

Meeting Notice:

July meeting: Tuesday the 21st at 5:00

Location: South Troy Park in Robins

Subject: Picnic!

Project: A "New Yankee Workshop" Project

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COLLINS WOODWORKERS GUILD NEWSLETTER

Annual Picnic!

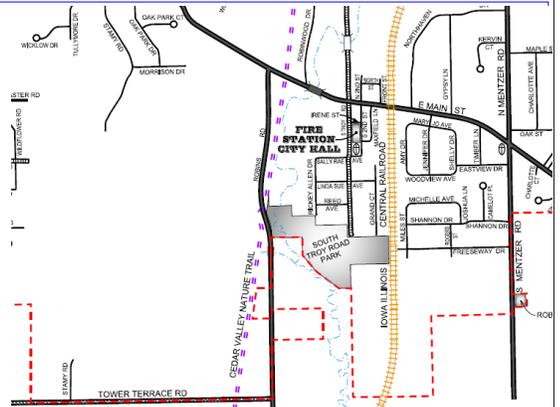
Here's the important part. This will be our annual picnic and it will be held at **South Troy Park in Robins**. Check the map.

You can see the shelter from the parking lot on the northeast side of park. From Robins Main Street, South Troy Road is the first street going south, east of the Nature Trail / bridge over creek. There is a small park sign on the light pole at the junction of Robins Main St. and South Troy Road

We needed to move it this year because the RAGBRI folks have the park reserved for the entire week.

The club will provide food and soft drinks but you're welcome to bring along a side dish or dessert. You are also welcome to bring along your family or significant other.

Ray Collins



If you have not already done so, please let Jerry know how many people you are planning to bring.

If the weather is bad check your e-mail for updated plans.

July Project

The New Yankee Workshop was a fixture on PBS for 21 years. It introduced thousands of people to woodworking. Even though the show was canceled several years ago it's still popular on You-tube and the books are still around.

It also inspired several other woodworking shows. Without Norm there could be no Roy. Kind of a Yin & Yang thing except with facial hair.

A "New Yankee Workshop" project

Many of us made projects that were featured in the show. Others built projects that were inspired by something on the show even if it wasn't exactly as Norm made it.



This month we want to see them. If you have something you make based on one of Norms shows this is the time to bring it out.

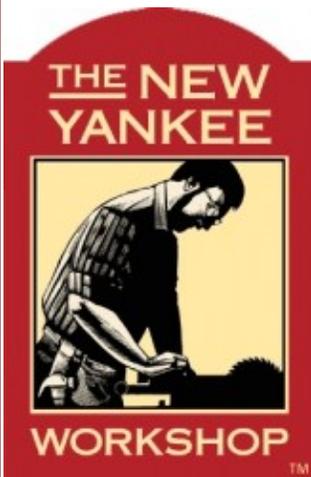
June Meeting:

Last time Ray talked about building rustic log furniture.

John's pictures from meeting are all there is. I received the tenon cutter only a few days ahead of meeting and do not have any projects constructed with it yet. I did thoroughly test it out on a good number of logs before bringing it in for

meeting.

We discussed ways to protect outdoor projects from the weather. If a clear finish is desired spar varnish works best but still needs refinished every couple years. No members in attendance had found an outdoor varnish that works as well as desired. UV. moisture and temperature changes



Library Status

As most of you know, our Library has moved from the Building 105 South entrance to a space between the Rec Center and Building 153.



Several of us have been working on organizing the tools and books and we are closer to the end than the beginning. Here are

June Meeting:

outdoors are really tough on surface finishes of any type. I think oil based enamel and deck stains are a little more long lasting than the clear finishes. Paul Heyd mentioned that he finds that sealing the part of an outdoor touching the ground is key to keeping rot from setting in quickly. He uses a pickup bed coating on the bottom of outdoor wood projects and it works well to protect against wet ground.

Ray brought in some walking stick candidates to demonstrate cleaning off the bark with a draw knife. It's very quick and easy with live wood, not so fast with a stick that is deadwood and has dried. Still, the edge of a putty knife was also shown to work well to clean off the bark. It minimizes any cuts into the surface of the sap wood also. I find that it's much easier to clean up the bark and make a walking stick than it is to actually find a properly shaped stick in

two photos of the shelves and storage we've added.

We have two, 4 drawer cabinets that house all the books and videos. These cabinets allow the books to be stored in numerical order and should make locating a particular book much easier. All our books have numbers assigned and you can find those in the Library index on our homepage.

We have two, 2 drawer files cabinets for magazine storage and Wood, WoodSmith and ShopNotes are stored there. Wood and ShopNotes are not indexed in the club homepage but you can search for subject and issue numbers online.

Tools are stored in three pull-out shelves. Most of the larger tools are stored in the two horizontal pull-out shelves or in the upper cabinet. The smaller tools are stored in a vertical pull-out shelf mounted on the left side of the upper cabinet. Other tools like the Leigh dovetail jig sits on the lower right base of the upper cabinet. Fu-

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 the wood to start with. As for the tenon cutter demo, members with shown by numerous samples I brought in, along with a live demo, what these cutters can and can't do. I bought a 1" tenon cutter. It will cut a 1" diameter tenon of variable length on logs up to 2.5" diameter.

First the limitations: The two curved blades are held by Allen screws. This allows slight adjust of the tenon diameter. It also allow the blades to slip out of position if the log is hard. Some old, well dried white oak logs caused the cutter bounce around, making small chips and moving the blades out of position. Conclusion: Well dried, hard wood logs are most like not going to work with these tenon cutters. Ray cut a variety of logs, live maple, cherry, mulberry and ash. He also cut some red oak and ash that had died about a year ago, no rot in them yet. The tool cut ten-

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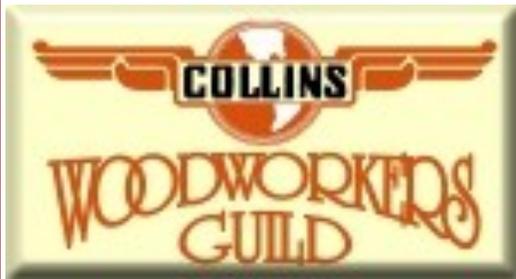
cludes one more shelf to install above the Leigh jig to store a couple of oversize items and some remarking of tool boxes so they will be easier to identify where they are now shelved.

If you have any suggestions for the library, send them on the executive board and we'll see what we can do. Also, if you have any tools, books or magazines checked out, now would be a good time to return them.

Rustic Log Furniture

ons successfully on all these logs. As expected the drier 'dead' wood that had remained outside did not cut as easily as freshly cut live wood. Still it worked fairly well, making large chips during cuts that took only about 10 seconds of actual turning time. The live wood cut even easier and quicker. The chips coming out of the tool were more like curls than chips. Ray demonstrated cutting a tenon on a 2" cherry log a few days old. It took about five seconds to make the tenon and most of the wood removed came out off as one large curl. It reminds me of the spiral cut apple that spins of those rotating apple cutters.

A 1/2" drill running at low speed is required to drive this cutter. Even an 18 V cordless doesn't have the horsepower.



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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- Access to our EXTENSIVE library of books, magazines and Tool Collection
- Open exchange of ideas, from project help to house building; and a hand when needed
- Social Activities
- Workshops
- Toys-For-Tots and other Programs to help our Community
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- Open Houses
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