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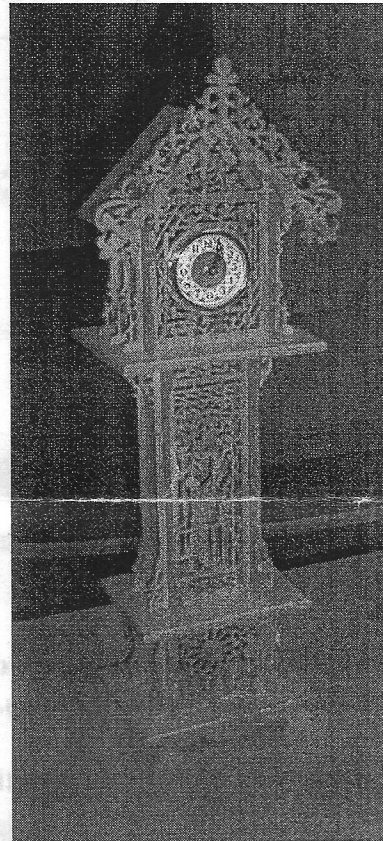
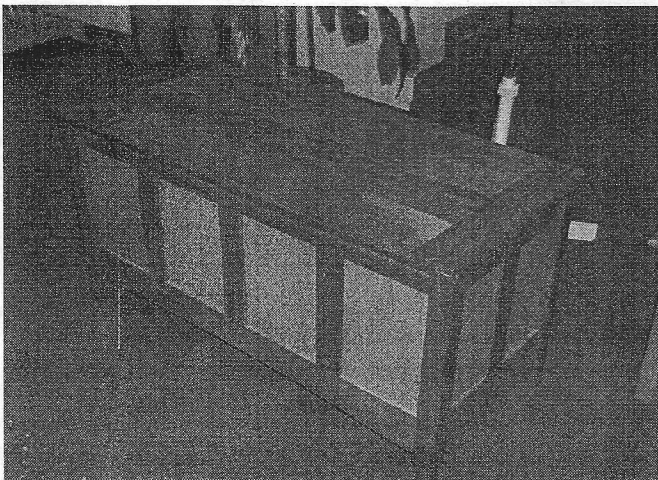
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BY GARY ROWEN

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Below: This wonderful blanket chest was built by Rob Brayton. It was constructed using African mahogany and birch plywood and was finished with three coats of Deft. Beautiful work, Rob!

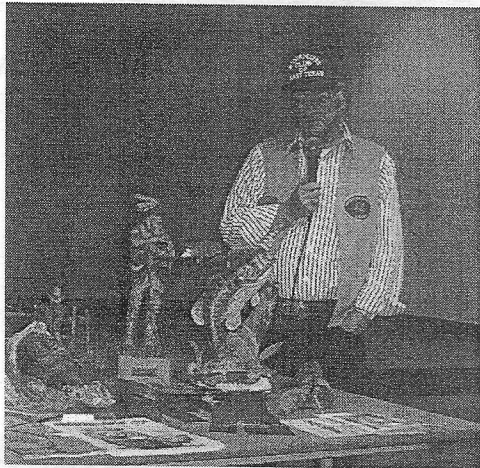
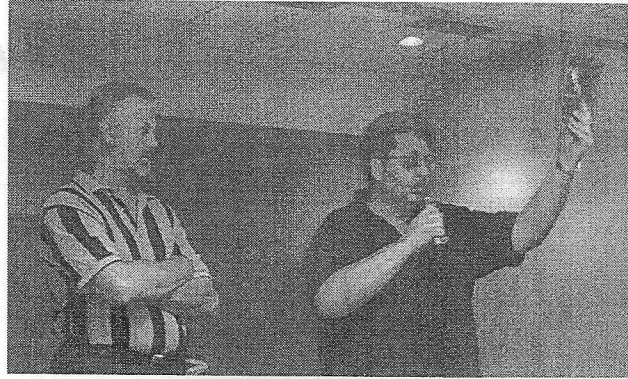


Above: This is Paul Koury's third scroll-sawn clock using wood that he has snatched from various city dumpsters. This clock took approximately 35 hours to cut over a period of 3 weeks.

MAY PROGRAM ---

CIRCLE SAW

Right: Bill Harrison and Randy Kuhn answer questions from the crowd regarding the technical aspects of table saw blades, among other topics.



Above: Robert Pulley shows off his basswood and butternut carvings. "Forest wood" is his favorite choice of wood, and Jim Taylor for hand tools. Robert uses Dremel tools for a few details (eyes, e.g.). The colors are artist oils and acrylics for the birds.

