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December 2006

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

December 13, '06	Lunch at Dominic's
December 16, '06	Meeting @ MVCTC
January 10, '07	Lunch @ Dominic's
February 14, '07	Lunch @ Dominic's
February 17, '07	Meeting @ MVCTC
March 14, '07	Lunch @ Dominic's
March 17-18, '07	Blackburn Seminar
April 11, '07	Lunch @ Dominic's
May 9, '07	Lunch @ Dominic's
June 13, '07	Lunch @ Dominic's
July 11, '07	Lunch @ Dominic's
July TBD, '07	Picnic

**PRESIDENT'S NOTES
DAVE MOSER**

Our first meeting of the year was successful. I would like to thank Joe Grittani for all his efforts putting the program together. I'm looking forward to another great program in December. Unfortunately I had to leave the October meeting early so I didn't get the chance to say "hi" to all the new members. I'll be sticking around for the whole meeting in December, so I hope to meet everyone then.

December is "Toy Month". Every year our members build and donate toys for kids at the Children's Hospital. This has been a great program over the years and I hope to see a bountiful harvest again this year. It's always fun to see the wooden toys. There's just something about a wooden toy that begs you to pick it up and play with it. If you haven't made a toy in the past please consider it this year. Call me if you would like to make some toys but don't have wood. I milled a whole pile of trees several years ago. Much of the wood

would be perfect for small projects like toys. I'll donate the wood if you donate your time to make some toys. Call me at home (937/335-1814) or on my cell (937/307-2766) if you're interested. I also have three or four books with toy plans ranging from simple to complex. You're welcome to borrow those if you need some toy ideas or inspiration.

November was also Artistry in Wood. Every year WOW has a table at the event. Our liaison to Artistry in Wood is Vern Johnson and he worked hard this year to put everything together – thanks Vern!! WOW also sponsors a club woodworking competition at the show. There is no fee for entry and members can enter up to three items. The total cash awards are \$400 with First, Second, and Third place ribbons awarded in each of two categories. This year there were many excellent entries. We are considering some changes to expand the WOW competition for next year. If you haven't entered in the past, you might consider doing so next year. And remember, if you don't want to enter the competition you may still bring a woodworking project for display to the public at our table.

I've been talking a lot about changes to our club. One big change – and one big project, is our scholarship fund. I'm happy to report that due to the diligent efforts of the Scholarship Committee we are almost halfway to our \$10,000 endowment goal. Once we reach our goal the endowment fund will generate a yearly scholarship for a deserving student at Rio Grande College. I would like to thank the Scholarship Committee of Harris Bartine, Andy Fischer, Charlie Hirsch, Scott Phillips, and Tom Lensch for their guidance and contribution to this effort.

There are many other projects and activities supported by the club. In addition to our four annual meetings, there are shop tours, open shops, joint purchases, Artistry in Wood, seminars, special projects, and the WOW picnic – just to name a few. Your Steering Committee works hard throughout the year to keep these activities and the club moving forward. If you would like to get involved with the Steering Committee to support these activities, or if there is something new you would like the club to do, let me know. I'm always open to new ideas.

See you in December.

DECEMBER MEETING

DON DROZD - CHAIRMAN

For the morning session, we will have Ron Lee from Authorized Tool in Beavercreek. He will give a presentation and some demonstrations of Tool Maintenance techniques for woodworkers. This will include hand tool repair and maintenance as well as large machinery maintenance. Something that is overlooked by many people.

In the afternoon, Scott Phillips will demonstrate unusual joints and biscuit joints. This will be very interesting program for woodworkers of all levels of expertise. Scott will demonstrate many joints that can be used to enhance and strengthen our projects.

Around lunch time, we will have a representative from Children's Medical Center on hand to accept all of the toys that members of the club are busily making for children that can't always be in their homes for Santa's arrival.

JOINT PURCHASES

GORDON GALLOWAY – MAX MARSHALL

All sandpaper orders will be available for pick-up at our December 2006 meeting. If you are unable to pick-up your order at the meeting, you can stop by my home at 65 N Grand Avenue in Fairborn; please call to let us know you will be coming: 937-879-9783.

Bessey orders will be taken at the December meeting, so start saving for your Christmas presents now. Bessey sells a large variety of clamps for just about every conceivable need. They also sell hammers, cutters – such as tin snips – and more. We will have samples of many of their items at the meeting. If you are new to WOW, you should know that we get a very good discount price on all Bessey items. Therefore you are not likely to find better prices across their inventory anywhere else. This was extended to WOW members because of the relationship built years ago by people like Bill Thompson, Jim Barnard, and Max Marshall.

You can learn more before the meeting on the Bessey web site: www.besseytools.com. We will not offer this again for at least a year and possibly two: so consider your immediate and future needs before coming to the meeting.

SEMINARS

JOHN KNIGHT & BUD KNOWLES

As I write this article, we have just finished a weekend with Ernie Conover. Ernie actually gave us two separate one-day seminars. It would be great to hear from members concerning their like or dislike of the two seminars in one weekend approach. Most of our seminars are a two-day event. However, there are subjects that people have requested that don't have enough material to fill an entire weekend. This past weekend was a good example. By combining two unrelated subjects on two different days, we were able to fill the weekend. If you like, drop me a note or look me up at a meeting and let me what you would like to see in the future.

