- To promote woodworking and participate in woodworking and craft shows to inform the public of club activities
- To make wooden toys which are donated to selected organizations throughout the year
- Monthly Show & Tell; all items entered in the show and tell will be presented to the membership by the builder

Membership applications are available at each meeting from the club secretary or treasurer. At this time, no membership fee is charged.

MEETINGS

The club meets on the second Thursday of each month at 6:30PM, typically at a designated member's shop. The upcoming location and topic are published in advance in the Knothole News.

We also have a monthly dinner/social on the 4th Thursday of the month at 6:00PM; the location is determined during the regular monthly meeting.

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Please be sure to check out our new web site for more information about the organization, past Knothole News publications, pictures, resources, etc.

