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Bus Trip to Des Moines

The bus trip to Des Moines was thoroughly enjoyed by 30 members and guests.

Our first stop was at the Meredith Corporation, publisher of *Wood Magazine*. Chuck Hedlund, Master Craftsman, and Dave Campbell, General-Interest Editor, gave us a tour of IDEA SHOP® 3, the production staff's office area, and their project construction shop. The set for IDEA SHOP® 3 is located in a large warehouse-sized room, but made to look and feel like a real basement shop. The 12' x 16' shop, complete with concrete block walls and ceiling joists, is outfitted with ingenious multi-use benches, shelving, dust collection, and space usage techniques. The shop was featured in a recent *Wood* issue and will continue to be used in shop-related articles. The office area was richly decorated with dozens of wooden objects ranging from carvings, turnings, toys, models, and projects still under development. This was definitely an office attune to producing a wood-related magazine! The project construction shop was well equipped, maintained (dust free), and designed for efficient use of space. The use of glass-door storage cupboards were admired by everyone. Chuck described his portion of the magazine's production; beginning with a basic project design concept to a shop-tested article ready publishing.

The thirty Collins Woodworkers Guild members and guests would like to thank The Meredith Corporation and August Home Publishing for extending such a warm welcome during our visit to your facilities.

After a brief stop for lunch at Noah's Ark we continued on to August Home Publishing, where *Woodsmith*, *ShopNotes*, and *WORKBENCH* magazines are produced. Terry Sthrumen, Chris Innman, David Kreyling, and David Stone gave us a tour of their workshop and

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Next Meeting
Tuesday, May 19, 5:00 p.m.
35th Street Cafeteria

Our May 19th meeting will have two topics; wood turning and deck construction. Guild member Dennis Beaman will give a presentation on wood turning. Dennis specializes in wooden pen and pencil sets. And Guild member Dave Sampson will share his knowledge on deck building and remind us of the local building codes involved. The meeting will convene at 5:00 p.m. in the 35th street cafeteria. A door prize or two will be presented. Remember; our meetings are open to all Collins employees, retirees, and their guests.

Mid-West Tool Collectors

By: Roger Thompson

On Sunday April 19, 1998, the Mid-West Tool Collectors Association had a regional show in Aplington, Iowa. By "regional" I mean Iowa and Nebraska which is officially "Area D". Aplington is about 25 miles west of Waterloo on highway 20. There were people from all over the mid-west at this event.

Larry Lacy and I are both members of this organization and we attended the show. I got up at 3:45 Sunday morning and was at Larry's door at 5:30. Larry was ready and waiting and, after filling his coffee cup, we were on our way. The drive to Aplington took about an hour and twenty minutes and we were in the show site parking lot by 7:30. The tool show was to start at 8:00 and it was our intention to get there early! Well ... we were there early alright. When they say, "open at 8:00", that means nothing was to start until 8:00. When the doors did open the exhibitors had their trade tables set up in minutes and the action began. Buying, selling, and trading was brisk.

Early on, I bought a Stanley Bailey No. 3 smoothing plane, of early vintage. Also I found a No. 8 Stanley Bailey jointer plane - again of early vintage. I was able to make a trade for this with my Stanley Bailey No.4-1/2

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century-old carriage house showroom. We assembled into four groups to allow for smaller one-on-one conversations with our tour guides. The workshop was amply outfitted with tools that would be owned by do-it-yourself people, just like us. The floor-mounted tools and workbenches were arranged to allow several craftsmen to function at once. They generally have three or four people working in the shop at a time. It was a real treat to see the woodshop where hundreds of excellent magazine projects were created. As our guide walked us through their office area, he described the stages required to prepare an article or project from conceptual idea to completed work. At August Home, issues and feature projects are prepared up to a year in advance. The carriage house made a wonderful setting to showcase a historical menagerie of *Woodsmith* projects. Everyone who is a regular follower of the magazine recognized their favorite piece of furniture or decorative item.

Our last stop was at the Woodsmith Store where most everyone found a treasure to bring home. The store specializes in hard-to-find tools, hardware, and materials. As Wayne said, "this is a died-and-gone-to-heaven store". A couple of hours is not long enough to study all of the products they have in stock.

Winners of gift certificates to Woodsmith Store were Frank Gonzales, Ted Hess, Dave Huovinen, Lee Johnson, Jim McCollum, Greg McGaffic.

