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Wooden Spinning Wheels

by: Vern Stark

Tuesday, March 18, 5:00 p.m. - Main Plant Cafeteria

For centuries cloth production relied upon the talented hands and time-spent fingers of thread or yarn spinners. As most industrial technologies advance, so did the spinning wheel and similar machines. Historically, there must be thousands of makes and models produced over the years.

Vern Stark, a friend of Lee Johnson, will present a discussion on the Spinning Wheel at the March Woodworker Guild meeting.

Remember, guests are always welcome at our meetings - so invite your spouse or significant other.

Members of the Rockwell Craft Club might be interested too.

APRIL'S CWG MEETING

Dave Huovinen has made arrangements for our club to visit **Artistic Leaded Glass** in Hiawatha on Tuesday April 15th at 5:00 p.m. Owner, Robert Fassler, will give us a tour of their facility and an presentation on the subject of leaded glass.

Their store is located at 100 Emmonds Street in Hiawatha.

We will publish a map in the April issue of Knot Knews.

HELP

The Editor needs stuff to write about. Got any ideas? Send them to Larry. He's beginning his sixth year of writing the newsletter and used up all of the words that he knows...

LAST MONTH IN THE CAFETERIA

Our February topic "All About Scrapers" was hosted by Dave Huovinen. Dave brought a bunch of his favorite scrapers including an ancient homemade one. He also brought his extruded aluminum scraper holder and a scraper sharpening tool. Dave reviewed the basics of this simple machine and demonstrated its operation reminding us that, before sandpaper, this was the tool of choice for finishing. Even today, your project's final sanding should be followed with a light scraping to remove the shattered wood fibers. As we all know, sanding is an abrasive action that leaves the wood slightly fuzzy - and susceptible to a uneven stain absorption. Scraping removes the fuzzies by shearing them cleanly.

So... the next time your project is ready for stain - try scraping... and compare the difference.

Thanks Dave, for another informative meeting.

PLYWOOD

Paul Tranter and Wayne Hanson have been discussing the possibility of a group purchase of plywood from Allen Root of By The Foot Sawmill. If asked, Allen can purchase a minimum of fifteen sheets from his supplier and share some of the savings with us. Contact Paul or Wayne for the details... if a deal is worked.

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Keep in touch! Don't miss a copy of the newsletter.
Send an e-mail to our membership person Larry Lacy at cwg-membership@collinsclubs.com and give him your new address.

INVITATION TO ALL MEMBERS

Got an idea for a meeting topic? Want to contribute to the club?
Attend one of our monthly planning committee meetings.

We meet on the fourth Tuesday of each month in the Main Plant Cafeteria at five o'-clock. This year's team is Joel Gillett, Brian Schlief, Larry Tjaden, Dave Huovinen, Larry Lacy, Lee Johnson, Wayne Hanson and Emil Krepcik.

We greatly appreciate your new ideas. For it is from them that we keep the meetings interesting, well attended, and on target.

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