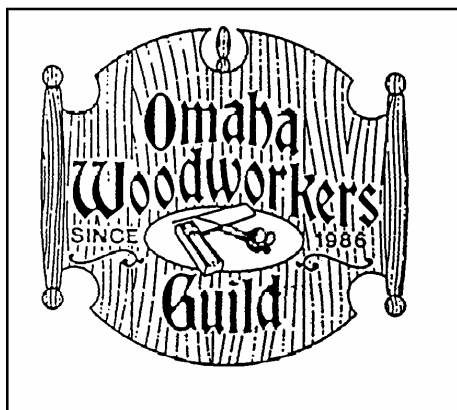


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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN.....

by Rick Froehlich

At our last OWG meeting, I had one of our visitor's come up to me after the meeting and told me that he was brand new to woodworking and needed some advice on what he needed first in shop tools and equipment. I talked to him for a short time and made a couple of suggestions. Since that evening, I have been thinking that many times we as an organized group of woodworkers, we sometimes forget that there are people very new to our hobby, profession or pastime. Most of our meeting programs are geared more to the experienced woodworker and not the newer or less experienced person. The following is only my suggestions for getting started in woodworking:

- (1) Join the Omaha Woodworker's Guild and ask questions among your friends!
- (2) Work along side another person with woodworking skills in their shop, if possible, and learn shop safety!
- (3) Read and research the area of woodworking subjects or projects you have interests in.
- (4) If possible, take some general woodworking courses at a community college or trade school.
- (5) Buy quality tools, both hand and powered types. Besides assorted hand tools, a quality brand table saw is probably the very first large power tool to purchase. Electric drill, palm or orbital sander and Saber Saw would be my next choices.
- (6) Start making smaller wood projects and work your way up to harder and more challenging work!
- (7) Practice! Practice! Practice!
- (8) "A Craftsman is known for his skill.....Not by how many tools he can afford!"
- (9) SAFETY FIRST ALWAYS! Wear eye and ear protection and use all safety equipment!

Other news!

Since I showed a couple Intarsia projects at our last meeting. I have received several nice comments by Email and I thank those that sent them and you humble me. I enjoy showing and doing

TREASURER'S REPORT...

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| Ending Balance 2/28/06 | \$2,177.73 |
| Dues | \$75.00 |
| Westside Community Center | \$200.00 |
| Ending Balance 3/31/06 | \$2,452.73 |
| | K G |

President's Column Continued.....

Intarsia and if any of our members would like to try it, I'd be happy to help them get started or answer questions. Just contact me. I plan to do a meeting program on the subject later this Summer or early Fall. It's fun and out of the usual mainstream of woodworking!
Thanks,
RF



VICE-PRESIDENT'S LETTER...

Our first meeting at LOWE'S went pretty well except that it was hard to hear the presentations. The LOWE'S manager said that he has the same problem during their meetings but will turn off the speakers which will help from now on. I hope everyone picked up some sharpening tips during the programs that Dick arranged. Sharpening is a skill that is often overlooked with today's power machinery. However, once a woodworker has mastered a sharpening method, the skill is like riding a bike – never forgotten. Now that we are meeting at a central and convenient public place, I hope we can attract more woodworkers of a variety of ages and gender. If you know of ANYONE that likes the smell of sawdust invite him or her to a meeting or two.

Alfred Peterson will present the April program and will discuss and demonstrate layout and cutting ovals.

As promised during the March meeting, here is a summary of the contests that will be conducted during the July picnic. In addition to the display and contest judging I've heard a rumor of hourly door prize drawings.

PRIZES -----

WOOD CRAFTSMAN

1st Prize \$100 bill - 2nd Prize \$50 bill - 3rd Prize \$20 bill

TOBYFOR Contest

1st Prize \$50 bill - 2nd Prize \$20 bill - 3rd Prize \$10 bill

Each OWG member may enter up to a limit of three items in the WOOD CRAFTSMAN and a limit of two items in the TOBYFOR contests. Each entry will entitle the member to a \$2 certificate to be used as partial payment of 2007 dues.