Our next seminar will feature Graham Blackburn. Graham is an accomplished woodworker, author, teacher, and publisher. He will give us a full weekend on a variety of subjects. The subjects will range from design ideas (what is the right size, what are the right proportions, does it fit the purpose, etc.) to frame and panel construction and other construction ideas that you might like to incorporate into your next project. The next

seminar will be held the 3rd weekend of March (March 17th and 18th, 2007).

Remember, John Knight and Bud Knowles (seminar chairmen) are always looking for seminar ideas. If there is a presenter you would like to see or a subject you would like to see covered, please let either one of us know.

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM CHAIRMANSHIP VACANT

At the time of this writing, the WOW Scholarship for Spring 2007 has yet to be awarded. However as soon as we receive the packet of student questionnaires from the eligible students at Rio Grande college/University, the Scholarship committee will evaluate them. Potentially two or three of us will make a trip to Rio Grande, interview the students and the Instructor, Eric Matson and make a decision within a week or two after that. At that time our treasurer will forward a \$500 check to the school to award to the student. Hopefully this will occur in early to mid December. For those of you that are concerned that the student might spend the money on DVDs/CDs or beer or bellybutton rings fear not. The concern was asked of Mrs Crabtree, Vice President for Institutional Advancement on how the funds are distributed and expenditure monitored and she responded: "I have checked with the Finance Office regarding ensuring that any funds will be spent on the stipulated items. The answer to your question is that the scholarship will be applied to the students' account to cover first tuition, room and board, and supplies purchased at the college bookstore. If there are funds remaining, the student can present receipts for eligible items to the finance office for reimbursement."

A special thanks should be given to those members that donated wood working items to the club that were 'Silent Auctioned' at the Artistry In Wood show. Their donations raised \$156 that has been put into the scholarship fund. So a sincere thanks to **Al & Patty Combs, Scott Hamilton, Vern Johnson, Jim Schupert and Dean Stickley** for your thoughtful effort and donations.

ARTISTRY IN WOOD VERN JOHNSON

The 2006 WOW woodworking competition was held in conjunction with the AIW competition and show on November 11 and 12 at the Airport Expo Center. The WOW members, their entries, and their awards are: in the WOW Floor Standing Category, Larry Bilderback entered a pair of Chippendale Chairs. He won 1st from WOW for \$150 and 1st in Furniture from AIW for \$75 and Best of Show from AIW for \$250. His chairs also rated a blue ribbon for 1st in the chairs class. He also entered a candle table that won a 2nd place ribbon in the table class.

Dick Kammerer entered a Federalist Mirror and took 2nd from WOW for \$85 and 2nd from AIW in Other Furniture class. Dave Flora entered a Cherry Table that won 3rd place from WOW for \$30 and 1st in Tables class from AIW.

In the WOW Tabletop Category, Dale Stephens took 1st with a Fly Fisherman scroll saw entry and took home \$75. Scott Hamilton achieved Honorable Mention Toy truck and dozer from WOW and won 2nd place and \$40 and from AIW he took 1st in Wheel Toys winning \$75, Jim Whelan entered a Poker Chip Chestand won 3rd from WOW for-\$20 and 2nd from AIW in Misc. Woodworking for-\$35. Rick Landess entered a clock and took 1st place from AIW for 75 and two scrollings for honorable mention. Last, but certainly not least, Dave Scarpelli entered a Dollhouse and was recognized as 2nd in class from AIW.

Congratulations to all WOW entrants; all received awards from WOW, AIW, or both. Thanks to all who served as table hosts and judges.

CHRISTMAS TOYS RAY MILLER

Our December meeting is the time to bring in the toys you have made for the kids at Children's Medical Center. We want to see a great many small toys in particular.

Please help make this a banner year.

CLUB NAME TAGS HARRIS BARTINE

If you orderd one, it will be waiting for you at the December meeting. If you can't be there, contact Harris Bartine to arrange to pick it up. His number is on the Steering Committee list at the end of this newsletter.

PROJECT CORNER LLOYD BOWSER

Greetings to all and a very special thanks t each on who shared a project at our October meeting.

It is always a pleasure to see the variety of ideas and skills that are here to enjoy.

We were pleased to see the very special projects of WOW members that were shown at Artistry in Wood.

We hope to see you in December and remember this is the time to bring toys for the children who are suffering from health problems.

EDITOR'S NOTE JACK KUNZ

We would like to add a few more features to your newsletter. If anyone has any ideas for things to publish in the remaining space available here, please submit them to me for future newsletters. Some suggestions are, tips or techniques, favorite web sites, anecdotes about good experiences you have had with various merchants or any other topic you think would be of interest to the membership. Contact me and I'll help you with format and proofreading. Email with an attached Word file is the best way, but be patient with my aggressive spam blocker. I will receive any email that is sent, it spite of what the spam blocker may tell you. I can be reached at [n8mca@ arrl.net](mailto:n8mca@arrl.net). Please put WOW and your subject in the email subject line so I don't delete with the spam that shows up.

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