

Knothole News

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Greetings.

Please note that our monthly meeting this Thursday has a different time and place than normal. We are meeting at 5:00 pm for our club annual toy build at Earl Smith's garage shop. Always a pleasure to visit his clean and organized shop and enjoy his hospitality. We have the grasshopper pull toys and bat mobiles to finish up, so don't forget to bring any of the parts and pieces you have made to contribute as well as any other

toys you've made for the kids that you want to get in one place for our December delivery to the Claremore Toys for Tots program. I want to give a big thanks to all who are contributing to this very worthy cause.

Just so that you'll know, your esteemed Club President is now a famous wood-working magazine contributor. Well, maybe not all that famous, nonetheless I was able to identify a "stumper" in the Woodworker's Journal column and received a good bit of the column coverage in the October issue. It may show up in the Newsletter, but I'll bring it to the meeting just in case technology is not my friend.

We will be ordering pizza, so come hungry and ready to build toys.

Hope to see you Thursday.

Bill Nay, President

THIS MONTH'S MEETING

Thursday, November 10, 2022 @ 5 PM

Earle Smith's Shop (see page 7 for a map & directions)

Build Trucks for "Toys for Tots" Program

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STUMPERS

A Bit Too Blue

Crutch's comedic purpose shared.

In the spirit of "family friendly" entertainment, of which *Stumpers* has always been intended, we're going to put the best construction on Dan McCoach's purpose when he submitted his crutch-shaped mystery item (at left) for the June issue. We'll trust that he truly didn't know what it was.

Several others didn't know either, including **Mike G.** and **Richard Wagoner**, who both thought it might be a device for poking holes in soil to plant seeds or potatoes. The "trough" drops seeds in the hole made by the cane's bottom. "It's a crutch with a built-in beer holder," quips **Sean Pekin**. Well, thanks for the innocent guesses, but they're wrong.

Around 35 of you resoundingly have shared that the joke was on us this time.

"It's a gag gift," **Mike Albers** says. "You may be getting your chain tugged a bit," adds **Robert Hughson**.

Yep, it seems we are. So, how to put this delicately ... Well, **Bill Nay** of Tulsa, Oklahoma, provided the gentlest description we could find among all of your replies. "My 92-year-old father, a woodworker, had one of these; not sure if just for novelty and whether he had made it or acquired it from someone. He called this strange crutch-shaped cane his 'boot saver' cane. With some imagination, one can realize what the center trough is used for by a gentleman of advanced years with the usual prostate problems and who wants to keep his boots dry and shiny."

Ditto that description, from the rest of your comments.

"Made of oak, huh?" says **Doug Traub** of Rapid City, South Dakota. "Must be the deluxe model!"



"I've seen (and made) many of these as an older man's milestone gag birthday present. Finally a *Stumper* for which I know at least one purpose!" **Doug Findley** of Dallas, Texas, adds.

Let's please keep these mystery tool submissions well-intended and in the spirit of learning. We want *Stumpers* to continue to be fun and appropriate for all.

Minutes from Last Month's Meeting by Bill Morgan

The GCWW club met at the Hardesty Branch Library on 10/13/22. In attendance were Bill Nay, Gregg Zumwalt, Ray Hucek, Arthur Barber, Mike Ruttgen, Earle Smith, Vinton Knarr, Jim Rouse, Harold Blalock, Jeff Reinwand, Cliff Lemons, Collette Lemons, and Bill Morgan.

Bill Nay called the meeting to order, welcomed the members present and introduced 3 visitors (and potential new members). The purpose of this month's meeting was to finalize plans for next month's group toy build at Earle Smith's shop. While some members are also building additional toys, the group build will be assembling 21 of the grasshopper pull toys and around 75 of the batmobile cars.

Bill Nay and Earle Smith have made some prototypes of the batmobile and developed some jigs to facilitate the process. They reviewed the critical aspects of the process and got volunteers to complete some of the preassembly work prior to the group build.

Bill Morgan has built a prototype of the grasshopper pull toy and completed 21 of the bodies and all the wheels needed for the build. Harold Blalock is preassembling the antennas and has completed all the leg sections. Bill Nay has completed the eyes and has the dye mixture for coloring the bodies and leg sections. Harold will pick up the dye and color the parts prior to the group build. At the build, we'll be hand drilling holes in the body for the antennas and drilling holes for the pull cord in the bodies as well as the pull handles. Bill Morgan has dowel material for the axles and handles which will need to be cut to length.

Ray Hucek showed a Halloween lantern box he made as well as a couple of decorative boxes he built for a family member to hold a domino set and a set of playing cards.

Collette Lemons showed a turned bowl with multicolored resin inlays. She also offered to present a program on using resins at a future meeting.

Photos From Last Month's Meeting

The group spent the meeting planning the toy build. The members examined various patterns and jigs to be used in the build.



Content Submitted by Club Members



Ray Hucek made this cutting board and jewelry box. They are variations of previous projects, and were made for upcoming birthdays.



