

## November 20th MEETING WetI and Diorama Exhibit Indian Creek Nature Center 6665 Otis Road SE - 5:15 p.m.

Plan to attend this special meeting at the Nature Center! Come and see the results of Dave Houvinen and his assembly team's cabinetry project. Over a year ago Dave, a member of the Nature Center, asked if he and the Guild could contribute to a special project. It didn't take long for the Nature Center's Education Facilitator, Jan Aiels, to respond. The Center was deeply involved in a project restoring a natural wetland area and they needed a cabinet to house a companion interior exhibit. The diorama interior was to be made by a professional museum contractor and Dave volunteered to build the rest. The box is nice, but what's inside is really cool. Terry Brown from the Minneapolis area, is the real craftsman. Basically, everything in the diorama from fish to crawdads has been hand crafted by Terry from non-perishable materials. Using a real bullhead, for instance, will only last a couple of years and the exhibit should look like brand new ten years from now. Members of Dave's crew were: Duane Weber, Jim Retting, Dave Wetzel, Ray Collins, Ronnie Manthe, and Larry Tjaden. Most of the assembly was done at Tjaden's Shop in Marion.



Photos by Larry Tjaden



### Last Meeting

The topic of the October meeting was assembling Toys-for-Tots. About fifteen members contributed their skills in assembling twenty-five crayon trucks and twenty doll cribs - gluing and hammering like the pros they are. The components had been prepared by a team of toy builders on October 13 at a Saturday Toy Workshop. See article on page 2. We have a third toy, a dice game, partially completed that we hope to build fifteen or more of. Emil is working on a small doll-sized rocking chair.

Joel Gillett reviewed the status of the flag box project he is spearheading for our club. He is working in alliance with the Des Moines Woodworkers Association - who have already made one delivery of boxes. The boxes are used to hold a special U.S. Flag that will be presented to the families of victims of the Pentagon and New York City tragedies. Larry Tjaden discussed the next meeting which will be a review of the display fixture built by club members for the Indian Creek Nature Center.

### New members in the last thirty days

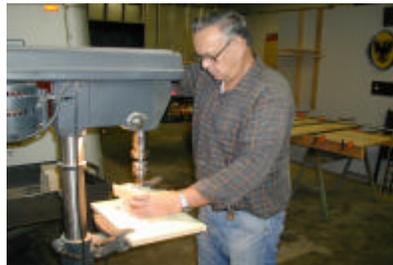
Gary Guffey  
Elgin Lester  
Steve Sawyers  
Tom Sedlacek  
Dennis Estling

# Toy Workshop

On Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup> a bunch of highly-skilled Collins Woodworkers Guild members got together at Tjaden's shop in Marion to build toys. Contributing their talents were: Lee Johnson, Jim Rettig, Ed Kalous, Larry Wood, Allen Long, Floyd Wesselink, and Larry Tjaden. After several hours of planing, sawing, routing, drilling, and sanding we constructed the makings of twenty walnut doll cribs, twenty pine crayon trucks, and fifteen walnut dice game boxes. With the help of drilling jigs and routing templates we were able to produce a fairly large number of items in a short time. We left portions of the toys unassembled to allow easier finishing and for something to do at the next meeting. Lee and Floyd enjoyed using the inline drilling machine to speed up making the doll crib rail spindle holes. Allen was our chief router runner and Ed served as the master drill press operator. Sawdust was made and swept, pizza was bought and eaten, and as they say, "A good time was had by all!"



October Assembly Crew



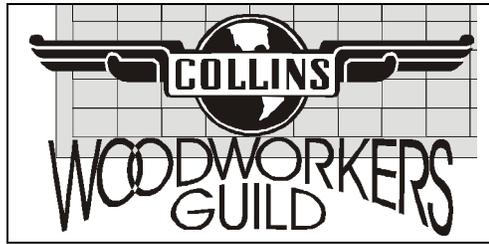
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Everyone is welcome at our meetings!

Yearly dues, renewed in September, are \$10.

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 lineup is Larry Tjaden, Dave Houvinen, Larry Lacy, Lee Johnson, Wayne Hanson, and Mark Clark.

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

We prepare twelve meetings a year ... let's make each one better than the last.

## Check out the Guild's website

The Collins Woodworkers Guild website is available for viewing on the World Wide Web at:  
[www.collinsclubs.com/woodworkers](http://www.collinsclubs.com/woodworkers)

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