

## **Collins Woodworkers Guild Newsletter**

This is one more attempt to revive the news letter. It's been a few years since we had a regular news letter and it may be kind of a stretch to call this "regular". My approach is going to be to keep it simple and get out what I can before the next meeting. No idea how successful this is going to be but I'm going to give it a shot.

### **Meeting Notice:**

October 17<sup>th</sup>, 5:00, Main plant Cafeteria.

Subject: Finishing.

I have never really liked finishing. When I work with wood I can spend all day planning the project, cutting joints, turning, carving or throwing sawdust around. I can kill an hour getting the right sequence of boards so I can have a nice looking grain pattern. I like to squeeze out the last inch of a board to lay up a panel without getting a visible knot.

Finishing is always a fussy job that never quite works out the way I want it to. Way too much rubbing out of the inevitable runs and dust nibs. There is always a bug that seems to be attracted to, and then attached to my project when I take a look at the fresh varnish in the morning.

Finish smells bad.

My wife thinks it smells bad too.

Any of us who have worked in Larry Tjaden's shop understand that their lacquer process works really well. There are still a couple of problems because it requires spray equipment and a finishing booth that I don't have.

And it smells bad. But not as bad as my varnish.

This Tuesday we will have Kurk Freundt, the local representative from Pratt & Lambert speak with us about finishing. I have always thought of Pratt & Lambert as a paint company, and they are, but they also make a very wide variety of stains and transparent finishes too. This should be interesting and I hope that I can pick up some information about finishing products and techniques.

### **Last meeting:**

Election of Officers.

In September we held out annual election of officers. After some problems recruiting willing candidates John Cox agreed to accept the President's

responsibilities and Larry Tjaden agreed to be Vice President. Larry Lacy will remain Treasurer another year.

Our elections tend to follow the old Russian model where there is only one candidate on the ballot. That makes counting easier and there aren't endless recounts or that messy debate about a constitutional crisis.

Following the railroading of candidates and subsequent election we ate pizza and drew door prizes.



We had asked people to bring small projects that they had completed and several people did. I went to my son's football game instead of the meeting so I didn't see what people brought. The kids won their game though.

### **November Meeting:**

Next Month Jim Rettig is going to discuss building projects from published plans and show us his wine rack that he built from a plan in Woodsmith.

We would all like to see what other people are working on. Please bring anything that you think might be interesting. Projects, tools, jigs, whatever you would like to show us.

### **Toy Build:**

Later this month and in November we will be holding our annual toy build. We are still trying to get shop space and times set up. There will be an announcement when we have anything that resembles a plan.