For more information, check out these websites:

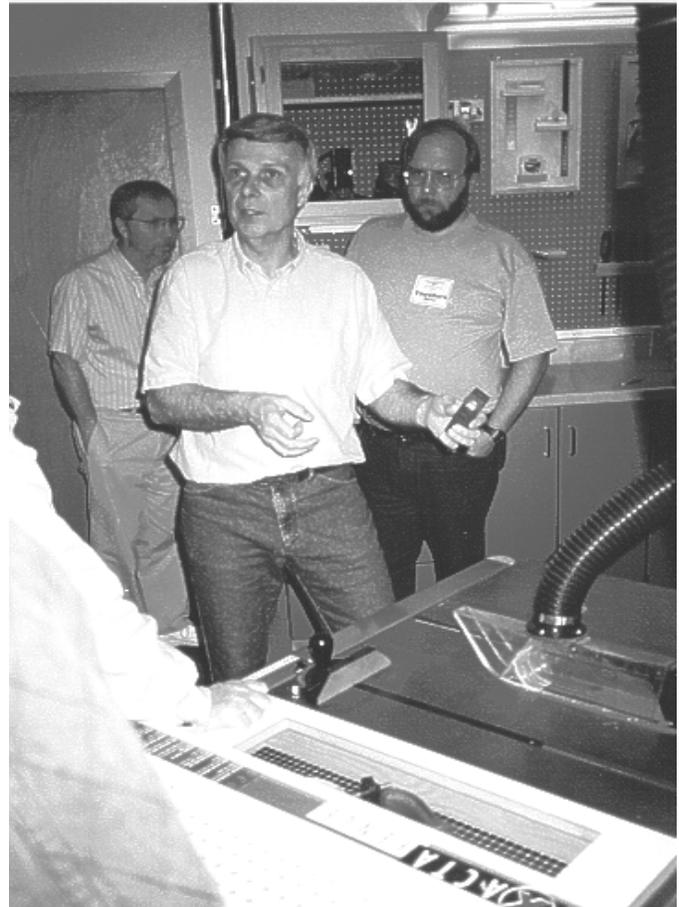
- www.woodmagazine.com
- www.augusthome.com/woodnet.htm

Thanks to member Wayne Hanson for scheduling the bus and coordinating the trip!



Thanks to International
Pastries!!

The 30 members of the club who participated in the bus trip to Des Moines April 25th would like to thank the folks at International Pastries (Lindale Mall) for providing "breakfast & snacks" en-route. They were certainly good and we appreciate the consideration!!



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smoothing plane and some more to boot. I brought along two Shapley *Diamond Edge* planes in "as found" condition for trading stock. I swapped for a No. 78 Stanley Rabbit plane with fence and depth stop. My No. 21 Stanley circle plane left home for a Stanley Bailey No. 5-1/4 jack plane.

Larry bought a set of chisels and later in the morning found a nice Stanley No. 81 router plane which he bought from a lady who had come all the way from New York.

Juice, Rolls, and coffee were provided for the taking as part of the event. Late in the morning several door prizes were given away. Lunch followed, buffet style. I bought a late-version Stanley No. 3 in good condition as we were going out the door - and we were on our way home at 12:00.

Visit the Mid-West Tool Collectors Association website

- Applying Finishes - Techniques, Tips, and Problem Solving Tricks
- Furniture Making from the Inside Out
- Art of the Router

Also while on the Des Moines trip the club acquired: Shop Notes Issues 6, 8, & 19 (We'll be working to fill our the collection of these which is incomplete prior to issue 30)

Woodsmith Issues 50, 82, & 110 (filled in some smaller holes in our collection)

Woodsmith and Shop Notes Index (Woodsmith issues 1-100 and Shop Notes issues 1-23)

