

Knothole News

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Greetings.

I said last month that time flies, but from the looks of my accomplishments during this time, it was at supersonic speed. A goal for the meeting this month is finalizing our group toy build plans. I am going to bring an example that might work for us, if you have a favorite or an idea please bring it for consideration. Also, while you thinking cap is on, how about some ideas for program topics. If you can think of one for which you could be the presenter, even better! Hope to see you on the 11th.

Bill Nay, President

THIS MONTH'S MEETING

Thursday, August 11, 2022 @ 6:30 PM

Hardesty Regional Library, Pecan Room

8316 E 93rd St, Tulsa, OK

Tea Box Building

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Minutes from Last Month's Meeting by Bill Morgan

The GCWW club met on 7/14/22 at the Hardesty Library Branch. In attendance were Bill Nay, Gregg Zumwalt, Ray Hucek, Mike Ruttgen, Arthur Barber, Jim Rouse, Earle Smith, Vinton Knarr, Harold Blalock, Mitchell Cohen and Bill Morgan. Bill Nay called the meeting to order, welcomed everyone and led the group in a discussion of a few items of club business.

Mitchell Cohen was a first time visitor. He is currently in the process of retiring and is interested in developing the skills to do some toy building for his grandchildren - - which most of us have some experience with. Welcome to the club Mitchell.

Ray Hucek reported that that the club has about \$3000 in our bank account.

Vinton Knarr agreed to make a presentation on box building for the August meeting.

Our regular meeting room will not be available on the 2nd Thursday of Sept. Rather than switch the meeting date, we agreed to meet at Gregg Zumwalt's shop for the Sept meeting (9/8/22).

Mike Ruttgen is building a grandfather's clock case from a kit as part of his job at a local clock shop. The plans called for a curved top but he's had trouble bending the top to fit. His two attempts at cutting splines on the concave side were almost (but not quite) successful and he asked for suggestions from the membership. Suggestions ran from trying steam bending to gluing up thin laminates over a form to using wiggle board.

It's time to start planning this year's Christmas toy build and several people brought in samples of things they're working on. Jim Rouse is building some F-16 fighter jets and showed his latest version.

Vinton Knarr showed an "x-wing" fighter plane and detailed some of the challenges (and his solutions) to building a realistic looking toy.

Bill Nay brought in samples of several group built toys that we've produced in past years and after some discussion, it was tentatively agreed that this year we'd produce a single piece car design that Gregg proposed. We'll have some sketches available at the August meeting.

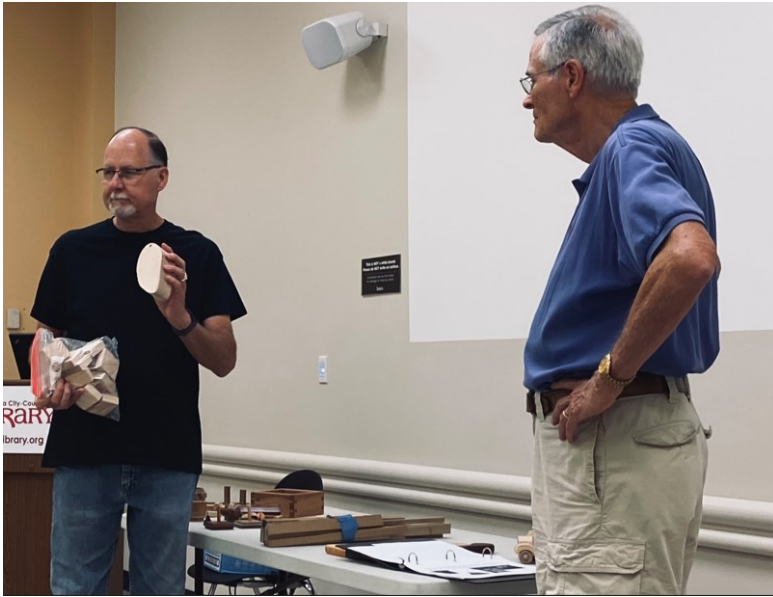
In order to have some "girl" toys available, Gregg plans to build a number of simple tops decorated with magic markers. He will demonstrate how he builds them at his shop at the Sep't meeting. Several members have lathes and hopefully we'll have a number of "gender neutral" toys available this year.

