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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

This is the latest version of the SCW Woodworkers Newsletter. Ed Gallardo (Club Board Member and PR Chair) has taken on the writing portion, and Reggie Trevisan designed the handsome logo (coming with the next issue). Thank you, gentlemen.

The plan is to present one or two newsletters per month. We would like to include upcoming events and announcements (including the popular skill enhancement schedule), equipment changes, things of interest being accomplished in the shop.

To do that, we need information. If you would like to have an item such as a woodshop special event included in the newsletter, Ed will be the point person for the newsletter. He is in the shop regularly, has a box in the library and also receives email at edg12810@gmail.com

Ernie Mills (club webmaster) will be posting the newsletter on the website with past issues being archived. If you haven't looked at the shop's website, take a look! The address is www.scwoodshop.com

See you around the shop! Jim

UPCOMING IN THE MERRY MONTH OF MAY

Orientation: 3 p.m. May 4-6. Three hours per session. Acquaints new members with club rules, procedures, some officers, and, especially, availability, use and care of equipment. About 3 hours per session.

Carvers: 6 p.m. Thursday evenings (except on holidays). Think there's a Michelangelo lurking inside?

Bring your knife (knives) and a chunk of wood and join in artistic whittling. Clean up your mess and leave at 8 in time to catch "Father Brown" or a ball game.

CPR: 10 a.m.-noon. May 21. Chest-Compression-Only CPR. Conducted in the wood shop by staffers of the Sun City West Fire District Community Risk Management Unit. Not woodworking, but it could save your or your friend's life. The prez has indicated there will be 20 to 25 individuals on hand to learn. So be there.

Classes:

2-4 p.m. May 5 and 12. The making of cheese boards. Class limit :5. Instructor: Chuck Strauss.

11 a.m.-1 p.m. May 8. Refresher course on the use of table saws and router tables. Class limit: 6. Instructor: Tim Ficken.

11 a.m. May 13. Lathe accents for bowls and flat stock. Class limit: 3. Instructor: Jack Keyes.

Once a week: All work in the shop will cease and one of our expert woodworkers will give a 5-10-minute demonstration on proper and safe use of power equipment. This used to happen a few years ago when Jack Kurrle and the late George Lewis were on the Safety Committee. We should all benefit from its revival.

Club Summer Social: 11:30-1 p.m. May 20. Potluck lunch. The shop will close at 11:30 and re-open at 1 for this event. Sign up list will be on the break table.

GENERAL INTEREST

You may have heard: We're getting a new lathe and some new lathe tools that can be checked out of the tool crib. Incidentally, the Vega machine back in the corner is working just fine. Use only the available switches and work as you would any other lathe. Some people began pushing buttons and knocked it out of synch. Bob Hanson fixed it.

The club has also bought some carving knives for use by beginning wood carvers. They'll be available through the wood carving club on Thursday evenings. They donates hundreds of the birds to cancer centers in Indiana. They could be made for any cancer center. Some psychotherapists have found that these smooth objects (they could be small, smooth rocks for that matter) help cancer patients overcome depression thereby helping their recovery. That's another contribution project we can consider

We have some new clamps, and, soon to come, a new computer system to handle lumber room sales and purchases, including paying by credit card. Also a possibility is a card reader to allow entry into the lumber room without having to hunt down a keyholder.

Fred Baldwin, who has done a great job through the last 12 or 13 years as our librarian and lumber room agent, is giving up the lumber room job. Stan Mifflin has agreed to take over the headaches associated with the lumber room. Fred will still take care of the library while turning out some lovely wood furniture pieces for his Pine Top getaway. But Mike Ward has volunteered to help. Mike will be in charge while Fred's away.

Al Peckham made toys for kids like a man on a mission until his debilitating illness finally wore him down and he moved into a care facility. Al, like Max Soldenwagner before him, would make upward of 100 toys each year for the club to give away to students from

Nadaburg School each Christmas season. Max still makes some toys but not the volume he used to produce before age began to gain on him. So it falls to our newer club members to fill the production gap these two have left in order for the club to continue its Christmas tradition.

Jim Aebi, a hard-working Hoosier with a smile or a “how-do-you-do that?” look on his face, is with us from early October until the first of May. He’s going home with an ongoing project: carving comfort birds. These are no particular birds, just silky smooth and small enough to fit comfortably in the palm of a hand. He’s making them for a club in Indiana.

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