

Knot Knews

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Next Meeting: Saturday, November 29, at Wood Graphics II, Marion



November Meeting Agenda

“Router Workshop” with guest host Rob West is Saturday morning, November 29. This is the Rockwell Woodworking Guild’s November meeting.

Rob is with the PBS television series “Router Workshop” with Bob Rosendahl and son Rick; it airs at noon on Saturdays. Rob is kind enough to give us his Saturday to present an in-depth router workshop for Guild members. This is going to be a real education for most of us.

I spoke with Rob from Redmond, California, on November 4. He said he was giving a *Router Workshop* blue book and a *Router Workshop* yellow book to the Guild for our library. Rob also said he and his

wife would put together something for a door prize to be given at our workshop meeting.

Available at the workshop are books, videos, router tables, fixtures, fences, mounting plates, brass set-up bars, router bits, etc.

Starting time is 9:00 a.m. at Wood Graphics II cabinet shop in Marion in the industrial park. This is where we had our July meeting that Larry Tjaden and sons Aaron and Alex did for us. The park is on the four-lane east of Marion on route 151. A map is included in this newsletter.

Barbecued beef sandwiches, backed beans, pop and related goodies will be ready at the conclusion of the workshop. Bring your appetite and your lawn chair. You may also want to bring a little money in case you decide you want to take something home. You’ll find their World Wide Web home page at



could happen if you have not renewed your Guild membership for the year that began in October 1997. This is the last issue of *Knot Knews* that will be sent to members who have not renewed. Don't miss a single issue; renew now and join us at our November meeting

October Meeting Report

By Roger Thompson

The Rockwell woodworking Guild's October meeting was an open house at Eastern Iowa Supply. The evening was hosted by owner Mary Oakley and assisted by several store employees. The 3M Company sales rep. Presented a short video and followed up with a question and answer period about 3M abrasives. The Porter Cable sales representative was also there.

A nice buffet was provided for us by Mary about 6:00 p.m. door prizes were drawn for later. Mary gave away three \$25 gift certificates which were won by Scott Nessler, Gerry showman and Wayne Walter. Larry, from Porter Cable, gave away an oak router bit display/storage case which was won by Ed Sokolaski.

There was a good turnout of Guild members and also a few new people signed up to be members. Welcome. Todd Deimmer of Eastern Iowa Supply counted forty-two to forty-four people in attendance. I understand Mary was pleased with the turnout.

I was impressed with the extent of their inventory. Eastern Iowa Supply has a vast selection of tools, equipment and supplies from a variety of manufacturers. The store is modern, well supplied, arranged and lighted.

A word from the President

By Jim McCullom Jr.

Our membership seems to be growing by leaps and bounds. I don't know the exact count but the last I heard we were over 62 members. I know there must be a lot of members who are promoting the Guild and it is apparent that people are seeing our Web page and recognizing that we are an active group. Thanks goes to all of those who are getting the word out.

Last month we had a very good display of tools at Eastern Iowa Supply and an opportunity to purchase

those tools while we enjoyed their hospitality. I confirmed with the management that the Guild members would be given their wholesale price simply by presenting their Guild membership card at the time of purchase. I think this provides us the opportunity to get some good deals on high quality tools. A word of CAUTION. Be sure to check your favorite catalog prior to making a purchase. This holds true for all tool supply houses in town. I know that Janda's, Puckett, Payless Cashways and now Eastern Iowa Supply are indicating they will give some kind of discount pricing to Guild members. Take your catalogs with you and compare prices before you buy. Ask the salesman if he is willing to make a comparable deal to the catalog suppliers. They say they will.

This month we will be able to see demonstrations by professional TV personalities on how to safely use your Router to its best advantage. There will be an opportunity to interact with the demonstrator so you can ask questions about your specific problems. Be prepared for discount pricing on special jigs and aids that you see on the Router Workshop on Saturday morning. I think there will be some good deals and there may be some door prizes.

This is the month to bring your 'Toys for Tots' contributions to the meeting so everyone can see your creations. They will be collected for distribution. I am sure this is not the last chance, but it is a good opportunity.

Remember there will be lunch at the meeting, so come prepared to learn a lot and have a great time with your friends in the Woodworker Guild. I'll see you and your toys there.

Budget Committee

By Wayne Hanson

Notes from the Library

By Larry Lacy

Food for Thought

By Roger Thompson

When we are in the market for buying a new tool or some supplies, let's give our local tool merchants fair consideration before buying. Puckett's and East-

ern Iowa Supply have invited us into their places of business for an evening to see what they are about. Janda's has offered to do the same. We will do this in the future. All have offered to give us the best prices they can. These three businesses are committed to going competitive with the catalogs. We want these people to be in business here. We want them to have what we want. Let us give them a chance to do business with us. We want to be able to save some money and they need to be able to make some money. Give them the opportunity. It pays to shop around. There can be quite a variation in price for the identical item.

December Guild Meeting

Our November meeting will be something really special. Roger Thompson has made arrangements with the staff of the PBS Television series *Router Workshop* to give our members a special "private showing" here in Cedar Rapids. In November, our regular meeting will be held on Saturday, Nov. 29 instead of the third Tuesday as normally scheduled. This schedule change is required to accommodate the schedule of the *Router Workshop* staff.

