

Knothole News

GREEN COUNTRY WOODWORKERS

TULSA, OKLAHOMA

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Reminder!

GCWW general meeting is the **2nd Thursday** every Month at 7:00 PM.

Officers

<i>President</i>	
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<i>Raffle</i>	
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<i>Special Activities</i>	
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<i>Toys / Show & Tell</i>	
<i>Vacant</i>	
<i>Toy Wheels & Axles</i>	
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Rob Bailey	918-369-1336



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UPCOMING EVENTS...

Club Meeting Thursday February 12th

**Jerry Duis presents
Breadboard Table Ends**

**Tulsa Garden Center Lower Level 7:00 PM
2435 S. Peoria Tulsa OK**

Club Luncheon Thursday February 19th

Chimi's at 15th and Peoria at 11:30 AM

Board Meeting Thursday February 19th

**Tulsa Garden Center Volunteer Room 6:30 PM
2435 S. Peoria Tulsa OK**

President's Message

Greetings Green Country Woodworkers,

The year 2009 has already gotten off to a fabulous start. The hands-on workshop we sponsored with Bob Flexner was very informative, and enjoyable. Bob is a wealth of information and with his ability to share that wealth all who attended went away with more than we could retain. I'm so glad he brought his

books and hand-outs so I can refer back to them when needed.

Among the topics that Mr. Flexner covered were how to apply a oil/varnish blend, wiping varnish, gel varnish, varnish wash coat, shellac wash coat, filling pores, water dye stain, French Polish, and rubbing out a pre-finished piece.

Many thanks goes out to Mr. Flexner for taking time out of his busy schedule to come to Tulsa

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and teach us what he has spent years learning.

In order to maintain a healthy and happy club, just as it is in any volunteer organization, all members must be willing to step up to the plate (take their turn so to speak), and help out where needed. Our many club committees, listed on the first page of our newsletter are all important to the making our club what it is. From time to time people's lives change and for whatever reason they don't want to, or cannot, continue in their position, or they need or want some help, as we all do. In April I will be asking for volunteers to be our nominating committee to canvas the club and for the positions of President, Secretary and Treasurer. Each of these positions, according to our By-Laws has a time limit of service on them.

Don Ray, Treasurer, Dale Bailey, acting Secretary, and Betty Zumwalt, President, have been happy to serve, but in June we will be electing new officers. Please consider which position you would like to serve in and notify the nominating committee when they have been announced. At present we need a volunteer to help Gene Masias with the Toys.

Wonderful World of Wood is a yearly event that we have participated in regularly. We will be discussing what type of booth we would like to have at our next meeting.

Your President
Betty Zumwalt

February Raffle

We are starting off 2009 with some great new raffle items. Be sure to see Gregg to purchase your tickets! Here's the offering:

1. Table Saw Fence Micro Adjuster
2. Set Of 4 Pouched Steel Carpentry Chisels
3. Tri Blade Folding Shop Knife
4. Combination Crosscut/Ripcut Pull Saw
5. Black & Decker Workmate Folding Workbench
6. Set Of 4 Carpenter Pencils With Carpenter Pencil Sharpener



Bob Flexner lecturing at the workshop

REMINDER

Remember the Kansas City Wood Show is coming up February 13-15 at the Overland Park International Trade Center Exhibit Hall. Vendors include Craft Supplies USA, Delta Porter Cable, DeWalt, General International, Kreg Tools, Lee Valley & Veritas, Rockwell and more. Hours are 12-6 Friday, 10-6 Saturday and 10-4 Sunday. The address is 6800 W. 115th St, Overland Park, KS and parking is free.



Flexner Workshop

A Christmas Act Of Kindness

In early November, Betty Zumwalt received a call from a grandmother looking for a wooden rocking chair for her granddaughter. She had searched the retail market and discovered they were just too expensive for her. She wanted to know if there was a possibility that someone in the GCWW club would make a chair for her. Betty agreed to pass along her name and phone number to members she knew made furniture, but it would be up to them to contact her. Dean Hedberg accepted the task and as you can see below made a grandmother's Christmas very special with a beautiful heirloom mission style rocking chair she can enjoy with her granddaughter. Nice job Dean, and thanks for representing the GCWW club!



Dean Hedberg's Rocking Chair

Save the date!

Bob McCray has scheduled our first shop tour at the home of Dale and Gayla Bailey for Saturday April 4th. Plans are to meet at Garden Ridge between 9:00 and 9:30. Bob will be departing at 9:30 sharp. The schedule includes three of your fellow woodworkers giving demonstrations and of course lunch. More details to come!



Flexner Workshop

Knothole News

The Knothole News newsletter is published monthly and is distributed without cost to the members of the Green Country Woodworkers. This newsletter is written by club members and other woodworking enthusiasts. We welcome articles, pictures and ideas from our readers.

Email your contributions to:

newsletter@tulsawoodworkers.org

Contributions to the Knothole Newsletter can also be sent via regular mail to:

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February Featured Woodworker

The featured woodworker this month is Rob Bailey. I'll admit the research required for this month was a bit less than normal.

