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February Meeting minutes

The February meeting was called to order by the new club president Michael Duss. We had approximately 37 in attendance. Michael explained that the board has recently decided to change the board meeting logistics such that we will now be meeting at 5:30pm just before the regular club meeting. This should also make it easier for club members to participate if they wish. We are always looking for ideas on how to make the club more effective and useful to the members, so please come and give us your input.

Michael has asked that we start making sellable items for the August Woodfest. This will help us offset the expense we have for the booth space. Ideas like kitchen items, bowls, candle

sticks, picture frames, what ever you care to make.



EX: Woodturners Sell table

Winners of this months raffles:

Show and Tell: Dick Meisterling

\$10: Jim Cox

\$15: Tom St John

\$20: Mark Goodsmith

Thanks to Chuck's wife for the wonderful brownies and to Vern for providing the drinks!

The next club meeting will be held at the Cherry Building on March 2nd. The topic will be a presentation by John Cox on photographing your work, tricks and techniques for professional looking photos. Bring your camera if you would like extra help.

Reminder that dues are due, (\$25+\$5 for family members)

A note on the discount cards, paid up members receive a 10% off discount card from Acme tools for wood working non-power tools. There may be other limitations. Please ask at the counter. In the past Woodsmith in Des Moines has similarly honored our club card.

This months demonstration was provided by John Schwartkopf and Grant Smith. Thank you!

Monthly Demonstration

Grant and John provided a discussion and demonstration on various aspects of how routers can be used in the workshop. John gave us a tutorial on straight line routing and the procedure of obtaining glue up quality straight edges. One key point is to get a very true edge as

your template. John said there are local vendors that can provide an ultra straight edge. Also you could use commercially available edges such as Festool's edge guide. Bit selection was discussed as well as trade offs. Router selection, collet cleaning, 1/4" versus 1/2" shank tradeoffs,

plunge router features and advantages, using a router to create mortises, various fixtures and bit selection. The final discussion: router cabinets, what to look for, dust collection, table top features and concerns. It was a good discussion with lots of audience discussion and questions..

Demos and Tours



Lon Simpson from Navoo giving demo at Old Threshers

The club is growing. Do you know we are now over 50 members strong?

Has anyone entered their work at the State Fair?



The board is working on the meeting topics for the coming year. If you have requests please give your ideas to a board member for consideration, or attend a board meeting to make your request known. We are always looking for volunteers to present a topic or skill.

Shop tours. Consider opening your shop for a couple of hours on a Saturday morning to show and share your work shop. Please consider it! Great excuse to clean it up.

Poll: There are a number of sites we are considering for tours in the state of Iowa. One is near Dubuque and several are in west central Iowa, also another visit to the Old Threshers reunion in September and others.. We are going to be asking for a show of hands who would be interested in these travel trips in the near future so we can establish interest and set up the tours. We would of course be caravanning and ride sharing and these events will generally

fall on a Saturday, except for Old Threshers, which we have attended on Friday for less congestion. More on these later.

The Amana Furniture store manager has extended an invitation to come back if we have interest. This tour would have to be outside of the October-fest window, November?

Michael will poll the club at an upcoming meeting on these ideas,

Club growth

We currently have 54 members. We seem to pick up two or three at every meeting., which is wonderful. The Board has placed club flyers at Acme Tools and Langhoffs for prospecting. If you have a friend interested in woodworking please bring them along.

Which brings up another concern. The roster has seen significant growth with new

members over the past three years. Our new members need to speak up so we can understand your interests and needs. Many of the demos that we have conducted in our clubs early years may be due for a refresh for the benefit of the new people. So..... Speak up.

Examples topics we have done are band saw and table saw tune up, jointer alignment, dust

collection, dovetails and joints with the router, power considerations in your work shop, jigs and fixtures. Projects and techniques: In Lace, pen turning, lathe work, fine woodwork finishing, box joint jigs, scroll saw boxes, Shaker boxes, canoes, home made water skis, removing rust from old tools, making a breadbox door, favorite and oldest tools.

Upcoming events

In addition to the regularly scheduled monthly meetings held on the first Thursday of the month are several special events including:

May 19-20, 2017
Handworks in the Amanas

colonies. Roy Underhill is giving a talk on Saturday!

July: Tool swap meet. Good time to thin out your shop for those new tools.

August 25-27: Woodfest. Our club will have a booth.

September: club picnic with Woodturners, usually held the

second weekend. Spouses too!

December: Xmas party. This is a combined party with the Woodturners club, lots of show and tell, raffle prizes and good eats. Spouses are included. Bring a pot luck item to share,



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The *Corridor WoodCrafters* is a special interest club, based in East-central Iowa organized to share the knowledge, skills, and common interest of woodworking skills and practices. Members include all levels from novice to professional woodworkers.



Show and Tell items

Jim West, burl walnut bowl, WOP

Jeff Kromminga, oak paw bowl made with router and dish bit, WOP

Michael Duss, hand carved spoon with food safe oil

Tom St John, oak turned bowl

Joanie West, walnut and maple vase made with hollowing tool

Tom Nehl, Fluted cherry vase, also a bowl with indexed holes, made using the indexing feature of his lathe, Stacy did the wood burning.

Bob Slotterback, incredible Jewelry box made with ebony walnut and maple.

Larry Luebbert, photo of a table he's building with mortise and tenon joints in the leg design

Dick Meisterling, hand made box, featuring box joints, using a hand router