Larry Tjaden has graciously agreed to host the event in his shop. More details will be available in the November KK but be sure to set that day aside for the meeting. It should be one to remember.

Wreck Dot Woodworking

(Great thoughts from the Net)

Wayne Hanson noticed these USENET News items and picked them up for inclusion here.

The following is a discussion thread by people talking about the sorts of things that "decorate" the walls of their workshops.

Subject: Re: Shop Decor

personally, i'm fond of those clocks made out of a circular sawblade.

no, not really. i'm just joshing. i'm embarrassed to admit that i don't have a thing up to decorate my shop, just all my tools. my favorite is the new mahogany handle (wood salvaged from a pallet in a dumpster!) i

recently turned for my 2" skew. i took the time to french polish it (something i don't normally do), and boy does it gleam.

A couple of issues back, Time magazine had an add which pictured a newly constructed maple chair (unfinished) standing in a maple grove. The heading said: We took it back to see its children. I thought it was nice and taped it up on my wall in the shop. What do you use for decoration?

The following answers will be duly rejected by the committee: photo of my kid; sawdust and chips; nudes; photo of my neighbor....

MAX

Keith Bohn wrote:

I've got my eye on an old picture of some iron workers sitting on a beam about twenty stories up. Absolutely nothing around but New York air. They're eating their lunch and the guy on the end has a pint bottle.

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How can a shop be complete without autographed pictures of the various Makita girls (available at the Atlanta Woodworking Shows every two years) and a treasured autographed picture of Norm.

I'm saving my money for one of those saw blades with The Last Supper hand painted on it.

Mike

I have a Taunton Press poster of a very intricate, antique toolbox. It's

framed in a cherry frame that me and my woodworkin' buddy made. (he got the poster too).

I have two huge, antique screw clamps from a flea market . . .

Oh yeah, and a sign of safety rules from Delta that came with my drill press—except that I hung it so you read the Spanish side.

One huge No Smoking sign, and I hope to add a nice poster of the Spice Girls soon.

jg

A few tricky questions

Courtesy of LaBay -- incl. citations at the end!

Q1 What are the 3 planes of reference of a board or post?

A1 Tangential (Face), Radial (side), and Transverse (end).

Q2 A board where the rings meet the face at more than 30* but less than 60* the milling is known as?

A2 Riftswan

Q3 Why is Quartersawn boards best for cabinet making?

A3 They suffer little or no distortion from Shrinkage

BQ1 This has three parts. What is the heaviest wood? What is the average dried weight? Where is it from?

BQ1 Lignum Vitae., 83lbs/ft cubed, and it is from Central America.

Q4 What is the wood that is most preferred in the manufacture of artificial limbs

A4 Black Willow and Ohio Buckeye

Q5 The closest one to my answer gets this point. How many different kinds of forest trees are there in the United States?

A5 The number usually given is 1,182.

Q6 What is the clearance between a mortise and tendon joint?

A6 1/128"

Q7 What is the difference in the use between a Japanese and European style plane?

A7 A Japanese plane is pulled and a European plane is pushed.

Q8 On Delta European and Taiwanese table saw what way does the saw blade tilt?

A8 To the right.

Q9 What is the land of a drill bit?

A9 It is the flat part that runs up the side of the spiral the length of the bit.

Q10 What is the groove that holds the top of a barrel?

A10 Croze.

Q11 How many Christmas trees are produced in the U.S. each year?

A11 21 million trees. 87% are produced on private lands

Q12 How many crossties are used in a mile of railway?

A12 About 3000 crossties.

Q13 What is the hardest wood grown in the U.S in terms of its density?

A13 Black ironwood grown in southern Florida with a specific gravity of 1.04.

Q14 What is the minimum recommended area for a wood shop?

A14 8'x8'

Q15 According to the Ancient Greeks what is the Golden Section and what is its ratio?

A15 it is ratio relationship and the average ratio is 5 is to 8

Q16 In a Golden Rectangle how much longer is the length than the weight?

A16 1.618 longer

Q17 to convert Square inches to Square centimeters what do you multiply by?

A17 6.45

Q18 On a 10" table saw blade what is the maximum run out?

A18 0.012"

Q19 On a table saw ripping blade how are the teeth ground in relationship to the blade?

A19 To a flat top grind 90 degrees from the blade.

Q20 When pricing your work what does the acronym YECH mean

A20 Your cost, the Economy, the Competition, Hunger

Q21 What is the only commercially grown species of redwood?

A21 Coast Redwood (Sequoia Sempervirens).

The books I got all these weird questions from are listed below

Know Your Woods A Complete Guide to Trees, Woods, and Veneers

By Albert Constantine ,Jr. Revised By Harry J. Hobbs

The Complete Manual of Woodworking

By Albert Jackson, David Day, and Simon Jennings

Measure Twice, Cut Once

By Jim Tolpin

Mastering Woodworking Machines

By Mark Duginske

The Woodworker's Guide to Pricing Your Work

By Dan Ramsey

Creating Your Own Woodshop

By Charles Self

and from several wood working magazines

Bob Methelis

Bob-in-NJ on IRC

"He would be wood if he could,buthe's knot."

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