Rob was actually born in Norman, OK, but was relocated to Bixby during his grade school years. Today he owns a house there. He did his undergraduate work at Oklahoma State University finishing with an Electrical Engineering degree, and after a few years in the corporate world, he returned to OSU-Tulsa part-time to get his Masters degree in Telecommunication Management. His career began at Raytheon in Dallas working on military night vision systems, but after a couple in years of the big city he returned to Tulsa to take a position at WorldCom. He did telecom engineering for WorldCom until their demise in 2002. He then landed at TV Guide and remains there today working for Macrovision who acquired TV Guide. Currently he is working on interactive program guides for digital cable systems. Unless he wins the lottery, he is still a few decades away from retirement.

He was exposed to woodworking while growing up at home and school shop classes. One of his first big projects was an outdoor chair which he gave to his great grandparents. Due to their change in living arrangements, he received it back and it still sits on his porch today. Rob didn't decide to get into woodworking seriously until about five years ago. When he did, he jumped in with both feet. His first project was a massive entertainment center to house his 55" HDTV and all the associated electronics that go with it. Since then, there have been numerous other substantial projects intertwined with the rare occasional weekend type project. He is currently building a bedroom suite. He has completed the headboard and two night stands and is working on the dresser now. Rob works out of his garage which hasn't held a car in years. He has most every power tool one could want, but really enjoys hand tools too. I think he is aspiring to match Rob Cosman's 3½ minute hand cut dovetails.

Rob works with a great variety of wood types, and due to the size of his project panels, works a lot with plywood. He is very good with veneering and puts his vacuum bag and pump to use often.

He joined Green Country Woodworkers in 2004 to enhance his knowledge of woodworking. Rob has been very active in the club and has held offices of Secretary and Vice-President and currently serves as web master. A lot of his woodworking knowledge comes from self study through books and the Internet. He has shared his knowledge and experience more than once by being our presenter at club meetings.

Rob was married in 1999. He and his wife, Kristy, adopted two boys a little over a year ago. They are just about to get adjusted to that change. There seems to have been a definite reduction in his wood project production since that time. I can't imagine why.



Proposed Fall Seminar for 2009

Jerry Duis contacted Michael Fortune as a potential seminar presenter for late 2009. The board has approved Jerry presenting this opportunity to the general membership for a three day seminar in November 2009. The tentative dates under consideration are November 13, 14 & 15 (Friday Evening, Saturday and Sunday). The general membership will be asked to approve this seminar during the February meeting.

The following is an excerpt from Michael's Website:

I primarily design and make furniture by commission for private residences across Canada and the United States. I use traditional woodworking and metal working techniques in combination with innovative forming processes that have been adapted from the aerospace and boat-building industries.

Although I describe my studio-based work as contemporary, I enjoy playing with a wide range of natural and historical influences, whether it is a beautiful vase from Mesopotamia circa 2800 BC, a piece of discarded furniture or the texture found on a split piece of firewood. Sketching, making scale models and building full-size prototypes are a very important part of my design process. My goal is to create objects that are resolved on every level and satisfy my personal aesthetic.

Michael has over a dozen Fine Woodworking articles to his credit as well as numerous articles in various other magazines. He also teaches at woodworking schools through the United States and Canada including the Marc Adams School in Indiana.

2009 Wonderful World of Wood

July 10th and 11th

Union 6th and 7th Grade Center

10100 E. 61st St

Tulsa, OK

Bring Back

Now that the holidays are over, we can all look forward to resuming our bring back program. In case it's been too long to remember (I have that problem at least), George Ort will be delivering the prize in February!

Green Country Woodworkers Luncheon

Bob McCray and gang enjoyed another combination of good food and fellowship in January. Bob's plans for February are to visit Chimi's at 15th and Peoria. However, the luncheon is moving to Thursdays following the general club meetings. Still at 11:30. Hope to see you there!

Dues Reminder

Your membership dues fund the club's routine expenses. It is important we all stay current. For those who receive the newsletter via mail, the top right hand corner of the address label lists when your dues are due. Please check your date and make sure you are current. For those receiving the newsletter via email, you will receive an email reminder the month they are due.

Thanks!!!

Question of the Month

Excerpt from The Wood Whisperer. Thanks to Marc Spagnuolo! www.thewoodwhisperer.com

The question: I make signs out of wood and last spring (2008), I purchased a gallon of Helmsman Spar Urethane since I go through quite a bit of it (and absolutely love it). I had used a little more than a 1/4 of the gallon then stored it for the summer in the basement. It's a living basement therefore, the temperature was generally around 65-70 degrees through out the summer. When I opened it this fall to start using again, it had a hard coat over the top and about 4 inches of jell under that. I don't know if the can wasn't closed tightly or what happened. I was able to break through the hard coat and tried to mix it all up as best I could but now I have small 'chunks' of the jell that gets on my wood work. Is there anything I can do to eliminate this? Should I stir it with a drill attachment paint stirrer or would that cause more problems? I would really hate to have to throw away 3/4 of a gallon so would appreciate any help you could send my way.

