

Meeting Notice:

- **October meeting: Tuesday the 16th at 5:00.**
- **Main Plant Cafeteria.**
- **Toy Build Discussion**
- **October Project: .**
- **Door Prizes!!**

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COLLINS WOODWORKERS GUILD NEWSLETTER

Toy Build Discussion

We have a plan. Well part of a plan at least. Ok, we have this much: We're building toys again this year at Marion High School. We have spoken for two evenings: October 25th (a Thursday) and November 2nd (Friday) from 6:30 to 9:00.

We need to decide what we are building this time. We have some standards: The crayon trucks, doll beds, airplanes and flipper games are popular. We should probably add some things so we need ideas.

Several years ago I made yoyos for the sweet corn festival and they went very quickly. Yoyos are a fast way to use up scraps

if you like lathe work. I made a couple of square ones that were an experience; they're knuckle crackers.

There are some limits: The rules about small parts apply. If you can fit it in the tube from a toilet paper roll it's too small for young children. We are still stuck with the restrictions on finishing toys. None of us would hurt a child under any circumstance and while there are serious problems with the rule we still need to follow it. We can't put finish on any toys we make because the required testing and reporting is much too expensive. These apply to

projects you make for your own families too.

Have you made something that your grandkids like? Have an idea for a project that can be reproduced in quantity? We need those. Dig through your plan file and start thinking; we're going to be talking about it this week.



October Project:

There really is no end to it. If you want to live indoors there will be maintenance. That's been true since Cro-Magnon Woman decided there needed to be a mastodon painted on the cave wall. Some of these things are woodworking projects so



Home Improvement: Projects around the house

they apply here. We'd like to see what you have been up to. It's a wide and roughly defined field and we have had several past projects that are similar so if you have something that you didn't bring in before feel free to bring it now. Home improvement projects can be inside or outside and can cross over into carpentry.

Kitchens projects are always popular because we spend so much time there. Projects there can be anything from a simple shelf that holds a clock to a whole set of cabinets and we all end up working on them.

Have you built a set of cabinets? It's not all that complicated but

they are big and have a lot of parts.

How about adding a window? Not all that complicated either but any time you cut through a stud you need to know what you are doing. A sky light? They can be done but that's where I call a contractor. That and plumbing.

So whatever you have been up to, as long as it's an improvement to your home bring it in. We will probably see a lot of pictures this time.

September meeting

We reelected the lot. Is that because these guys are doing a great job or that everyone else just doesn't want to deal with it? I can say that it's not a lot of work and it really doesn't take much time.

In any case we have Steve Geurts as President, Joel Gillett is still V.P. and the author of this rag, Ray Collins is still treasurer. Paul Gibbs is still keeping track of the library and John Cox is taking pictures.

We discussed the recent Kreg purchases



and showed off what we have made using their jigs and Miller Dowels.

Following the election we drew for the door prizes and we had a bunch.



Election of officers



The Woodsmith Store Seminar Schedule

We have been having some discussion lately about road trips to some of the seminars that the Woodsmith Store hosts. Here is the schedule that's been published so far. These are typically held on Thursday nights from 6:30 - 7:30 so while it's a good drive it's possible. Are you interested?



- Nov 8: Machine-Cut Dovetails
- Nov 15: Scrollsaw Holiday Ornaments
- Nov 29: Frame and Panel Doors on the Router Table
- Dec 6: Mortise and Tenon Joinery
- Dec 13: Decorative Turning
- Dec 20: Finishing Techniques

- Oct 18: Design Fundamentals
- Oct 25: Table Saw Basics
- Nov 1: Router Table Techniques

Here is a link if you want more information: <http://www.woodsmithstorespecials.com>

Upcoming projects:

November: Projects fit for a feast. Anything food related.

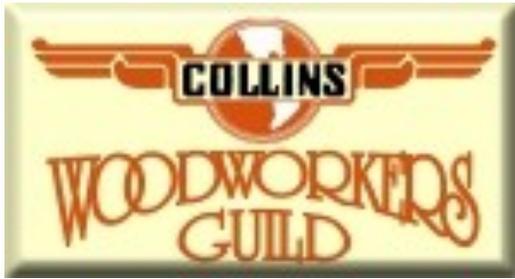
January: New-years resolution: You put it off long enough.

February: Your Honey-do list: Stuff for someone else.

March: It's almost like woodworking... projects that are not strictly wooden.

you have made. Suggest it as a project of the month.

We need ideas for new projects. Here is an opportunity to show off something that



The Collins Woodworkers Guild is a club dedicated to preserving the age old practice of creation using the medium of wood. CWG members gather monthly to share tips, ideas and experience to further the knowledge of all members. From creating heirlooms for their families to Toys-For-Tots, members help each other get the most out of their woodworking experience.

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- Open Houses
- Tours

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