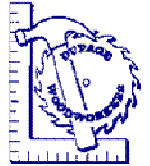




DUPAGE WOODWORKERS

Our Motto—"Learning by Sharing"



March, 2009

Programs & Events

- March 25, 2009, 7PM
Regular Meeting
St. James Church
Bud Knoedler, Bird Carver
-
- April 6, 2009, 7PM
Board Meeting
College of DuPage SRC
Cafeteria
-
- April 8, 2009, Noon
Midwest Saw Tour
-
- April 11, 2009 10AM–12
Shop Tour
Rick Ogren
-
- April 15, 2009, 7PM
Regular Meeting
St. James Church
Festool

The Presidents Corner

Rick Ogren



Rick Ogren

Ash Wednesday and Easter have changed our general meeting dates this year. **Therefore, we will be meeting on April 15th to avoid any Easter week activities at St. James Church.** I'm sorry for any inconvenience the date changes may cause you and I hope we can maintain a regular schedule in the future.

Back to normal news for this month's newsletter---Thanks to Dale for putting together a great tour of Alan Carter's studio/shop. I hope we will get our tour of Mid-

west Saw Sharpening rescheduled soon.

Once again, will try to hold a Special Interest Group (SIG) on the subject of Sketchup at the church on Wednesday March 25th at 6:00 PM. We will discuss the general beginnings of the group. If the interest is there, we may continue such a program in the future. Please bring your laptops, and idea, so we can develop dialog and help each other with Sketchup.

This may sound like a repeat of what I stated last month, but I need to make sure we get it right--name tags for our March meeting will be printed on peel and stick labels. Each member will

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Activities Committee Report

Dale Gustafson



Dale Gustafson

A visit to Midwest Saw has been rescheduled for April 8. The address is Meadowview Crossing - Unit #4 in West Chicago. Plan to arrive at noon and enter via the back door. Be sure to bring any saw blades or router bits that need sharpening. Turn around time is about 1 week. Let me know if you need a current price list for their sharpening services.

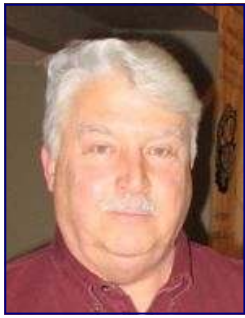
In addition, Rick Ogren has consented to host a visit and tour of his workshop on Saturday, April 11, from 10:00am to noon. Rick's address is 4533 Linscott Avenue in Downers Grove. Sign up for both of these activities at the March 25 meeting.

Dale Gustafson



Mike Madden, Nick Rentas, Dale Gustafson and others listen as Allan Carter, our host, reviews plans of the project he is working on for a customer during the tour of his shop and studio on March 11.

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March & April Programs

Bill Hochmuth

At the March 25, meeting Bud Knoedler, Bird Carver will present a program on the process he uses to carve various types of birds

At the April 15th meeting of the Dupage Woodworkers Scott Zero from Festool will be demonstrating several products. FESTOOL GmbH is one of the world's leading producers of high end power tools especially for cabinetry, founded in 1925. It is located in Wendlingen, Germany, where all of the power tools are produced.

The first product Scott will highlight will be the plunge circular saw with the multifunction table along with the dust extractor. He'll then discuss sanders and the benefits of the many Festool sanding options. For your admiration

will be the Domino joining system and the Kapex compound sliding miter saw and if we have time Scott will talk about the finer points of these two tools.

I'm frequently accused by my spouse of being a tool collector rather than a woodworker – and I must admit there's some truth in that (I have several tools I purchased some time ago still in original packaging) – but I do use “most” of the tools I have and am always on the lookout for new and better tools to help me do my projects. Quite some time ago I decided that I was at a time in life where the next tool I bought would be the last of that species and that it would need to outlive me. Certainly, the Festool products meet this requirement. *Bill Hochmuth*



From Our Library

Dic Drees

This month I found a book on the *Popular Woodworking* site. It's titled *Popular Woodworking's Arts & Crafts Furniture Projects* compiled by the editors of that magazine.

The paraphrased introduction states: "Arts & Crafts furniture stirs different emotions in

every person. Interestingly, many people who grew up shortly after the first period remember this furniture as clunky, dark and often relegated to a porch or basement. Happily, for a much larger group, the simple lines, solid construction and homey esthetics of this type of furniture is much more appreciated.

From a woodworking point of view Arts and Crafts furniture serves as an excellent learning medium for furniture building. A & C furniture offers a reasonably short learning curve requiring only a few basic joinery techniques that can be easily mastered. Along with Shaker furniture, A & C furniture lets the craftsman build a quality piece of furniture in a reasonable amount of time and provides a very successful and satisfying experience.

Beyond the simple joinery and lines, the wood used in A & C furniture, such as quarter-sawn oak, mahogany and even ebony details, provide a beautiful finished appearance.

As a category A & C furniture is frequently identified with a single manufacturer, Gustav Stickley. Because of this, many woodworkers have a single image of the furniture style in their mind. Quite the opposite, there are many different manufacturers offering very individual and varied styling, all encompassed in the larger category of Arts & Crafts. If Stickley isn't to your taste, perhaps Roycroft or Greene & Greene will appeal."

