

**Meeting Notice:**

- **September meeting:** Tuesday the 16th at 5:30
- **Location:** Main Plant Cafeteria.
- **Subject:** Membership meeting & Election
- **Project:** Fruit woods



# Knot News

COLLINS WOODWORKERS GUILD NEWSLETTER

**September Meeting**

Ok guys, this is the big one. We all knew it was coming but it's here now. If you only attend one meeting this is the one. We have food at this one, we have the good door prizes and if you ever wanted to kick out the officers this is your opportunity.

If that weren't enough Mel Green of Greenwood Products is going to be here. Mel has set up a new sawmill near North Liberty and will be talking about this new operation.

**FOOD:** This time we are bringing in Pizza, Breadsticks, and desert from Papa John's.

**DOOR PRIZES:** There is a lot of stuff from ACME tool and we picked up more lumber from Amana this year.

This time we picked up quarter sawn Sycamore and spalted Maple like we did last year. We also have some live edge Oak and a few other goodies. If you haven't tried any

**September Project**

This month we are looking at Fruit Woods. If you have made anything from Cherry, apple or any other fruit wood we want to see it.

Cherry is ubiquitous in this field. It's popular because it's plentiful and grows to a size that can be used for lumber on a commercial scale. Some pear trees get large too but those generally grow in Europe and Asia.

Fruit trees in orchards are essentially man made. Root stock that will stand the local climate is grafted to a trunk and that is grafted to branches that will produce the desired fruit.

**Membership Meeting and Election**

of these you should think about it. You need the right project of course; Sycamore and Maple are white and nobody has wanted a house full of blond furniture since 1962 but as an accent (door panels for example) it can give a nice contrast and with the maple you can re-saw and have the opportunity to use book match and slip match symmetry.

**OFFICERS:** If you ever wanted to be Red Green in real life here's your big chance. We need officers. None of these jobs are real time consuming so if you are interested none of the current guys will be offended if you take their spot.

New blood is necessary to keep any organization like this alive. If the same people always take the same spots you end up with meeting topics and activities that interest them and that gets old fast. Please consider stepping up.

**Fruit woods**



If the tree is well balanced the lumber from the trunk will be useful

as lumber when the tree comes down. If the balance is off you end up with reaction wood and that makes lumber that won't stay flat or take finish.

If you can get lumber near the graft you get grain that changes character. Heart and sap wood swirl together and the actual species changes from one end to the other. It makes great turning stock.

**Amana Lumber buy: Ordering Soon**

We will be placing this order in another week. If you want in on this or have questions please let me know.

Several people have been asking about another lumber buy from Amana. They were pretty happy with us last time and seem willing to do it again. This time they have Hackberry as well as most of what they has last time.

Hackberry is about as hard as silver maple so not quite as hard as cherry but not terribly soft either. It looks a little like the local ash but more pronounced streaks and some

of those streaks are blue — grey.

Quarter sawn white oak	\$3.00/bd.ft
Quarter sawn Sycamore	\$2.50
4/4 & 5/4 red oak	\$1.75
Paint grade Maple	\$1.00.

Let me know what you are looking for and we can get the order placed. If you are looking for another specific species let me know and I'll ask them. We will probably arrange to pick it up in mid September.

**August Meeting**

Last month was our picnic. After several years if hot temperatures the weather this time was really nice.

BBQ-This provided food and several people brought food based on favorite recipes. Nobody went away hungry.



**Picnic**



**Upcoming projects:**

October: Scary shop tales.

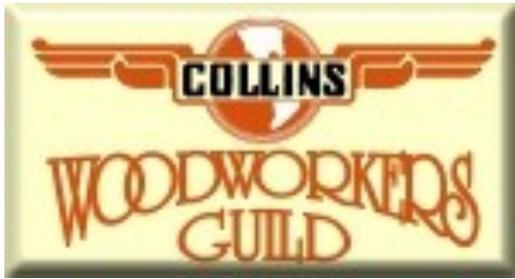
November: Your oldest tool.

December: No meeting

January: What I did with the Amana lumber.

an opportunity to show off something that you have made. Suggest it as a project of the month.

We need ideas for new projects. Here is



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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- Workshops
- Toys-For-Tots and other Programs to help our Community
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