

BCWG May 2026 Meeting Minutes
May Meeting Held at Barry Young's Shop
Attendance of 26 Members
The next meeting will be on June 16 at 6 PM
Roger Bredewig's Shop

The meeting was called to order by President Dennis Szymanski at 6 PM.

Announcements

The St. Joe Senior Center still has a few items left over from their recent tool sale. For anyone interested, please contact Jeff Starke.

The subject of keeping or changing the existing meeting times at 6 PM was brought before the membership. A voice vote confirmed a continuation of 6 PM.

Member Kim Massa's neighbor has a table saw for sale. Details are to follow.

Dennis Szymanski mentioned the use of Clean Strip for diluting varnish and polyurethane. An investigation on his part indicated that the Blue Label version should be used instead of the Green Label variety. The later tends to leave undesirable whitish streaks in the end product use. John De Lapa also stated that he has had good luck using kerosene to clean brushes.

Presentation

Barry Young gave a demonstration on how to make wooden handles for 5 gallon plastic buckets. The technique involves gluing together a pair of wood blanks with a piece of bag paper between them followed by turning on a lathe. After shaping and drilling a longitudinal hole, the piece is split with a chisel, placed around the wire bucket handle and finally glued back together. Barry also commented that the bucket tops are the perfect size for cleaning 10" table saw blades with solvent.



Barry Young's Bucket Handle Construction Props

Show & Tell

John De Lapa

John brought long-handled dibble made from red oak and finished with linseed oil.



John De Lapa's Red Oak Dibble

Jim Kastigar

Jim displayed a pair of turned baseball bats made from sycamore and maple. Additionally, he included a unique bat made of a variety of "stacked" wood pieces with a central threaded rod reinforcement. Jim joked that the stacked version was the ultimate "plugged" bat.



Jim Kastigar's Turned Baseball Bats

Lindsey Smith

Lindsey showed a piano bench made from white mulberry and finished with wipe-on polyurethane. The floating panel consisted of a parquet pattern.



Lindsey Smith's Mulberry Piano Bench With Parquet Panel

Jeff Starke

Jeff showed a walnut and maple spatula finished with food grade mineral oil.



Jeff Starke's Walnut and Maple Spatula

John DeStazio

John brought a cornhole board with a motorized rotating hole.



John DeStazio's Rotating Hole Cornhole Board

Alan Golichowski

Alan showed a variety of projects including:

1. A walnut dragon carving and mounting frame
2. Hand carved cherry serving tray finished with Osmo and Renaissance Wax
3. Soft maple bowl finished with Osmo and Renaissance Wax
4. Shrink pot made from box elder with carved figures colored with earth pigments, finished in Osmo





Alan Golichowski's Variety of Carving Projects

Alan Golichowski won the "Sawdust in the Hat" drawing for a \$35 Home Depot gift certificate.

Regards, Lindsey Smith - Secretary