WOOD CRAFTSMAN

Entry must not have been entered in a previous OWG contest.

The OWG member must have constructed entry of at least 75% wood.

OWG members will do judging.

Entries will be judged on:

Joinery - Craftsmanship - Finish -

Utility (appropriate design/construction for the intended use of the object)

TOBYFOR Contest

Same rules as WOOD CRAFTSMAN except: Entry must have been constructed by the OWG member entirely from a single 8 ft construction grade 2 X 4 with the exception of miscellaneous fasteners and finish.

BELTSANDER Race PRIZE ----- \$ 20 bill

Each OWG member may enter one sander. Each entry will receive a \$2 certificate to be used as partial payment of 2007 dues. Open class - anything goes but must run on the OWG track (Any other rules made up by the Racemaster).

WORKSHOP TIP

Grinding a conical point at the tip of a nail set will oftentimes provide a better grip on small head finishing nails.

J D

SECRETARY'S REPORT...

The March meeting of the Omaha Woodworkers Guild was attended by 33 members and 3 visitors. This was the first meeting held at the Lowe's Home Improvement store at 75th and Dodge, in Omaha. President, Rick Froehlich, opened the meeting at 7pm. An electrical extension cord was purchased by the guild, due to the absence of a close outlet, which was needed for the evening's program. Ken Grigsby, gave a Financial Report. Gene Kathrol gave a membership dues report and stated that there were still some who haven't paid their 2006 dues, to date. Doug Peetzke reported that the guild Library will be moved to Lowe's for our next meeting in April. Several VHS's were donated to the guild by a member. (Sorry, I didn't remember his name at this writing!) Our Vice-President announced and explained some of the details for this Summer's 3rd Annual Woodcraftsman Contest and 2x4 Contest. He reported that cash awards will be given out to winners this year, including the Belt Sander Race. He also reported that a \$2.00 coupon will be given to members entering a contest item(s), that can be used towards 2007 dues.

For Show and Tell, Randy Crawford showed a beautiful hall table he made from quarter sawn white oak. Rick Froehlich showed some of his Intarsia work, a trout using seven types of wood; and a raccoon hanging from a foliated branch made from mostly western red cedar, walnut and aspen. Rick will present a program on Intarsia later this year.

The evening's program was Part 2 of last months topic on SHARPENING. Dick Johns demonstrated and explained the One-way grinding system. Walt Strain showed and spoke about the DRILL DOCTOR. Thorton Traise showed and talked about sharpening and putting that "Bur" on the scraper edge. Jim Dalen showed his economic approach to tool sharpening.

The guild purchased a \$10.00 Lowe's gift card, as a door prize, which was won by Bernie Moore.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:25.

RF

FOR SALE BY MEMBERS

SHOP MADE SPINDLE SANDER (non-oscillating) and it works great!\$30.00

Call Rick Froehlich 991-3880 or RFroehlich1948@aol.com

16" Laguna band saw with a mobile base and at least 10 new blades, \$1250.00; **USA made Delta 10" cabinet saw with 52" Unisaw fence, mobile base and router table**, \$1350.00. Sliding table saw attachment and HTC roller out feed extra. Both saws are in excellent condition with minimum use.

Call Mike at 455-8714

MEMBER NEEDS HELP

Jeff Schneiderwind needs a couple of columns turned 3" in diameter and 56' in length. Please contact him if you can help or know of anyone that be of service. Call Jeff at **(402) 933-6252**



New Programs are being scheduled now!

Do you have an idea for a program you would like to see or present? Give Jim Dalen a call at 933-6607 or email him at jdalen@cox.net

COMING EVENTS...

Layout and cutting ovals
presented by
Alfred Peterson



NEXT MEETING

April 18, 2006, 7:00 PM
At

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