And the Answer: Hi Terri. Unfortunately my friend, your Urethane is half way into the trash. A skin and chunks are signs that the finish has already started curing in the can. Varnishes cure via oxidation, which means air is your worst enemy. So either the can wasn't sealed well enough, or the little bit of air that was trapped in the can was enough to keep the curing process going. The key is to put the varnish in a container that has little to no room for air. Or, you can use some Bloxygen. Its an aerosol can full of inert gas that creates an oxygen-free pillow on top of your finish, protecting it from oxidation. Another option is to fill the can with marbles or some other heavy item so the liquid level is raised to the top. But sad to say, this is all for prevention. Once the finish starts curing, as it has in your case, its best to just throw it away. But, if you are feeling especially frugal, feel free to strain out the chunks and test the remaining finish on scrap. If it cures properly and seems to bind strongly to the wood, you can probably get another use out of it. In most cases though, I don't take any chances once the finish starts curing in the can.

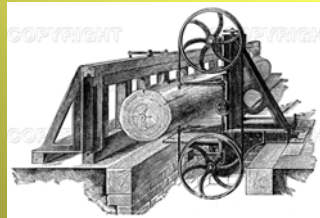
Green Country Woodworkers Board meeting Thursday, January 15 , 2008

Attending: Betty and Gregg Zumwalt, Dale Bailey, Don Ray, Dean Hedberg, Jerry Duis, Carl Clough

- December minutes read by Dale Bailey
- Treasury report given by Don Ray
- Feb Knothole News edition deadline is Jan 30
- Potential future meeting site – Betty Zumwalt reported we still need written agreement defining costs, scheduling and storage
- Converting library tapes to DVD – hardware was purchased and Rob Bailey is doing the conversion
- Wonderful World of Wood 2009 – Betty to poll general membership at next meeting for participation
- TGC Affiliate Requirements – Betty Zumwalt reported requires one person to be an affiliate – board agreed the current President would maintain affiliate status if necessary to retain membership
- Betty Zumwalt reported TGC auditorium has been booked for 12/17 for 2009 Christmas Party
- Discussed incorporation and 501c again due to potential TGC requirement
- Board discussed and concluded future seminars/workshops will be at a fee with a differential for members versus non-members
- Dean Hedberg suggested a better effort in advertising seminars – board agreed
- Fortune seminar – 11/6-11/8 targeted, TGC only available 11/13/14 - location and financial details TBD
- Discussed totally eliminating storage at TGC – Carl Clough agreed to store our items on a temporary basis
- PR for yearly toy donations – Need to define and plan accordingly
- Betty Zumwalt relayed suggested By-law changes – board discussed and dismissed
- Betty Zumwalt presented potential new govt. toy regulations – after discussion board concluded GCWW would not sell toys to avoid the cost of compliance
- Dale Bailey suggested we consider Darnaby fundraising opportunity – details will be gathered and then offered for further discussion.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Feb 12 Green Country Woodworkers Meeting 7:00 PM - Lower Level
Tulsa Garden Center @ 2435 South Peoria
- Feb 19 Green Country Woodworkers Board Meeting - 6:30 PM
Tulsa Garden Center @ 2435 South Peoria
- Feb 26 Deadline for March 2009 Knothole News Items**
- Mar 12 Green Country Woodworkers Meeting 7:00 PM - Lower Level
Tulsa Garden Center @ 2435 South Peoria
- Mar 19 Green Country Woodworkers Board Meeting - Volunteer Room
Tulsa Garden Center @ 2435 South Peoria
- Apr 9 Green Country Woodworkers Meeting 7:00 PM - Lower Level
Tulsa Garden Center @ 2435 South Peoria
- Apr 16 Green Country Woodworkers Board Meeting - Volunteer Room
Tulsa Garden Center @ 2435 South Peoria

The Green Country Woodworkers

The Green Country Woodworkers are made up of men and women who are interested in woodworking as a hobby. The monthly meetings are conducted as educational forums for the benefit of our members and guests. We have idea exchanges, problem solving sessions, safety tips and tool tips plus a main speaker on topics related to woodworking in all its phases.

Objectives

- To provide the Knothole News, a monthly newsletter to dues paying members.
- To provide a library of magazines, books and video tapes to dues paying members.
- Provide a membership card to current members that entitles current members to a discount at specified advertisers.
- To promote woodworking and participate in woodworking and craft shows to inform the public of club activities.
- To make wooden toys. All such toys will be donated to selected organizations throughout the year.
- Monthly Show & Tell. All items entered in the show and tell will be presented to the to the membership by the builder.

Membership applications are available at each meeting from the club secretary or treasurer. Annual dues are \$25.00. Applications and dues may be mailed to: Green Country Woodworkers P.O. Box 470856 Tulsa, OK 74147-0856 or given to the treasurer at any club meeting.

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