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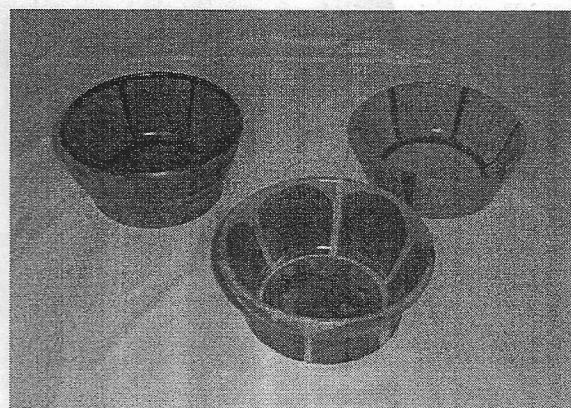
New members in
June: \$14.



New Members

Please extend a warm welcome to our new
members from our May meeting:

Bill Cole



Above: These bowls were made by Lon Kelley. They
were prototypes in Lon's experimentation with
Bondo and epoxy. Lon found Bondo doesn't work
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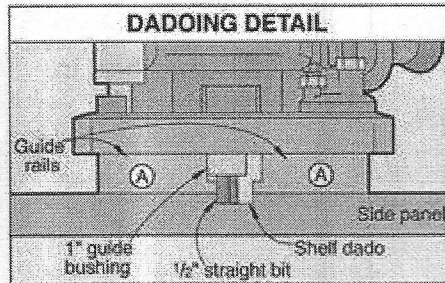
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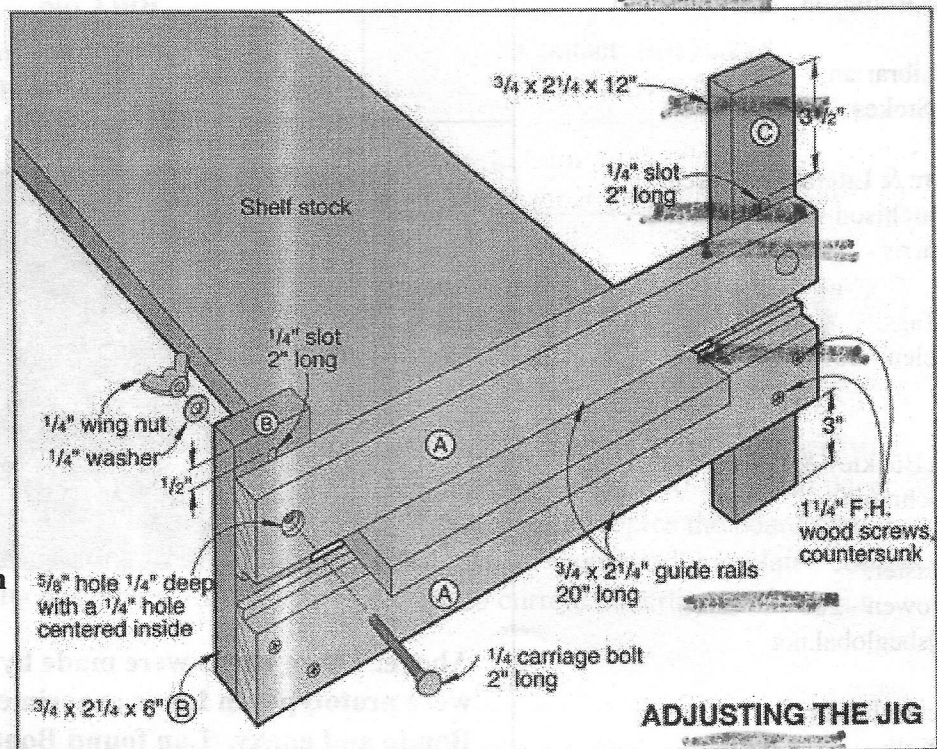
PROJECT OF THE MONTH --

EXACT-WIDTH DADO JIG

Here's a jig for routing bookcase or cabinet-side dados that exactly match the thickness of your shelf stock. Better yet, no special bits are needed. Just use an ordinary straight bit and a guide bushing. (We used a 1" guide bushing and a 1/2" straight bit.) To start, cut a 3/8" rabbet 3/8" deep along the inside edge of both guide rails (A). Then complete the jig as shown in the drawing, below, right. To customize the rails for a different bushing and bit, install them in your router and trim the protruding lip of the rabbet in the guide rails, as shown in the Dadoing Detail. The remaining lip will now match your bushing/bit combo.



To adjust the jig for the exact width of your shelf stock, slip the jig over the shelf stock as shown in the Adjusting the Jig drawing. Pull the guide rails (A) tightly against the stock, and tighten the wing nuts. Slip the jig off the stock, and clamp the jig onto the piece being dadoed, centering the opening between the rails (A) over the marked dado on the side panel. Adjust the depth of cut with your router sitting on top of the rails. Start the router and make one pass with the guide bushing riding against one of the rabbeted rails. Make a second pass riding the bushing against the opposite rabbeted rail.