Bill Nay and Ray Hucek gave us a presentation on what can be done with all those small pieces that are invariably left over when we finish a larger project. A few of us have a collection of not only cut offs but improperly cut pieces.

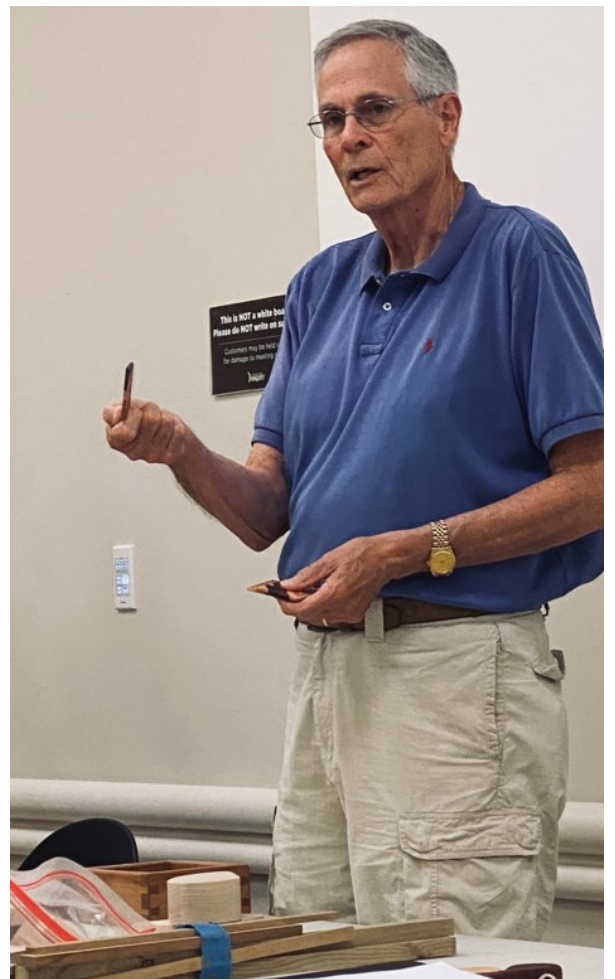
Both Bill and Ray brought in samples of creative options for utilizing that last scrap of expensive wood - - ranging from Christmas ornaments to ring holders. Trivets, toys, stop blocks, cutting boards, coasters, and lots of other things can be made from your left overs. Bill has even mixed sawdust with melted wax to make fireplace or charcoal fire starters.

Now we can all feel like conservationists and good stewards rather than just someone with a cluttered shop.

Photos From Last Month's Meeting



Bill and Ray giving a presentation on possible uses for small pieces of wood.



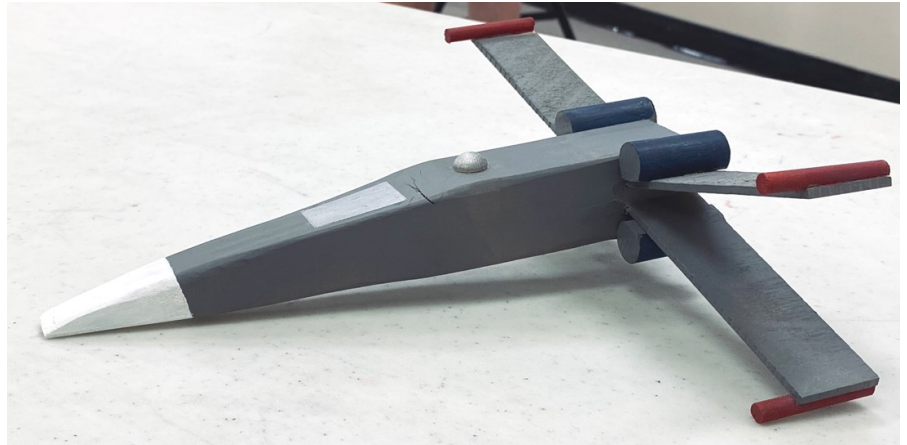
Content Submitted by Club Members



Ray showing off a "Couples" cutting board and a new keepsake box .



Vinton brought this X-Wing fighter to see if it might be one of the toys that the club might build for this years toy drive.



