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Next Meeting:

Seattle Stair

Thursday

June 24, 2010

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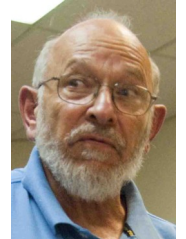
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President's Message

— by Bob Schaefer



The May 27 meeting of the Northwest Woodworkers Guild took place in the manufacturing facility of the McKinnon Furniture Company. Eighteen members were present. The membership and treasurer's reports indicated no significant changes from the previous meeting. We are doing okay. There was no raffle.

Show and Tell: Charlie Culler showed rests which he designed for his router and orbital sander. These well designed yet simple rests are infinitely superior to just putting these tools down wherever one finds a vacant spot on the workbench.

Don Strong talked about myrtle wood and showed photographs of a large coffee table which he made from an impressive large slab of myrtle, with ingeniously designed legs made from walnut and joined with dovetails. I have seen the table and it is truly impressive.

Dennis Harrison showed us two more examples of his gorgeous (I can think of no other word to describe it) marquetry. Not only is his work esthetically beautiful but also shows craftsmanship of a high order.

Other items: Don McNutt, one of our members is the current president of the local chapter of the American Association of Woodturners. Congratulations Don. Members who have ideas for future programs are urged to contact members of the program committee which is listed elsewhere in the newsletter.

The rest of the meeting was conducted by Sheila McKinnon, the owner and CEO of McKinnon Furniture which is a small (compared to Boeing or Microsoft) local firm that produces high end quality furniture, from cherry, oak and maple. They have a catalog showing many designs but will also do custom work. All of their designs are contemporary, with clean looking lines, judiciously placed curves and a minimum of frills. Sheila conducted our group around the large shop showing us all of the large woodworking tools necessary to do quantity production work. Currently the firm employs about 25 people.

Each person or small group is responsible for a specific item, and many of the items are signed. So although each piece is the product of several people, the general output is not on an assembly line basis. After the tour was completed a large box of high quality scrap wood was made available to members who eagerly seized some impressive pieces. Overall the tour was impressive and informative. Our Thanks to Sheila for letting us see her facility.

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4100—1st Avenue S.,
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10% Discount

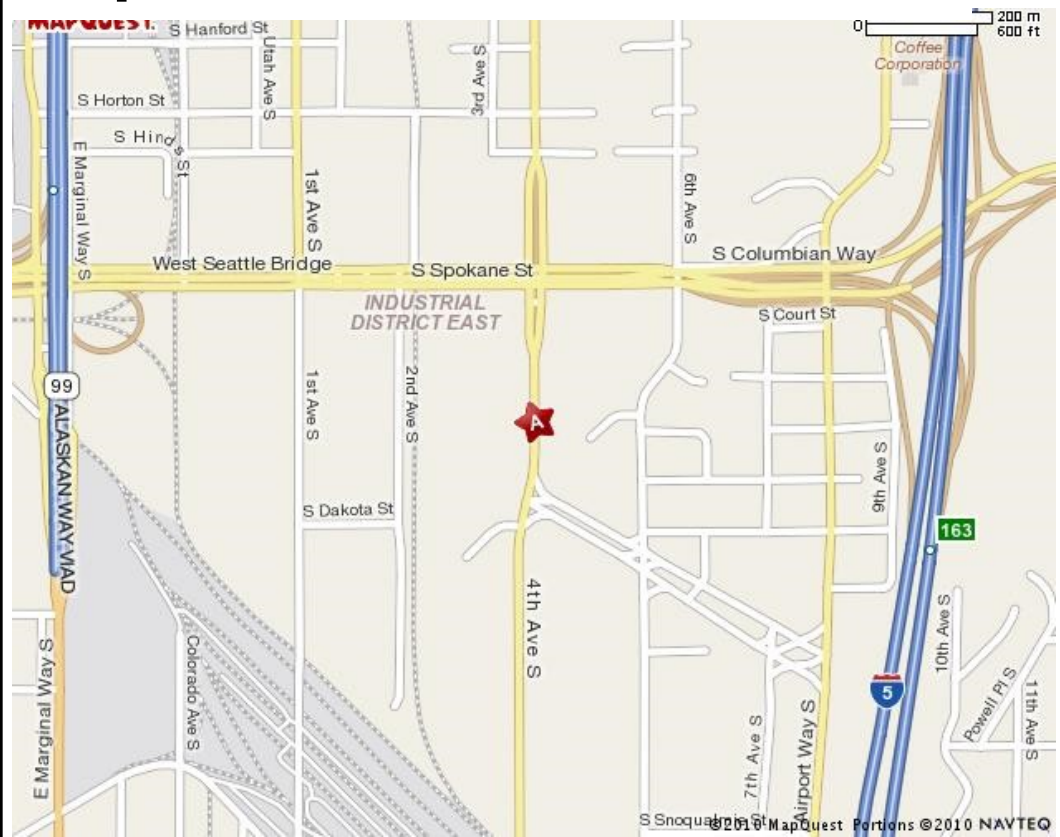
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3823 Stone Way N.
Seattle 98103
10% Discount (not valid on power tools)

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Map to Seattle Stair



July Meeting and Annual Picnic:

For the July presentation, Herb Stoops looks forward to Showing and Telling the adventures of building a Queen Anne "Lowboy", the picture of which was on the June 2010 Popular Woodworking Magazine. Herb will say that his came out similar, but not exactly the same (where did that fourth leg go?). Also, he will show some pictures of other projects that he has done this past year and talk a little bit about them. There are also some shop tips that Herb incorporated into his shop that might be of interest as well.

June Tip

submitted by Herb Stoops

HERE'S A QUICK-AND-EASY DUST-COLLECTION BLAST GATE

Here's a dust-collection blast gate you can build quickly and easily without spending much money. First, cut all the pieces from $\frac{1}{4}$ " Baltic-birch plywood, and bore the $4\frac{1}{2}$ " holes as shown, with a circle cutter. Then, glue and clamp the plywood spacers to one of the 6×7 " plywood pieces. Now, cut a 4" section of PVC cold-water drain coupling in half, and epoxy the coupling halves to the $4\frac{1}{2}$ " holes, flush with the inside surface of the plywood.

When the glue and epoxy cure completely, assemble the two halves of the blast gate with glue and brads. Now, slide the gate into the gate housing, and connect your dust-collection piping to the PVC couplings.

—Eugene O'Hara, Independence, Mo.