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These two projects were both built by Glen Edwards. The soccer plaque (below) was built for Glen's granddaughter, while the figure on the left is one half of a southwestern style quilt rack. Excellent work on both projects, Glen!



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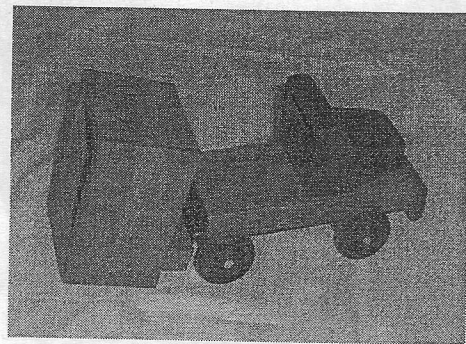
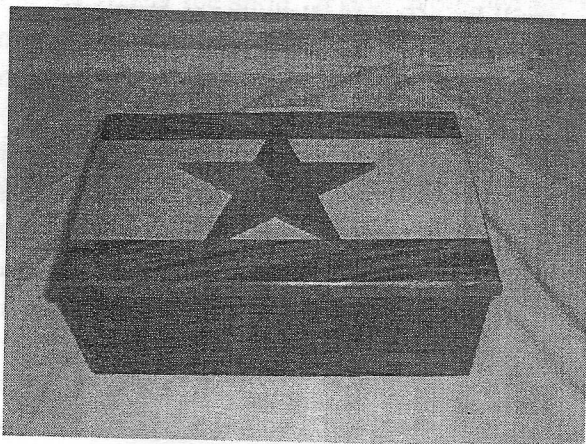
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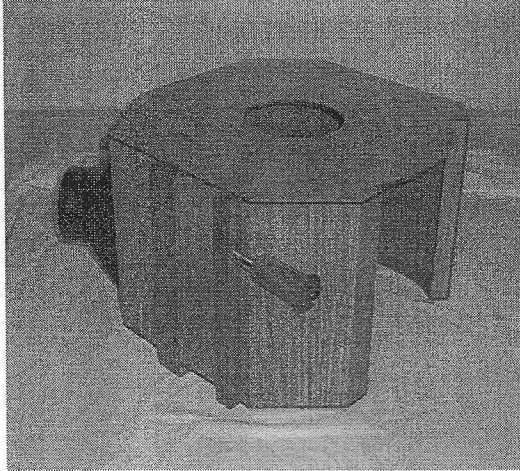
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Below: This jewelry box, made from MDF, was constructed by Ken Kooser. Ken used a JoinTech Smart Sled for the cuts on the star.

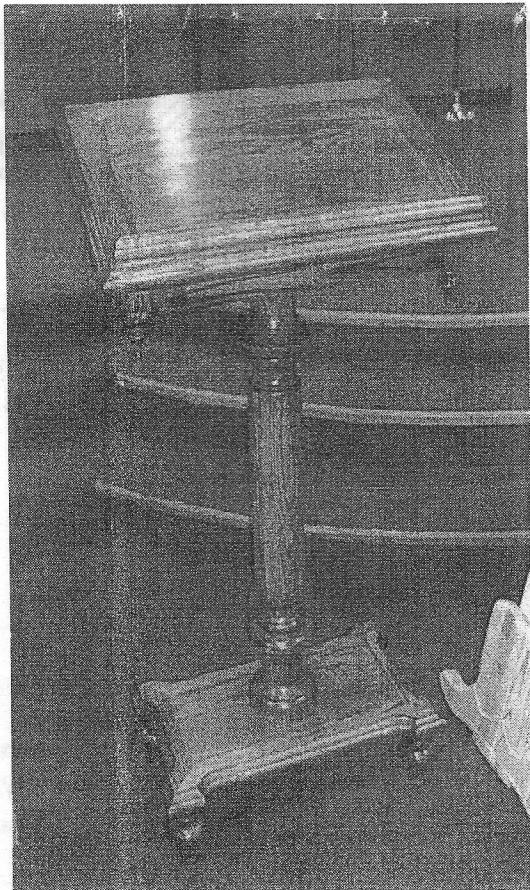


Above: Hank Merry crafted this dump truck out of cherry and red oak. He used Watco oil for his finish.



Left: This dust collector was built by Hunter Malson. Hunter built it out of 1/4 plywood and used only glue and a Porter Cable pin nailer in its construction.

Below: This absolutely gorgeous music stand, built from red oak, was constructed by Gene Volentine and was finished with jacobian stain and polyurethane. This piece is stunning!!