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



Comments: Quilted maple is so named for its resemblance to patchwork patterns seen on fabric quilts. Much like birdseye maple, the figure on quilted maple becomes most pronounced when the board has been flatsawn, (which is the opposite of curly maple, which is accentuated through quartersawing). Alternate names and sub-categories for this type of figuring include blistered, curly-quilt, sausage-quilt, tubular-quilt, and angel-step.

There are varying grades of quilted maple, based upon the perceived depth of the quilt, as well as the purity of color of the wood itself (with a pure and uniform white being the most valuable). Quilted maple billets are often sold for extremely high prices for use as tops of electric guitars. They are frequently dyed in outlandish colors such as blue, green, or purple to give an “electric” effect to the grain pattern.

Common Name(s): Quilted maple, blistered maple

Botanical Designation: Not a distinct species of maple; considered a growth/grain anomaly. Occurs most often in soft maples, but is also seen much less often in hard maple. The highest grades of quilted figure occur primarily in bigleaf maple (*Acer macrophyllum*).

Distribution: Primarily temperate regions in the Northern Hemisphere

Average Dried Weight: 30.2 to 38.0 lbs/ft³ (485 to 610 kg/m³) depending on species

Janka Hardness: 700 to 950 lbf (4,230 N) depending on species

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



For Sale Items



Complete Jet Mini Lathe with accessories. Includes stand and locking heavy duty casters. Includes One-way Talon chuck, 3 jaw sets plus Cole jaws. Drive center and live center tailstock included.

\$500

Gregg 918-605-2761

Tormec compatible Jet Wet Sharpening center. Includes stand, 2 drawer sets and most every jig made by either Jet or Tormek. Comes with book and instructional video.

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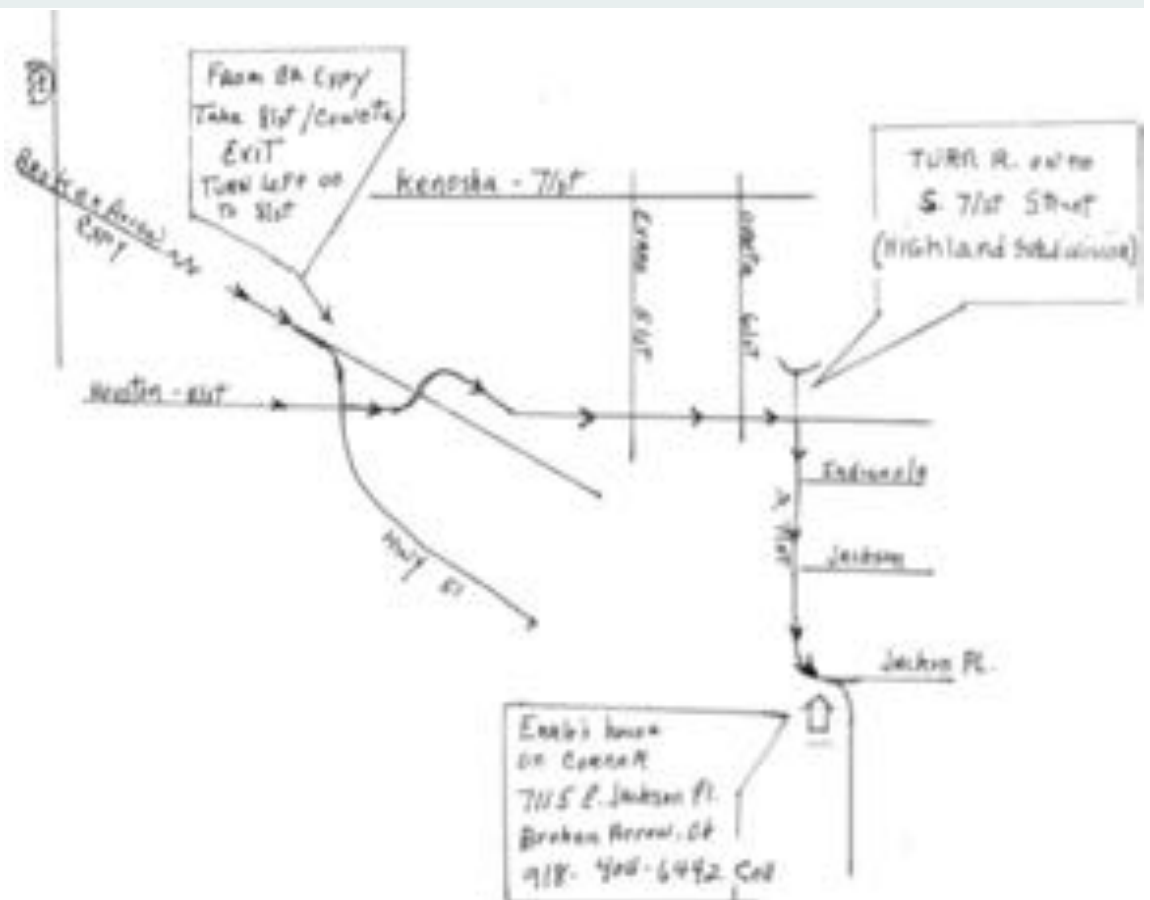


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Shop

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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.

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