Jim also brought a jet fighter to see if it might be one of the toys that the club might build for this years toy drive.

For Sale Items, Bill Nay, 918-492-8481

PC 1/4 sheet finish sander, vacuum hose fitting \$20



DeWalt 15 gal wet or dry vac. Like new \$100



Rigid 1/4 sheet
finish sander,
like new \$25

Makita 3x21
Belt sander,
like new, in
box \$40



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Roller outfeed, infeed or side support table, very adjustable and sturdy

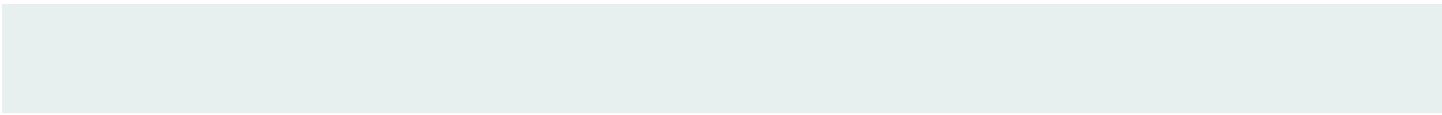
About 25" W x 38" H x 52" L extended
25" W x 24" H x 19" L collapsed

9 rollers, 300 lb. weight limit, 4" locking casters

\$120



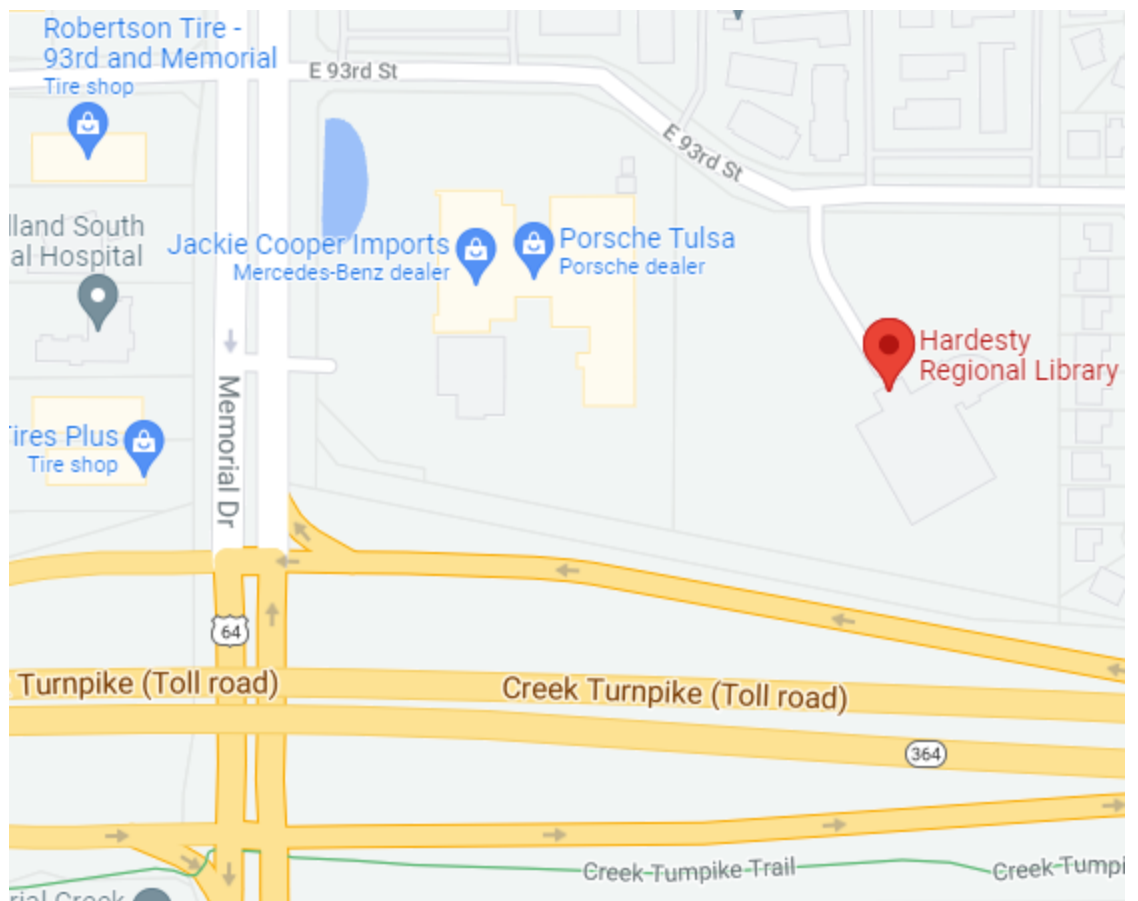
Vintage Craftsman power plane. Spiral blade, fences, original box, runs when plugged in. Great tool to have when you need one. \$10 Bill Nay (918) 492-8481



