

BCWG July 2021 Meeting Minutes

The July meeting was held at Jim Woodfin's shop with 29 people in attendance. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, August 17 at 6 PM for our annual picnic at The Woodbine Lodge at Riverview Park in St. Joseph – there will be no “Show & Tell”

President Dennis Szymanski called the meeting to order.

Announcements

John DeLapa announced he will be teaching an 8 week beginners carving class at Krasl Art Center on Thursday nights starting Sept. 16. Please contact John or Krasl.org for more details. He also sent around a sign up sheet for volunteers to help with the upcoming picnic. An email about the picnic will be forthcoming in a few weeks.

Guests Chris Cook and Bob Tjernlund were recognized and welcomed by the Guild. Member Keith Carr made a motion to explore the possibility of adding visual aid equipment to our “Show & Tell” presentations. The motion was unanimously passed. It was agreed to have Keith further investigate the matter. Paul Donavin also agreed to help with this matter.

Demonstration

Jim Woodfin gave a very interesting presentation on how he built a surfboard to pass the time during the recent pandemic shutdown. Jim followed instructions provided by the Kokomo Surf Company of Hawaii for a traditional type board that would have been popular 5 to 6 decades ago before the widespread use of polyurethane foam. The board consists of an internal wood frame support structure similar to an aircraft wing covered with laminated mahogany, basswood and cypress. The wood is covered with fiberglass matting and epoxy. Although the board could actually be used as intended on Lake Michigan, Jim will likely utilize it as a unique and stunning piece of “wall art.”

Jim also described a high tech Lamello Zeta P2 biscuiting machine and its associated fasteners.

Show & Tell

Barry Young

Barry brought three fine examples of his considerable wood turning talents. The first two were a bowl made from apricot and another from willow. The third piece was a large serving platter made from a disc of walnut crotch surrounded by flame maple. The inside disc was actually a necessitated repair to a collapsed portion of the platter caused by too much vacuum on the lathe mounting chuck. Of course in the world of fine woodworking, a properly repaired mistake is made to look like it was intended all along. In this regard, Barry was very successful!

Scott Hollett

Scott showed a unique cell phone holder made from oak.

Lee Davidson

Lee's project was a sink made of thick laminated pieces of walnut. The finish was 5 coats of Waterlox which yielded a water resistant covering suitable for all conditions except for long periods of water immersion.

Ed Laber

Ed brought a series of children's tops which he made on a CNC lathe. Ed experimented with various coloring techniques including paint, dye and epoxy with sprinkles. John De Lapa suggested a clever method for balancing tops after Ed complained of one that wobbled during use.

Anthony Sergio

Anthony showed a stunning cherry and maple “guitar pic” stool which he had described previously during one of our Zoom meetings.

Tom Hurst

Tom showed a variety of special tools that he has made or repaired. Included was a special reamer using steel from an old saw blade for the cutter. The reamer is used to make interior tapers and another tool he made is for making exterior tapers. He also showed several convex shaves and a compass plane he made which are used for cutting the contours in the seats of Windsor chairs.

Keith Carr

Keith brought his first turned bowl made of basswood.

The "Sawdust in the Hat" drawing for a Lowe's \$25 gift card was won by Tom Hurst.

Regards, Lindsey Smith Secretary