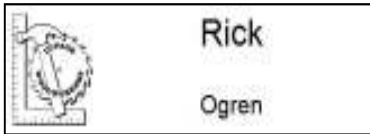
The first chapter of the book presents a rather extensive history of A & C furniture. I found it to be an extremely fascinating read. Chapter Two deals with construction and finishing techniques for all types of A & C furniture.

Then come the projects, 25 designs for every room in your home. Major project categories include: Shelving(3); Tables(7); Seating(7); Storage (5); and three other projects including a Wright-style Print Stand and a Mantle Clock. Also included is a list of suppliers. All in all, I think this book will be a worthy addition to Our Library.

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remove his/her name from the sheets laid out on the table as he/she enters the meeting room. Just put the tag in a place that will be easy for all of us to see and read. I really need to see your tag, as I am poor at remembering names. Here is a sample of the new



name tags that will be tried this year.

Thank you **Carter Johnson** for your donation of a portable movie screen. I also want to thank **Curt Vevang** for holding a workshop on Delta CAD. We were able to use the club's new projection screen at this workshop. Thanks again to both Curt Vevang and Carter Johnson for helping the club. *Rick*

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holder. A hippopotamus is also a possibility. Cars would be good again but the cost of wheels and axles is a concern. Several suggestions were made to minimize and he will investigate. Some other projects were possibilities such as a doll bed for Beanie Babies, Barbie dolls and even bigger dolls. Need to find an inexpensive design.

The need for up-to-date membership information was discussed in light of the recent meeting cancellation. **Bruce** sent email to all members with email addresses and the board members phoned the members without them.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m. *Jerry Johnson*

Coffee, Coffee, Coffee

Coffee hosts for the March meeting will be Donna & Danny Yarbrough. Hosts for the April meeting will be Jim Arendt & Fred Rizza. For the May meeting: Ken Everette & Bob Ruyle and for June:

Bill Eck & Charley Scheffel. We still are need of a volunteer for the August meeting. You don't have to bring anything or buy anything. It's all here. We even tell you how much to make. All you have to do is make the coffee with your buddy and put things away. Step up. *Milford Lau*

Club Project for Church

On Tuesday, February 24, a club project came to fruition as decorations for our host Church were installed in the sanctuary for the Stations of the Cross for Lent. They were quite grateful for the contribution. **Wayne Maier** and **Gerry Howard** did the construction. **Bob Ruyle** and **Rick Ogren** assisted with the installation.

The following comes from the Church's weekly bulletin.

"...The DuPage Woodworkers helped this year with the art and environment in the church. I would like to thank them for creat-

ing the image of the road that connects our stations of the cross. The wood is stained in different shades...

I would like to thank the woodworkers and the Art and Environment Committee for their help in offering us a simple, yet profound environment for Lent..."

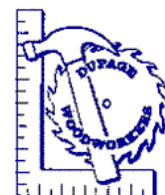


Several Club members constructed and installed decorations for the 12 Stations of the Cross as depicted above.

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Oh, I almost forgot, there is a CD with interesting information about building your projects.

That's it from Our Library for March, 2009. *Dic Drees*



Secretary's Report

Jerry Johnson



Jerry Johnson

Rick Ogren called the Board Meeting of March 2, 2009

meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were **Bruce Kinney, Tom Perry, Dale Gustafson, Stan Anderson,**

Danny Yarbrough, and **Jerry Johnson.**

Bruce read an excerpt from the St. James news that described what the club did in support of their Stations of the Cross for Lent. They were quite grateful for the contribution. **Wayne Maier** and **Gerry Howard** did the construction and **Bob Ruyle** and **Rick Ogren** assisted with the installation.

The minutes and treasurer's report for February were approved. Our cash position is low and we need to minimize expenses until the CD matures on April 15.

Due to the cancellation of the February general meeting, the Festool program has been postponed to April. The bird carver is still planned for March. The Del-tacad seminar was postponed due to the weather and will be rescheduled.

Dale reminded us of the visits planned for March 11: Alan Carter studio/shop and Midwest Saw. He is working with **Bob Ruyle** on a shop tour and is planning on a visit to Baker Road in May and a cabinet manufacturer – perhaps in June. He was encouraged to get the info onto the web site to show the number and breadth of the activities sponsored by the club.

Membership cards are not out yet due an illness. Most suppliers will still honor the 2008 card even though it is out of date. In fact, many don't even ask to see the card.

Bruce noted he had received a projection screen as part of the projector purchase. **Rick** will offer it to St. James as a donation.

Stan reported on the progress of planning the toy project for the year. He suggested a rhinoceros as this year's crayon

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Club Calendar

Monthly Meetings
St. James The Apostle Church

4th Wednesday at 7:00 PM
(Next—March 25, 2009)

Board Meetings

1st Monday at 7:00 PM
College of DuPage Cafeteria
(Next—April 6, 2009)

Breakfasts

First Saturday
(Next—April 4, 2009
and
Second Wednesday
(next—April 8, 2009

At
Panera Bread Restaurant
in the Market Plaza Mall
Roosevelt Rd., Glen Ellyn
Between Main and Park.



Treasurer's Report

Income YTD: \$909.16
Expenses YTD: \$1779.08
Balance 12/31/08: \$4444.39
Paid Members: 126

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