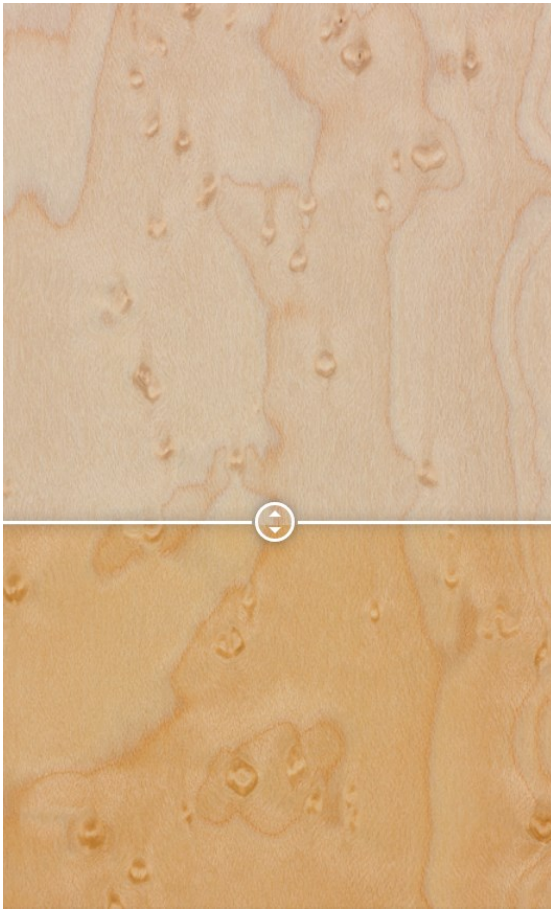
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“Birdseye Maple” from www.wood-database.com



Comments: Called birdseye maple (sometimes written out as bird’s eye) because the tiny knots in the grain resemble small bird’s eyes. The figure is reportedly caused by unfavorable growing conditions for the tree. The tree attempts to start numerous new buds to get more sunlight, but with poor growing conditions the new shoots are aborted, and afterward a number of tiny knots remain.

Birdseye maple is frequently sold in veneer form, but solid lumber is available as well. Being tiny knots, the birdseye figure is most noticeable and pronounced on flatsawn pieces of lumber.

Identification: Since birdseye maple is not a distinct species, the written information below is for hard maple (*Acer saccharum*), though the endgrain images show a sample with birdseye figure for reference. See the article on Hardwood Anatomy for definitions of endgrain features.

Porosity: diffuse porous Arrangement: solitary and radial multiples Vessels: small to medium; moderately numerous to numerous Parenchyma: banded (marginal) Rays: both narrow and wide; normal spacing Lookalikes/Substitutes: Sometimes confused with species of soft maple, hard maple can sometimes be differentiated on the basis of weight, where hard maple is markedly heavier than some lighter species such as silver maple (*Acer saccharinum*). Also, hard maple has a greater diversity of ray widths when looking at the endgrain (ranging from narrow to wide rays), while most other maples native to North America have more uniform medium-width rays.

Common Name(s): Birdseye maple, bird’s eye maple

Botanical Designation: Not a distinct species of maple; considered a growth/grain anomaly. Although rare exceptions exist, birdseye maple is almost exclusively harvested from hard maple (*Acer saccharum*).

Distribution: Northeastern North America

Average Dried Weight: 44.0 lbs/ft³ (705 kg/m³)

Janka Hardness: 1,450 lbf (6,450 N)

GREEN COUNTRY WOODWORKERS

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

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.

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.

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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 at Hardesty Regional Library.

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.

WWW.GREENCOUNTRYWOODWORKERS.ORG

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

