

Meeting Notice:

- **July meeting: Tuesday the 16st at 5:00.**
- **Picnic in Guthridge park in Hiawatha**
- **No project this month**
- **Door Prizes!!**



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COLLINS WOODWORKERS GUILD NEWSLETTER

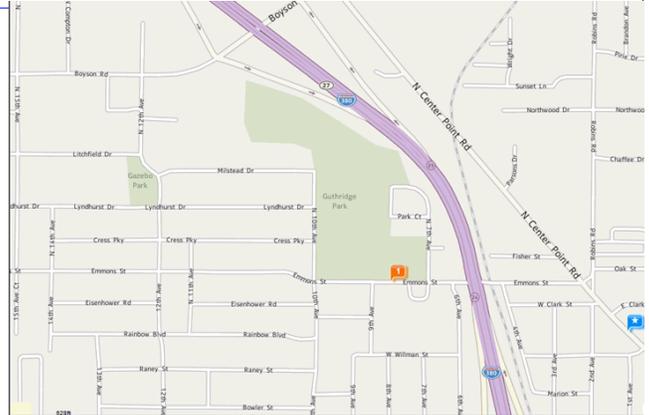
Picnic

Well our history for this event hasn't been good. Three years in a row now we've re-scheduled because of the heat. This time the forecast calls for low 80s and no rain. Maybe a little sticky but nothing like what we had last year.

We are meeting at the Green pavilion that is in the south East corner of Guthridge park in Hiawatha. We planned this last year too but didn't make it.

BBQ-This (<http://bbq-this.com/>) will cater so we have the basics covered but you should bring your own beverages. If you like you can bring something to share. Use some judgment though; pota-

to salad doesn't do so well when it sits in the car at work all day. At least not in July.



June Meeting : Brucemore tour

Last month several of is toured Brucemore. Though it was sparsely attended, those of us that went enjoyed ourselves.

Brucemore is an interesting place. When it was finished in 1884 American Queen Anne was high style on the east coast and Brucemore was one of a very few examples in this part of the country.

Fashion changes and when the Douglas family moved in they redesigned it adding some Craftsman features and redesigning the landscaping.

From a woodworking perspective the inside is interesting. Most houses of that era use much better woods in the parts that guests see. Living and dining rooms have oak floors and window frames. The kitchen generally uses maple and the

bedrooms use wide pine flooring. Not this place. They used white oak flooring and stair treads through the whole place including the servants quarters. A great choice but not cheap.

The walls on the first floor are frame and panel construction. Most grand houses of that period used mahogany for woodwork. The builders used butternut here. With a coat of redish brown stain it would have looked a lot like mahogany and that

may have been the idea. When the restoration of that area was done they left it closer to it's natural blond color.

As the families updated their furniture the old stuff was stored in the attic. The house is now maintained as the Douglas family probably used it in the 1920s with much of their original furniture. Fortunately they took lots of pictures that have survived.

There are some exceptions to the 1920s decorating. The original 1884 wallpaper in the nursery was located and used. There is a room that is used for meetings that was originally a bedroom. The mechanical systems have been updated to more recent standards. Air conditioning was running when we visited.

The grounds are spectacular. The property has 26 acres and



Brucemore in Late 1800's



The Addams Family house



June Meeting

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they are very well maintained. There is a pond and several different gardens. A "cutting garden" provides flowers for the house and grounds. A "Night Garden" has plants that are light colored and shine in the moonlight. There are hundreds of trees. The driveway from First Avenue



was once lined with American elms until the Dutch elm disease wiped them out. This has been replanted with a mix of different species but the new trees won't be mature enough to give the effect for years.

Maintaining the grounds is a huge job.

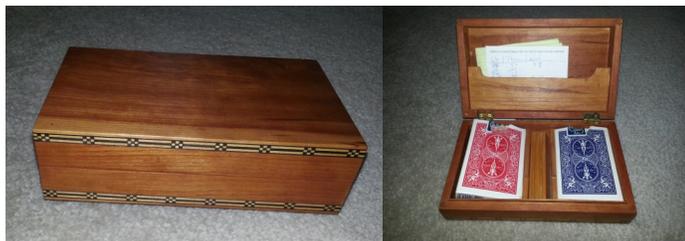
July Project: Storage

We are talking about storage this month. The category "Storage" is wide open. We talked about toolboxes a couple of months ago and that would qualify. So would kitchen cabinets.

Have you made another flag box? Definitely storage. They are a simple project and generally appreciated.



Have you made a case to store small parts for a game? That counts too. This card box has a flip up mechanism so the packs of cards can be removed. It was one of my first



Upcoming projects:

August: To build a fire: Stuff that just didn't work out. (Any similarity to Jack London's novel is purely coincidental).

September: Project from a Class

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.

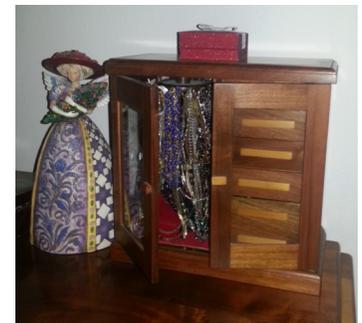


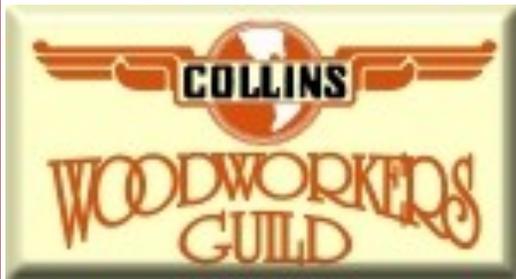
inlay projects.

This toy box has a riser in the bottom so small children can reach their toys.

How about a jewelry box?

So if you have been working on a storage project bring it this time. As always there are projects that are too large or out of your hands bring in a picture. We'd love to see it.





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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