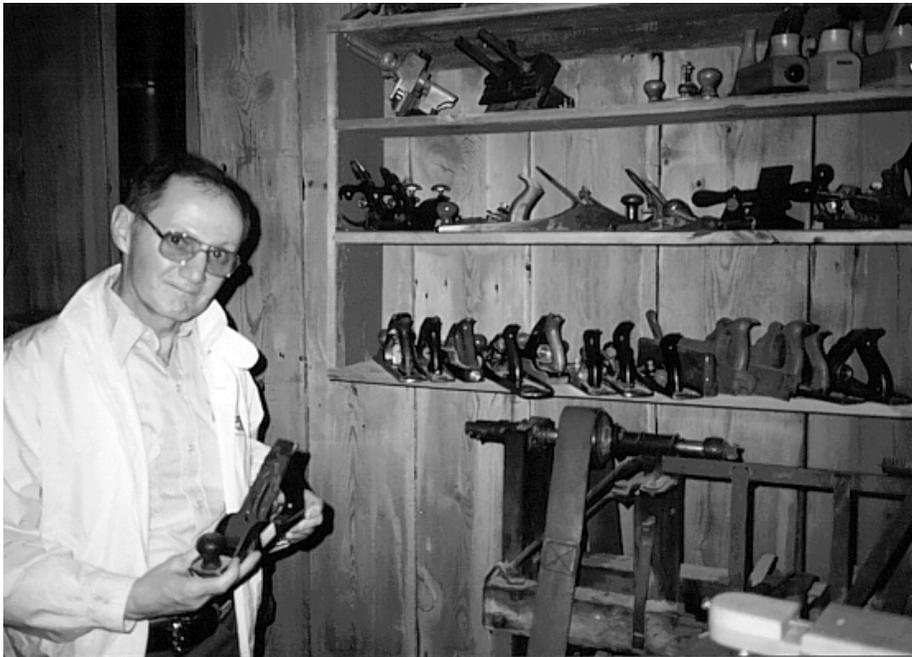
Another book order is in process. I'll try to bring order information to the meetings so members can help pick.

If you have special requests please let us know. Also, the interest survey (available on the library web page) is used in selecting titles and topics.

Library material overdue notices will be sent out again in late May. If you still have materials checked out prior to March 98, you are a candidate for an overdue notice. Please look around your shop and return materials that have been checked out for extended periods. By the Way-- thanks to the few users who got overdue notices in December --- all of the "delinquent" materials were returned!!

3D Puzzle Patterns Available (Limited Time!)

At the April meeting Dave Huovinen volunteered to loan the club his collection of 3D animal puzzles in case any one wanted to make some of their own. The puzzles loaned to us include a Snake (~24" long), Fish, Duck, Elephant, and a Pig. The unique thing about these puzzles is that they are held together by keyed joints (Probably need a scroll saw or small radius bandsaw to make them, though they could be done by hand with a good coping saw). Pull out the "eye" (a small dowel) and the parts can be removed one piece at a time. (Remember the order so you can get it back together-- particularly important for the snake!!). The puzzles are in the library cabinet and can be checked out like any other library material. (Please use the sign-out sheets)



Library News

By: Larry Lacy

NEW BOOKS HAVE FINALLY ARRIVED!! The recent book club order has arrived and the following books are now in the library cabinet. (And by the time you receive this, cover pictures and summary text may be available on the web site in the library area.)

- Fundamentals of Wood Turning
- Beautiful Wooden Gifts You Can Make in a Weekend
- Marquetry -- How to Make Pictures and Patterns in Wood Veneers
- Woodcarving with Rick Bütz --- American Eagles

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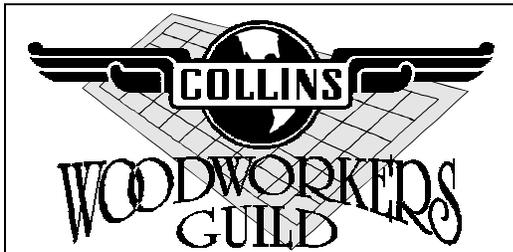
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Everyone is Welcome at our Meetings.
Yearly Dues, Renewed in September, are \$10.



A word from the President

By: Jim McCollum

It's great to see our club growing, we now have 97 official members. I wish all you newcomers a welcome and hope you will enjoy the fellowship with the others in the Collins Woodworkers Guild. Last month was a very good month with Dave Huovinen giving a presentation on furniture making and our bus trip to Des Moines. Both were excellent and I have heard nothing but good words associated with the trip. The previous months meeting was at Janda's Tool Center where we were treated very well with food and door prizes. What a great time we have had in recent months.

Meetings and activities of this type really make the club go as indicated by growth in membership this year; however, it takes a great deal of work to make it happen.

The more people we have actively participating in the running of our clubs activities the better the activities will be and likewise the better the club will become. We have areas of opportunities for virtually everyone to become involved. Volunteer to contribute in any way you can. The following are a few areas to consider.

