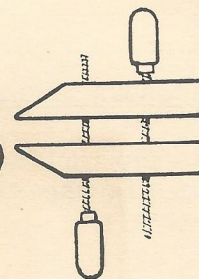


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MARCH MEETING

I missed this meeting. One of those days you know, but I understand there was a good turnout. Over 50 showed including some new guest.

Steve Proctor conducted a business meeting only, so those that wanted to could attend the Antique Tool Show. According to Bob Soderblom, over two thirds of the membership stayed for the show.

I understand the Double Tree Hotel is really pretty. Sorry I missed the meeting, but I'll be there next time.

SHOW & TELL

Steve Proctor brought pictures of his super rocking horse. Knowing Steve's eye for detail I would have liked to have seen them.

Jimmy Harp brought his replica of a Menonite antique cradle made of pine, with dovetail corners and a linseed oil finish.

Someone brought a beautiful Texas shaped jewelry box.

Let me make a comment here. We want to make sure everyone gets recognition for the pieces they bring to Show & Tell, but sometimes the person doesn't have on his name tag. So, we need Steve to introduce each person so I can record it properly. We missed several at this meeting and I apologize.

Joan Brueggeman brought a real neat tool chest with swing out drawers made from plans in a 1976 Popular Mechanix. I told you it pays to save interesting plans.

Ron Kuenning brought a walnut shelve he made from a tree cut down on his fathers place in Nebraska.

Another unidentified artisan brought a flower pot hanger and a cute dog bank.

Don _____ his Trivial Pursuit piece, which he plans to make for our charity sale.

OLD BUSINESS

Mark McCoy is coordinating the Club's group purchases, so if you want something, Mark can get it announced at the meeting to see if others have a similar interest.

Ron Kuenning is coordinating the purchase of the banding irons, so if you want one, give him a call.

The Southwest Tool Collectors Association expressed their appreciation for the membership of our club who attended their spring show at the Double Tree. Hopefully those who attended gained an appreciation of the SWTCA efforts to explore and preserve the old ways and tools of the wood working craft.

Caps and T-Shirts are availabel, so check at the meeting.

WORKSHOPS & CLINICS

The video library is growing. We have six tapes:

- * Bowl Turning & Dove
- * Tailing a drawer
- * Wood Finishing
- * Radial arm saw joinery
- * Bench plans
- * Special Plans
- * Router Basics (3 tapes)

Clinics on tape are as follows:

- * Sketching Your Designs
Murray Gordon
- * Raised Panelled Doors
Chuck Maxwell
- * Table Saw Dovetails
Bill Runyan
- * Hand Cut Dovetails
Tim Vauya
- * Wood Sculpture
Tim Vanya
- * Electrical Modifications
Murray Gordon
- * Clock Case Making
Henry Reed

There will be some more Workshops coming up. We will keep you informed.

PRESIDENTS CORNER

The club has a number of professional and semi professionals members; people trying to make a living on supplemental income from woodworking.

These business people face certain risks and rewards from woodworking. Problems include finding paying clients dealing with clients idiosyncracies, getting a fair price for good work, dealing with vendors and suppliers, and sometimes managing other's work. The business can be capital intensive - production equipment is very expensive, and competition keeps margins slim.

The rewards can be greater than the hassles. There is a certain joy in turning out quality products, working in the wood, solving design and production problems. It can be exciting as well as frustrating.

I've recently had conversations with various "pros" - some are in business full time, some were in business before and want to get back in, others want to start or grow. If there is any one piece of advice I have heard, it is to find a market niche - something you can do very well and someone will pay for. There are a lot of wood related product beyond furniture: sculptures, knick-knacks, structures (indoor and outdoor), toys ... the list goes on. One man specialized in precision instruments boxes for the oil field industry, another specialized in turnings. I was recently approached regarding the manufacture of skateboards, (!) and I used to work for a small company that specialized in church interiors.

Those of you who would like to do woodwork for pay - look around! You just might find something!

NEW BUSINESS

We could use a little advertisement in our newsletter. Surely we can pull a couple of new ads for 1986. Steve Proctor has a letter outlining, "Associate Memberships" for advertisers. It includes a 2 1/2"x4" ad twelve times a year, 12 newsletters, roster or the membership, full membership benefits, including attending our meetings, plus they can give programs explaining their services and benefits.

To me as a retail store that does a lot of advertising that seems like a bargain for the price. In fact I may place an ad in the newsletter even though my product isn't wood related.

Herbert Wilbourn has volunteered to update and prepare our Club's bylaws. We can then get the printed and distributed to the membership.

Your board suggests to all members that they be encouraged to increase the visibility of our club by wearing their club caps and T-shirts when going to buy supplies. This is expected to generate an awareness among the suppliers that they are being patronized by our club and consequently be more agreeable to establishing discounts to club members.

Everyone should at lease present their membership card and ask about available discounts; if obtained, notify the club's officers to coordinate modification to the whole membership.

Another suggestion was some kind of recognition be given to those members who continually contribute to the club. This would include things like Chuck Maxwell handling the library back and forth to each meeting. Many members continually offer their services to the membership. They keep the club strong and a plaque or brass plate recognizing these outstanding members should be presented annually, maybe at our Christmas meeting. If you agree, tell them at the next meeting.

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APRIL MEETING

Meeting will be at the University of Houston Industrial Arts Shop at 9:00am - April 12th.

Our lecturer will be our own Tim Vauya explaining and demonstrating wood sculpture as a woodworker and as an art form.

It ought to be something really different and interesting - See You There!

March 15, 1986

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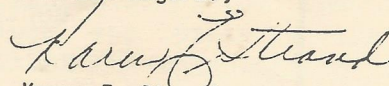
Gentlemen:

On behalf of our Board of Directors and myself I would like to extend my deepest gratitude to you all for the outstanding job you did on the fundraising event you sponsored to help grant wishes to terminally ill children. It is because of people like you that we are able to make children smile and dreams come true. If any of you happened to watch Channel 2 News on Thursday Feb. 13, 1986 you would have seen our wish child Tammy. Her wish was to go to New York. She stayed in a suite at the Essex House, had full time limo service (she is on oxygen 24 hours), went to a Broadway show, had meals at Hard Rock Cafe, Saurdi's, Serendipity, and Mama Leone's, had a complete makeover in a salon, visited the set of All My Children, went sightseeing, and much more. Your donation sponsored this wish. It should make you all feel just wonderful to know that you have made this child and her family so happy. I am sure that Tammy would visit one of your meetings to tell you about her trip if you would like her to do so. I will be happy to bring some pictures to your meeting and a tape of her trip if you would like to do that.

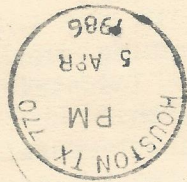
If, in any way, our group can be a recipient of any of your group's future fundraisers, we would be deeply indebted. You are a valued sponsor of our children. We depend a great deal on donated goods and services in order to make our dollars stretch the farthest and serve more children.

Again, thank you for your sponsorship, but more importantly, thank you for caring.

Warmest Regards,


Karen E. Strand
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