

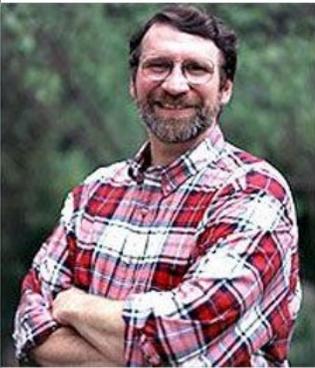
Meeting Notice:

When: October 15, 5:00 p.m.

Location: Building 131, Ash Conference Room

Subject: Challenges, techniques, materials & tools.

Project: What are you working on?



Norm Abrams



Planes from Joel's family

Knot News

COLLINS WOODWORKERS GUILD NEWSLETTER

This month's subject:

Challenges, techniques, materials & tools.

Let's face it: wood grows on trees. It's common, easy to get and not ridiculously expensive. It reacts well to our tools. We are always learning new and different techniques. We have finishes and adhesives that we always use but manufacturers always have something new.

Ok, most wood is cheap – not the piece you need right now though. And maple reacts well to your tools most of the time unless it makes your router smoke and leaves a burned surface that you need to sand away.

Second thought: where did you learn about working with wood? Norm on The New Yankee Workshop? A teacher in high school shop class? That probably the starting point for the techniques you use most of the time.

Norm was sponsored by Pentair who at the time owned Delta, Porter Cable and DeVilbiss. He demonstrated everything using their tools even when it made more sense to use something else. Not a hand tool on the show other than a pencil.

I grew up in a family that appreciated craft, woodworkers and quilters farther back than I know. My father, grandfather and great grandfather didn't buy many tools but what tools they had were sharp and worked. Dad had very few power tools but he had a decent set of hand tools. Because of that I'm comfortable working with hand tools and can sharpen almost anything.

Eventually we grow beyond what's already familiar. We come up with a different material, we need a process that we read about

somewhere so we learn to use a new technique. That's part of why we belong to woodworking organizations, why we buy the magazines, and why we watch Roy Underhill, Norm and all the others. There is a world of techniques and materials that we know nothing about.

This month we want to talk about that. We all bring something to the craft. Stuff we know about, wood species that some of haven't ever tried or a trick that you high school shop teacher had that the rest of us haven't seen.



Stringed instrument from David Webe <http://violoncello.com/>

Some of us have been doing this for a lifetime, others learned in school, and others are just getting back to it after being away for a long time. Come and share your experiences. You have al-

most certainly done something that the rest of us would like to know about. How about a tool that you've used somewhere not necessarily wood-working related that can be repurposed for wood-working? Maybe a website that the rest of us don't know about? There is more to the internet than cat videos and maybe you have found something interesting.



The mother of all ball vises. <http://www.monsterballvise.com/>

Last month

We have a new set of officers! In September we shuffled the deck and Paul Gibbs is the new President, Bryan Wesner kept his job as Vice President, Paul Heyd is the new treasurer. Joel is back to writing the newsletter.

We drew for several door prizes including a bunch of tools, and gift

Organizational meeting and officer election

cards for lumber from Amana Forestry <https://amanaforestry.com/>.

That was followed by Pizza.



Toy Build

It's that time of year again; we have toys to build. We're going at it a little differently than the past. After the problems with the high school shop we're planning on two nights at members shops.

We need to finish planning the build at the meeting Tuesday but the thought right now is to build the first night at Joel's shop on October 19 (Saturday) and an evening to be named later at Ron's. The list of toys is going to be the same as in previous years. Some of the members have stepped up to lead each toy so there is some order to the process.



Some things to think about:

Does Saturday work for you? What time? Saturday gives us some latitude for timing. We'd probably start in the morning and wrap up as we get to a good place to stop rather than a fixed time.

There is a reasonable selection of tools but limited bench space.

You need hearing protection, safety glasses, maybe a tape measure and anything else that you think you might need. We can talk about this at the meeting too.



This month's project:

What are you working on?



So what's happening in your shop right now? If you are like just about all of us you have a lot of things in process. A major project that you really should finish, a couple of things that you need to get back to, and that cabinet door that a friend brought in to see if it could be fixed. Their three year old says that a wild animal broke it.

The door doesn't look all that bad. Conventional frame & panel. The stile split where the hinge rail joins but the panel is more or less in one piece. Two #FF biscuits on each rail and you're done. Well—that and straighten out the finish. Maybe a couple of hours. She can have it back next

week. You saves a kids skin. Now they need to do something about that wild animal.

These interruptions don't take all that long to deal with and it's part of being a woodworker and a good friend. It's an interruption though and it draws your concentration away what you were working on. You set things aside, clear the bench and deal with the door then figure out where you were with your original project.

Besides being woodworkers we are also family members, home owners, we like to fish, and whatever else is going on. These other things take time too. We make progress but not nearly as fast as we think we should.

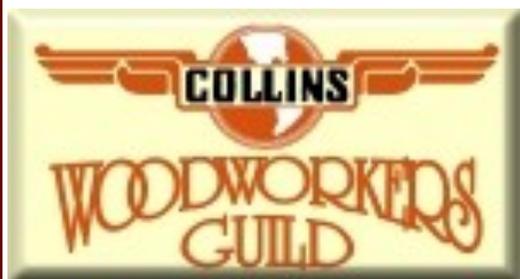
Besides interruptions we have long term projects. Things that we work on while finish dries or when we have a few free minutes.

Upcoming projects:

November: Dowels

January: Closet stuff

We would really LOVE to come see your shop. Would you be willing to open your [garage] door some time?



The Collins Woodworkers Guild [CWG] 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 the Guild Toy Build, members help each other get the most out of their woodworking experience.

Membership in the Collins Woodworkers Guild is open to ALL Rockwell Collins, Inc. Employees, Spouses, Retirees, and Contract Employees, AT ALL ROCKWELL COLLINS LOCATIONS!! Everyone is welcome at our meetings and yearly dues, renewed each September, are \$15.00

GUILD BENEFITS

- Access to our EXTENSIVE library of books, magazines and Tool Collection
- Open exchange of ideas, from project help to house building; and a hand when needed
- Social Activities
- Workshops
- Toy Build and other Programs to help our Community
- Educational and Informative Presentations
- Open Houses
- Tours

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