

MEETING MINUTES AND NEWS

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- **Board Meetings**
- **Call for Woodfest sale items**
- **Library will be started**
- **Upcoming events**

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Corridor WoodCrafters

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March Meeting minutes

The March meeting was called to order by club president Michael Duss. We had approximately 34 members in attendance and one visitor and our guest presenter John Cox.

News items:

Norm Russel requested help veneering plywood onto a table.

Hill Hardwood is now closed on Wednesdays. I believe he is still trying to find a buyer for the business.

Chuck Graybill used a table saw to trim his finger. Ouch!

Noelridge Greenhouse is asking for help building a display case, if interested contact Michael.

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.

We plan to assemble a club library. Will the person (name was not captured in my notes— sorry) that volunteered try to attend the Thursday board meeting be-



tween 5-6pm so we can discuss this further.

Winners of this months raffles:

Show and Tell: Jeff Kromminga, \$10: Phillip Lashmitt, \$15: Michael Duss, \$20: Curt Larson

Thanks to Phillip's wife for the wonderful cupcakes and to Vern for the drinks!



The next club meeting will be held at the Cherry Building on April 6th. This meeting will be a group participation event. Please bring in your favorite tool, technique or fixture to share with the audience. Don't worry none of us are good speakers! This type of meeting has been well received and informative in the past.

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 Cox, the editor and photographer from the Corridor Wood Tuners club,

Roger Witt has agreed to bring treats to the next meeting.

Monthly Demonstration

John Cox led a detailed photography discussion for capturing your projects. Discussed types of cameras, film, digital, phone, IPAD, etc. John discussed the problems with using automatic mode effects on speed, light sensitivity, shutter speed. Subject failures.

Jon said focus on getting it right on the initial take rather than depending on post processing tools to fix a bad picture. You may not be able to get there.

John talked about framing your work and issuing a back drop to eliminate background effects, especially when using auto mode. Background effects, try to adjust camera focus such that the background is out of focus so you do not get merging of the target with the background.

Point of view: get at eye level, think of furniture adds and how they are shot.

Use a tripod or similar device. You cannot

hold a camera steady for blow up shots. John also talked to us about lighting. Use natural if possible, otherwise he recommends bouncing light off of reflectors. Talked about light diffusion, tenting and effects of windows and mirrors. Basically you want to control the lighting and the shadows to present the natural color of the item you are photographing. John Schwartzkopf circulated a photo book of his work that showed good example pics.

Demos and Tours



Lon Simpson from Navoo giving demo at Old Threshers

A big thank you goes out to Grant and Tammy Smith for their shop tour. I think most were amazed at Grant's stash of lumber. Tammy gave house tours to show off the many projects that Grant and Tammy have created over the years. Their house done in the Craftsman style featured, Grant's new bedroom set, a beautiful bar back splash, bar table, more furniture, some of Tammy's newly learned wood burning art work, the list was endless. Mean while out in the shop it was Grant the Tool Man demo time. Great Saturday event!

We have another club member offering a shop tour for May 13th. Jerry Herman will be demonstrating his laser in his home shop. More details and maps will be forthcoming.

Several other Iowa tours and in house demonstrations are in the works.

Please consider sharing a technique, tool or process with the club. Let Michael Duss know what you have in mind, or would like to see.

A sign up sheet for shop tours will be available at the meeting. Please discuss with a board member if you are interested. We can help you get it organized. These are fun and no stress events, and give you an excuse to clean that shop up.

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

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. f 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 hand made and 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 13th Shop tour at Jerry Herman's

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.

Sunday September 10th: club picnic with Woodturners. Spouses too!

December 9th: 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,



Has anyone entered their work at the State Fair?



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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

Jeff Kromminga brought photos of a stand up jewelry box.

Michael Duss brought in a spice of raw wood and discussed why he chose it for a next project.

Phillip Lashmitt brought in the blue wood cars he made with his son.

Jim West, apple red cedar hollow form vase made with Tom St John's hollowing tool.

Jerry Herman, laser work on wood slabs. Jerry plans to demo this technique in May at his shop tour

Chuck Murphy cedar bench—natural edge slab, filled cracks with gold fleck epoxy. Added legs and finished, used epoxy to stabilize the live edge against use.(Not in photo).

Somebody brought in a bunch of burls. Didn't capture the name—sorry!



S&T was a little light this month. Please share your work. Thanks!!!

Acme tool sale this Friday and Saturday: Free lunch too. Please support Acme Tools as they are big supporters of our club. Your club 10% discount does not apply during this event. Most everything is on sale 10-15% off anyway.