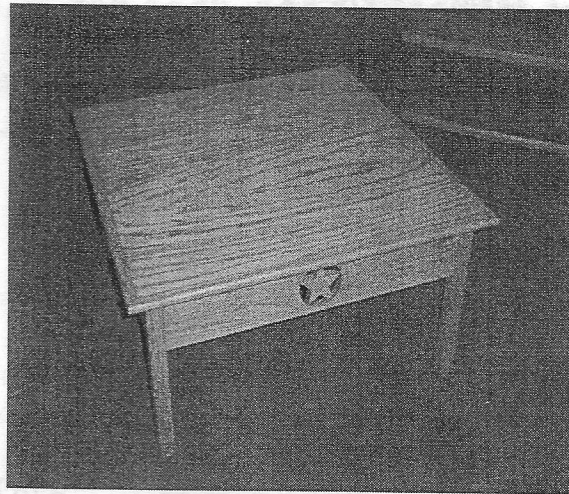


Below are a list of presentors who will be giving programs and demonstrations during the coming months. Be sure to take note of the speakers and attend the meetings!

- 1. Bosch Tools - a mini tool fair including several give-away door prizes.**
- 2. Titan Tool, Inc. - Our chance to learn about finishing equipment (Air Assisted, Airless, and HVLP equipment).**
- 3. Dewalt Tools - demonstration of their tools (possibility of door prizes - stay tuned)**
- 4. Saul Harris - long time member gives a program on table saw safety.**
- 5. Hitachi - demonstration of thier tools (will be offering discount to WWCH members)**
- 6. Delta Tools - demonstration of their tools (will also be answering questions).**
- 8. John Gay - program on how to chip carve**
- 9. Circle Saw - program on table saw tune up and alignment**

Right: This table using red oak and mortise & tenon joints was built by Marcus Brun. The finish, consisting of 1/2 mineral spirits & 1/2 polyurethane, was rubbed in with a sock. The top of the table is 1/2 plywood.

Note: A copy of the plan for this table is available for download on our website: www.wwch.org

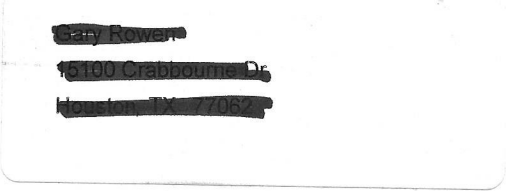
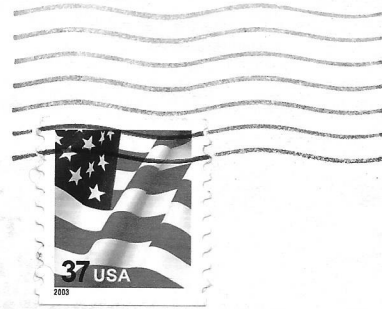


PREZ SEZ:

BY KEN KOOSER

I thank the club and board sincerely for sending flowers to my mother's memorial service in Oneida, Kansas. They were red carnations and gladioli with yellow spider mums, very beautiful. Since I have been President, it has been the club's policy to recognize members and families when ever appropriate. Please inform a board member or myself when such an occurrence exists. Two or three years ago I penned several articles on shop safety. They either opened or closed with - "Working with wood is inherently dangerous. Using hand or power tools improperly or ignoring standard safety practices can lead to permanent injury or even death. Please keep safety foremost in your mind whenever you're in the shop" - I plagiarized this from one of the woodworking magazines I read. Plagiarize is another way to say creative research, but where it came from is not as important as doing it. Since the first of the year when I moved up to a 3 hp cabinet saw I've had two incidents that could have been accidents. I let a 20-inch square of 3/4-inch plywood get into the blade and it pitched it across the shop. It only wounded my pride, but the potential was there for "permanent damage or even death". The second deal was when I was raising the blade to cut into a 1/4 inch veneer plywood square when the bottom half ripped out leaving me holding the top of the plywood with most of its core gone. I'd never seen that happen before either. Again no injury, but the potential was there. We have a lot going on now with the club. In addition to our great meetings, we are planning a super picnic slated for October 25 right here at Baylands. Club member Jim Douglas donated some fine hand tools to the club. I've looked up replacement costs, in many cases, replacements are not available and it comes to well over \$500. We all thank you, Jim. We already have router bits and some tools for the auction. We expect the list to grow and plan on a real good time. Thanks to all who have taken the challenge and attended the board meetings, we need your input, and we do listen. Welcome back to two of our former advertisers, Houston Hardwoods and Woodcraft. The Board reduced advertising rates and offered former advertisers a deal for the remainder of the year.

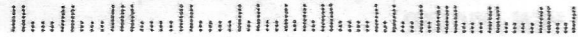
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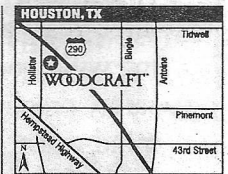
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