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The Scroll Saw

By Tom Howorth

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Our April 25, 2013 meeting consisted of a very interesting visit and tour of the Dusty Strings Company production facility in Seattle. Dusty Strings is a world renowned maker of harps and hammered dulcimers.

Our well-attended group was treated to a very educational tour of the facility along with entertaining historical information about the formation of the company and its progress in the application of cutting edge fabrication technology and equipment to the demanding world of fine musical instrument making – a wonderful application of our modern computerized world to crafting an enchanting medieval musical instrument.

Mr. Ray Mooers, President of Dusty Strings provided us with very detailed information regarding the fabrication processes, materials, tooling and techniques his company employs in fabricating their line of custom crafted harps and hammer dulcimers. He also described some of the technical challenges presented by the unique design of these finely crafted instruments, such as choice of wood species, control of moisture content, design for strength to accommodate the high loading produced by the multitude of highly tensioned strings, etc.

And to top off the evening, Mr. Mooers played both the hammered dulcimer and the harp for our entertainment and delight.

Thanks to member Dan Ford for facilitating the scheduling of this wonderful meeting.

Steering Committee members Allen McCall, Herb Stoops, and Paul Stoops had a unique opportunity to participate with member David Beyl in his mentoring of a local high school student, Creston Bunch. David had already done all the excellent mentoring work, but we had the privilege of evaluating and critiquing Creston's woodworking project to satisfy one of his course completion requirements.

As a very inquisitive and intelligent student, Creston took it upon himself to design and fabricate a unique dining table and chair set from scratch – with virtually no prior woodworking knowledge or experience! We “experts” had to confess that none of us had taken on the daunting task of designing or building a chair!! So we were most impressed by his level of success in designing and building chairs with a unique curved backrest and upholstered seats – chairs that were also very comfortable! For someone who had never even heard of a mortise and tenon, or used most of the woodworking machines required, Creston did an amazingly good job on his first woodworking project.

In the May 30, 2013 meeting, member Tom Howorth will entertain and educate us with a presentation about the use of the Scroll Saw. In Tom's own words:

“Scroll sawing is one of the safest and easiest forms of woodworking. With just a little time and training, you can create intricate and beautiful projects that will amaze your friends and family. This class will start at the very beginning and explain the tools and techniques of scroll sawing. No previous woodworking experience is necessary. The class will cover how to make various types of projects, such as: boxes, bowls, pictures, portraits, ornaments, jewelry, signs, puzzles, etc.”

Don't miss this one! Bring your questions and be ready to share your experiences with the scroll saw.

Don't forget: Be working on those secret projects for the 2 x 4 Challenge to be held at our August 30, 2013 meeting..... \$110 in prizes to be awarded!!

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Creston Bunch and his project



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