

# KNOT KNEWS

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## Marc Adams Seminar

Saturday, November 23, 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Indian Creek Nature Center

Wayne Hanson, Facilitator

Returning to Eastern Iowa, Marc Adams is sure to present an informative and enjoyable wood-working seminar. Back in 1999, our club invited Marc to give one of his teaching seminars on general wood-working - everyone of us were delighted with Marc's fasted-paced teaching style and his wide-reaching knowledge base. This year, we asked Marc to cover JOINTERY and ROUTER TECHNIQUES which are a couple of Marc's favorite subjects - along with furniture building and carving.

The day-long seminar will be held at the Indian Creek Nature Center's old barn loft. Marc will start at 8:30 a.m., sharp! The doors will open at 8:00 and we have to be cleaned up and out of the building at 5:00 that afternoon.

The Huovinen's, Cindy and Dave, will prepare noon lunch and a coffee break or two.

We also asked Marc to entertain our group, and their guests, with another one of his slide shows featuring his extraordinary collection of furniture items he has built through the years. Join us at the Collins Main Plant Cafeteria on Friday the 22<sup>nd</sup> from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. *This editor missed the show last time and heard it was really great!*

There are still seats available, \$25 members \$35 non-members. Get your registrations to Larry Lacy.



Join us for  
an evening with  
Marc Adams.  
Friday, November 22  
Collins Main Plant  
Cafeteria 7-9 p.m.  
Bring a Guest.

### NOVEMBER REGULAR MEETING BRIAN SCHLIEF, FACILITATOR

On tuesday, November 19th (5:30 p.m.) our club has been invited to an open house at Kel-Welco 830 33<sup>rd</sup> Avenue SW, Cedar Rapids. Kel-Welco is a "Provider of tools, fasteners, and accessories for every trade in the construction world." They are going to arrange for manufacturer's representatives from Milwaukee Tools, Jet Manufacturing, and Amana Tools. Refreshments will be provided. Don't miss this meeting, it should prove to be another interesting one!

### ROCKWELL COLLINS ALL-EMPLOYEE CRAFT FAIR BY: WAYNE HANSON

This year, the Rockwell Craft Fair will run two days: Monday, November 25th and Tuesday, November 26<sup>th</sup> with setup on Sunday the 24<sup>th</sup>. It will be held in the Collins Plaza Hotel.

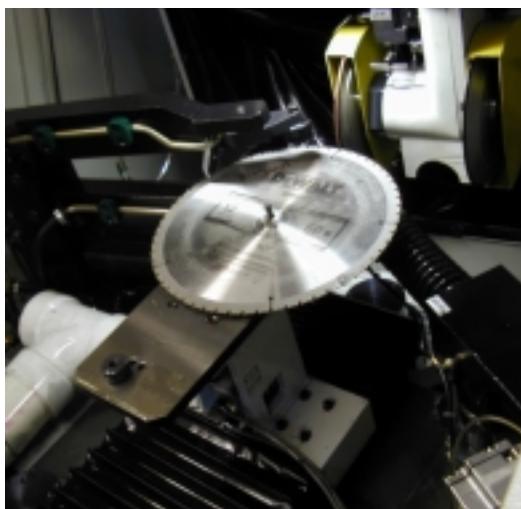
There will be limited display space, so those interested in selling craft items should be registering real soon. If you are interested, contact the Registration Coordinator, Jan O'Brien at 377-8111.

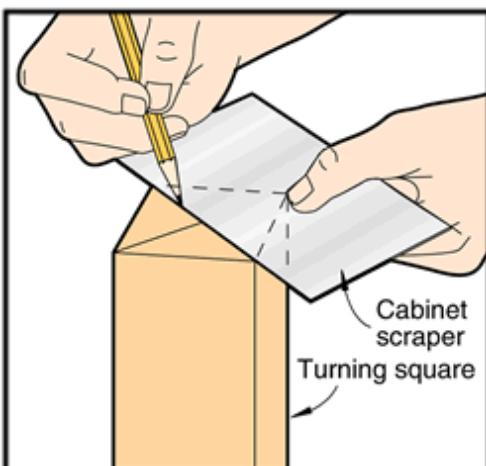
Each year the Craft Fair needs seventy-five volunteers each serving two-hour shifts. It would be a great service to the organization for members of the Woodworker Guild to contribute a little of your time to this event. Contact the Volunteer Worker Coordinator, Cindy Schwarz at 362-4545. I have scanned the official rules, regulations, and forms into a .pdf file which Larry has placed on the club web site. It is a pretty large file at 1.1 meg ... so you folks that are bandwidth handicapped will have to wait it out.

## LAST MEETING

Last month, Brian Schlief arranged a tour of E & J Tool Grinding Service on Center Point Road, approximately twenty-five members attending. E & J have, for many years, been serving industry and the woodworking public's sharpening needs. They sharpen most anything but specialize in saw blades, router bits, and planer knives. They have recently added an automated machine to speed up the sharpening of saw blades. After briefly entering the diameter, number of teeth, and a few statistics about a dull blade, this piece of equipment will complete the sharpening task by itself.

Keep in mind that E & J sells router bits, saw blades, and band saw blades along with a lot of other basic cutting tools. Coffee and really tasty cookies were served.





### Tip of the Day

#### A Gripping Idea for Drawing Diagonals

When drawing diagonal lines on a small piece of wood or on the end of a turning square, it's hard to hold the stock steady. I've found that a cabinet scraper works well. There's enough tooth on the side of the scraper to grip the wood and hold it until you draw the lines.

—Redmond Blair, Burnaby, B.C.,  
Canada

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A couple of photos from the November 1999 Marc Adams Seminar.



### TOYS FOR TOTS

**O**ur annual Toys For Tots building drive is being organized by club president, Joel Gillett. This year we will be building several toy types that will be offered to Rockwell Collins Employees to add to their Adopt a Family donation. For the last several years Collins guard, Roger Thompson has overseen the distribution from the building 124 South entrance. We'll ask him again this year.

Joel is looking for a large shop to run a build day intended to produce a number of toys in a team atmosphere. Plans include the doll bed, crayon trunk, and the cell phone - for starters. If you wish to participate in the build or want to make a few items in your own shop, call Joel at 295-6182 or drop him a line at [cwg-president@collinsclubs.com](mailto:cwg-president@collinsclubs.com)





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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](mailto:cwg-membership@collinsclubs.com) and give him your new address.

### **INVITATION TO ALL MEMBERS**

**G**ot 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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### **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 and other Programs
- ◆ Educational & Informative Presentations
- ◆ Open Houses
- ◆ Tours
- ◆ Discounts at:
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