

TENNESSEE VALLEY WOODWORKERS  
MEETING DATE: 9/17/2019

Meeting called to order by Vice-President Carl Blumenthal, due to the absence of President Karen Browning, at 6:30pm.

The meeting was conducted without the use of the audio/video system (no one could get anything to work).

Visitors: Rachel Williams and Will Broersma

Committee Reports:

Carvers:

- Jim Jolliffe gave information on the regular carver's meetings on the first and third Saturday mornings of each month. The sessions are from 8:30 AM to 10:30 AM each meeting date. He invited anyone interested in carving to attend.

Shop Tours:

- Doyle McConnell stated that the shop tours will be starting again soon. He will have information in the near future.

Little Free Library:

- Little Free Library – Opportunity to help! Richard Gulley had some information concerning this request for help. He will get the information out to the members to determine if there are those that would be willing to help with project.

Upcoming Events:

- October 12th-13th – Tims Ford Heritage Days

- December 14th – Christmas Party – 1:00 PM @ Decherd Nazarene Church. Lunch Pot Luck and gift exchange. Gift exchange is optional.

Tool Tips/Tricks of the Trade:

- Carl Blumenthal brought in some samples and discussed some “special” pants. What made them special was all the extra pockets and storage locations made into the design of the pants. He had purchased the “JobMan” brand pants a few years ago, but now many other companies are making the same design pants. The pants have a storage area for everything that you would want to carry while doing a job. If interested, the web site is [www.jobmanusa.com](http://www.jobmanusa.com)

- Fred Heltsley showed a simple way to hold a flashlight. He made a stand out of copper wire to hold the light in any position required. A “third hand” is needed on some jobs.

- Vince Zaccardi discussed the method he used to flatten the bottom of a large platter. The platter did not set level. He used a piece of MDF, putting sandpaper on the MDF and moving the project back and forth over the sandpaper to make it flat. A quick way to flatten a project.

SHOW and TELL:

- Ken Gould brought two ornamental cherry slices with “burned designs” on the face of the slices. The process he used was the “Fractal Burning” technique to create the design in the wood. He went into detail on how the process works and pointed out the massive dangers of the process, since it deals with very high voltage.

- John Hartin brought three bowls. One of the bowls had a decorative lid design. The larger lidded bowl was made from cherry and had unique “foot” design. One of the smaller bowls was oak crotch and the other was Magnolia. All were finished with lacquer.

- Doyle McConnell brought a wedding gift salt and pepper mill set. The set was made from spalted maple and finished with gloss lacquer.

- Vince Zaccardi discussed his two cutting boards made from cherry, maple and walnut. They were finished with oil.

- Geoff Roehm brought a beautiful guitar. The woods used were spruce, ebony, mahogany and maple. The back of the guitar was book-matched with a beautiful grain pattern. The inlays were done using CNC. The finish was UV cured polyester. Geoff demonstrated the final product by playing the instrument.

- Paul Credle brought one of rocking horses. He discussed the evolution of the design and building process. He also talked about the difficulties he encountered along the process. The material used included white oak and maple. He discussed the importance of painting the bright colors on parts of the horse to attract the attention of the youngsters using the toy. The finish was urethane.

PROGRAM: Steve Shores – Christmas Ornaments

Steve gave a detailed step-by-step process that he uses in “creating” the beautiful Christ ornaments. He showed and discussed the variety of special tools he uses in the turning process. The majority of the tools were “home-made” specialty types.

Steve discussed the procedures he used when turning the very delicate finials and how he attaches them to the body of the ornament.

The program gave those present a great idea for some of those special gifts for the upcoming holiday season.

Meeting adjourned.

Sorry these minutes are not available yet.