1. Come to the regular meetings.
2. Make a presentation or give a demonstration of something you like to do. We can all improve by seeing what others can do and show.
3. If you have a talent in the area of publication, volunteer to assist with the monthly news letter. At the present time Larry Tjaden could really use help. He is serving double or triple duty with the club by publishing the News Letter, maintaining a Web Page on the Rockwell IntraNet and being a member of the Steering Committee. Contact Larry and offer your assistance.
4. Provide suggestions for meetings and/or special activities. What would you like to see done at a meeting? Where have you visited that you think others in the club would like to visit? If you would like it we will like it.
5. Larry Lacy is the club librarian and maintains and keeps track of our library materials. He would enjoy having assistance in this area. If you haven't been to our library, stop by the Guard Station at the 105 South entrance and show your Guild card to the guard and he will loan you the key and point you to the cabinet. Be sure to lock it when you are done!
6. Volunteer to assist in the coordination of activities like the bus trip to Des Moines. We want to make a trip to "Timbergreen Farm" a lumber operation in Wisconsin near Spring Green. Help coordinate this trip. We could use people to make contact with Timbergreen to plan our itinerary, also arrangements need to be made for the bus. I checked the storage area in the bus we used for Des Moines and find there is plenty of room to bring back lumber. If you want to know about Timbergreen see the Winter addition of *WOOD* or read the article I put in the in the February issue of Knot Knews. Visit their website at: www.execpc.com/timbergreen.

Again, welcome to our Woodworkers Guild. I hope you get the idea that by working together we can all gain new knowledge and enthusiasm from each other. See you at the next meeting.

Wood Thoughts

By: Wayne Hanson

Back Issues of *WOOD* magazine

The folks that went on the Des Moines tour were all quite impressed with *WOOD* magazine's IDEA SHOP®. *WOOD* has built three different shops over the years and all had several articles describing each generation of shops. The articles included quite a variety of cabinets, wall storage, custom-sized storage for large and small tools, various clamp storage ideas - right on up to construction articles on such things as a home-built dust collector. Is anyone interested in back issues describing the shops or other projects? Back issues are available from Meredith Publishing at \$4.95 a copy and if we do a group purchase, prices might be a bit lower. I have e-mailed *WOOD* magazine to see if they can do better than the stated price and will have that info at the May meeting also. I will bring my old copies that include ideas for each of the shops to the May meeting for everyone to review and we'll see if there's any interest in a group purchase. If you'd like to check out the *WOOD* magazine index, use the link to *WOOD* magazine in the Guild homepage (LAST MEETING - Des Moines trip article) or go directly to <http://www.woodmagazine.com/scgi/index/wdindex.html>.

Pegboard Hooks

One of the IDEA SHOP® featured articles described pegboard hooks that are secured to the pegboard with screws. I called the manufacturer (Windsor Industries) and have received a catalog and a couple of samples. Their catalog has over 50 different sorts of hangers, hooks and holders. I'll have these at the May meeting and we'll see if there's any interest in a group purchase. This company did not strike me as very customer oriented and I don't expect we'd be able to get any discounts, unfortunately. They do have a quality product and I haven't seen anything like it in area. They have a \$25 dollar minimum for orders so if anyone is interested, it would be beneficial to get a group together.

Welcome New Members!

The following members recently joined the Guild:

- John Faurote • Jonathan Fischer
- Frank Gonzales • Jim Irvine
- James Jones • Vern McCormick
- Mike Tanner • Duane Weber

We hope to see you at the next meeting ...



Future Meeting Topics

(Some dates scheduled ... most not)

May: Dennis Beaman - Wood turning and Dave Sampson - Deck Building

June: Joan West - Scroll Saw Demonstration

July: Field trip to Timbergreen Farm - Spring Green, WI.

August: "Toys For Tots" kick-off.

September: Membership Drive, Election of Officers, Show-N-Tell, Pizza & Pop.

November: Turn in Toys For Tots

December: Open

Ideas:

Sharpening Plane Irons, Chisels, etc.

Router Workshop, Rob West (return)

Any More Ideas for a Meeting Topic?

Give them to Roger Thompson 124-100 5-2211

Guild Benefits

- ◆ Access to our Extensive Library and Tool Collection
- ◆ Open Exchange of Ideas
- ◆ Social Activities
- ◆ Workshops
- ◆ Opportunity to Help our Community through Toys-For-Tots Program
- ◆ Educational Presentations
- ◆ Open Houses
- ◆ Tours
- ◆ Discounts at:
 - Janda's Tool Center
 - Eastern Iowa Supply
 - Woodsmith Store
 - Pucket's Tools & Fasteners

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