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Highlights from our May 3rd, 2008 Meeting

Written by Helen Hoefele

Meeting Began with our President, John Truskowski, opening the meeting and asking guests to introduce themselves.

Two guests were in attendance:

- Yuri, who found us online
- Frank Scott

Library Update – Two books have been donated. A new Silas Kopf book is to be ordered. The Graham Blackburn series has been ordered. If anyone sees any new books or DVDs out there to buy, let us know and we'll order them.

Upcoming Club Events:

The June Silent Tool Auction will take place at our June meeting. We're not sure how many people will actually participate.

September Library Display – At the June meeting, bring in anything you would like to have displayed in the Library Display Case for the month of September. At the October meeting you will get your pieces back. The Library likes our participation. Bring in one piece or many; doesn't have to be museum quality; if it's fragile pack it carefully; don't bring anything too delicate or make arrangements to meet before or come along for the setup.

Planning for September Picnic Meeting – Jamesburg Fair is still a possibility. A number

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of suggestions were made for possible locations, including: Panera Bread; iHop in Marlboro; Chinese Buffett lunch; Country Buffet may have new owners by then; meet at Library for regular meeting; member offered to possibly meet at their home by the shore; everyone can bring a covered dish; for catering anywhere it will be hard for us to get an estimated count. Everyone should report back at the next meeting with their suggestions. We are tentatively targeting the date of September 13th.

Health Report – Flip is doing better and hopes to be able to come to a meeting soon. He is in good spirits.

Catalogs – Mystic Hardwoods provided hard-copy catalogs. It is recommended that if there is something that you want to pick up from them, that you call first before just stopping by their office.

Refreshments. Thanks to Lee for covering for Ethel on providing refreshments (coffee, tea, and donuts).

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Upcoming Meeting before the summer break is:

June 7th

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Show & Tell – Five members brought in Show & Tell pieces. See page 4 for photos and descriptions.

Demonstration – John T brought in a wide variety of knife cutting tools and materials that are useful for Marquetry work. These included:

- Exotic Hand-Made Knife – uses Woodcraft blades from Switzerland. This a blade that you re-grind on one side. It has a flat edge not a pointed edge. The back of the knife has a pointed edge.
- Gordon rubberized Knife Set – From Harbor Freight for about \$12
- Cutting Mats – These protect work surfaces and/or dull your knife less. You can get green self-healing mats for around \$10 at stores like A.C.Moore or non-self-healing clear mats from Sears.
- Veneer Saw – This is for straight line cutting. They require sharpening, which takes 15 minutes or less, when first bought. Videos are available on how to sharpen.
- Circle Cutting Tool
- Edge Cutter
- Rollers – \$1 ones work just as well as the more expensive ones
- Tape – There are several types of tape that people can use. Some are low or high tack, and there is veneer tape, masking tape, or freezer tape. Each works differently when used with wood glue or contact cement to finish your project.
- Head Visor with Magnifying Glasses
- Fret Saw
- Mirrors to visualize reflection of quarters or halves, i.e., pie pieces, for a tabletop design (of slip-match or book-match).
- Pocket-Portable Knife with cap and spare blade
- Glues – White Glue, or Tan Carpentry Glue
- Printing Press Clamp system you can make yourself

- X-Acto Knife Kit – you don’t need to spend a lot, work with what feels good to you.

To paraphrase advice from Larry: “You’ll find your own methods as you get into it; you don’t have to go strictly by the book; you might find easier ways to do things; the book is a guide, you take it from there.”

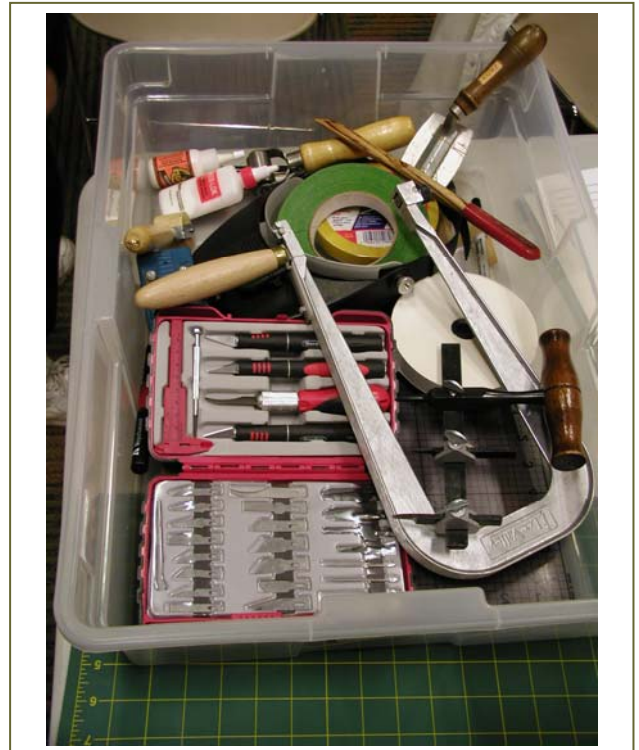
At our next Meeting (June 7th),

- Bring Library Display Pieces
- Demonstration will be on wood-burning
- Meeting may be a bit abbreviated somewhat due to the Silent Auction and depending on how many people will participate in it.

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Demonstration Photo

Of Knife Cutting Tools and Materials Discussed



Miscellaneous Photos from our Latest Meeting



We regularly get good attendance at our monthly meetings.



There is always ample time to ask questions and get advice.



Mixing and mingling during the mid-meeting break to pick out needed materials and/or have some refreshments and conversation.

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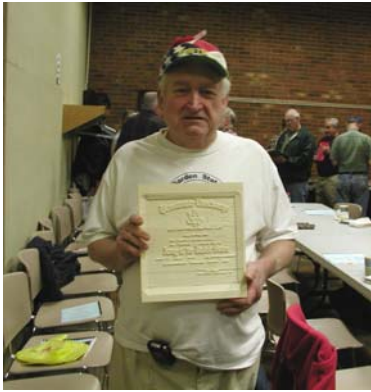
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“Show & Tell” Projects from Our May 3rd Meeting



Gene Tonkery showed how he can engrave Veteran Discharge Paper Plaques in Aspen Wood using the CarveWright machine.



Rob Chiavaro made this Marquetry Rose.



Pete Laudati showed his Character Carving hand-made from Bass Wood.



Henry Buccino brought in two scroll saw projects: an “Amazing Grace” Heart and a Bird Scene.



Walt England finished his Marquetry sailboat scene and also brought in this mechanically functional ship.

Join us at our upcoming meetings on: June 7th
Location: The Monmouth County Library on: 125 Symmes Rd, in Manalapan, NJ
You can find Directions online at: http://gsmsplus.com/meeting_info.php