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COLLINS WOODWORKERS GUILD NEWSLETTER

Meeting Notice:

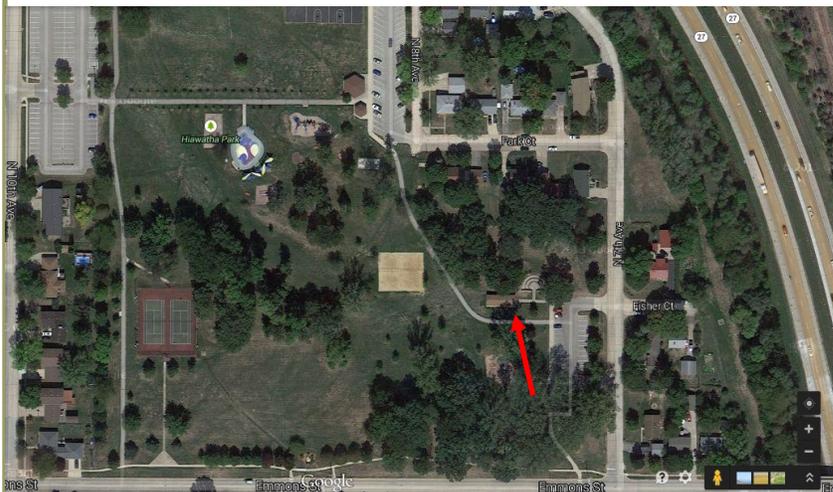
- **August meeting:** Tuesday the 19th at 5:30 at Guthrie Park in Hiawatha.
- **Subject:** Picnic
- **Project:** How I spent my summer vacation.
- **Door Prizes!!**

August Meeting

This month is our annual picnic. We moved it from July because of the heat the last several years. Statistically at least August is cooler. In practice maybe not so much. This year it doesn't make much difference because both months have been very pleasant.

Picnic

We are meeting on Tuesday at 5:30 in Guthrie park in Hiawatha. This is the same place that we have met the last few summers. The park is at 704 Emmons in Hiawatha. The pavilion is on the east side, toward the north end of the parking lot.



Please feel free to bring something to share, whatever you want to drink and your table service. Don't worry if you forget; there is generally plenty of everything. BBQ- This is catering this time and they generally do a great job.

August Project

Well the summer isn't really over unless you are a kid heading back to school—or maybe that kid's teacher. Even with some summer left a lot of us have been working on projects this summer. It may be something outside or when we retreat to the shop when it gets too



How I spent my summer vacation.

warm out there.

Some things just lend themselves to warm weather. Finishing is always nicer to do when you can open the windows — or just do it in the garage. Not many of us have a dedicated paint booth. I like to plane rough stock outside too and let the wind take the shavings.

Sometimes it's just maintaining what you already have. Painting, replacing trim and fence pickets always takes time.

So whatever projects you have going let it see it. Maybe a picture because these tend to be big.

Amana Lumber buy

Several people have been asking about another lumber buy from Amana. They were pretty happy with us last time and seem willing to do it again. This time they have Hackberry as well as most of what they has last time.

Hackberry is about as hard as silver maple so not quite as hard as cherry but not terribly soft either. It looks a little like the local ash but more pronounced streaks and some of those streaks are blue — grey.

Quarter sawn white oak	\$3.00/bd.ft
Quarter sawn Sycamore	\$2.50
4/4 & 5/4 red oak	\$1.75
Paint grade Maple	\$1.00.

Let me know what you are looking for and we can get the prder placed. If you are looking for another specific species let me know and I'll ask them. We will probably arrange to pick it up in mid September.

July Meeting

Last month we meet at Acme



tools and heard from Steve Bevers, the sales representative for Bosch.

Bosch makes a lot of stuff. Only part of it is woodworking tools. You likely have Bosh windshield wipers, breaks or some other part in your car.

They own a lot of woodworking tool brands besides Bosh.

Bosch presentation at ACME Tool



Freud and Vermont American saw blades come from Bosh.



They own Dremel and Skil so they provide lots of the tools we use all the time.

Acme of course is always a great host for events like these.



Upcoming projects:

September: Fruitwoods

October: Scary shop tales.

November: Your oldest tool.

We need ideas for new projects. Here is an opportunity to show off something that

you have made. Suggest it as a project of the month.

Wielands Road Trip**Wayne Hanson**

Last weekend Ray, Joel and I made a run to Wielands for a pallet of kiln cut-offs. Joel organized the buy and requested hard and soft maple. The pallet was approximately 650 bd ft for 50c/bd ft. Ray has a single axle trailer pulled by his GMC SUV. The Wielands guy estimated the load at around 2000 lbs so not a light load.

After splitting the pallet, we estimated that the stack was about 1/3 hard maple, 1/3 soft maple and 1/3 misc "white" wood. The misc was a mix of hickory, ash, hackberry and stuff we probably didn't identify. Probably 90% was 1 1/8" thick with a significant number that approached 1 1/2. There was a few pieces of soft maple that are thicker and I have one that is 10"W x 2"T x 52"L. 90% of the pieces are between 24" and 36" (probably an even distribution) with widths 6" to 10," again with an even distribution.

I need to run some of the stuff through the planer to see what I've got. I'm not good at identifying species so will need to work on that.

Wielands appears to be flexible in sizing a pallet for folks. They have offered pallets for 250 bd ft and 450 bd ft so I think they can "stop" adding to the pallet anytime. I think the price goes up as the size goes down. Not sure how flexible they are on species in the pallet though. (editors note: not very flexible.)

Keep in mind that this is rough cut wood so you will need to run through your planer and you will probably go through a fair amount of labor and a set of blades to get the wood down to usable form. That's why the mills charge 30c/bd ft to surface plane wood.

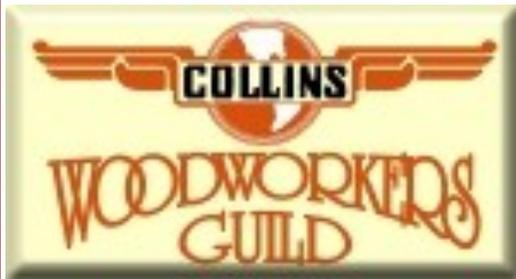
If you're interested in any kiln cutoffs, talk to Wielands or Joel for more info.



Further information (from Joel): Wielands is willing to work with us. These shorts are samples pulled randomly from the kiln to measure the moisture content as it gets close to the desired moisture. They stack them on pallets as they empty the kiln and you get whatever was running that day. Oak, walnut and cherry are more expensive. I asked specifically for a mix of hard and soft maple and this is what they had.

They also gave us some lumber for the toy build later this fall and sold me some really nice 8/4 hard maple.

The pallet that the shorts sat on was walnut.



The Collins Woodworkers Guild is a club dedicated to preserving the age old practice of creation using the medium of wood. CWG members gather monthly to share tips, ideas and experience to further the knowledge of all members. From creating heirlooms for their families to Toys-For-Tots, members help each other get the most out of their woodworking experience.

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- Social Activities
- Workshops
- Toys-For-Tots and other Programs to help our Community
- Educational and Informative Presentations
- Open Houses
- Tours

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