

Wood Shavings

Northeast Ohio Woodworker's Guild

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Meeting Wed. September 13th

This month Stephen will do a short demo of using CAD to help refine your ideas when designing a project.

Also we need to discuss the future of the Guild as was noted in a previous email the Rockler store may be closing later this month. Chris has offered a few suggestions

Wood Carver's Show

Gary is organizing for the table that we will have at the Carvers Show. I plans to open the table on Saturday and close things up on Sunday. I will have an item or two to leave on the table the entire show.. I will have some kind of poster display. It would be helpful if all members could bring in a photo of their work or email one to me. We will need members to sign up to work the table on Saturday and Sunday.

Gary Breckenridge

Art Shows

Berea Arts Fest, September 14th

Deadline for October's newsletter is September 22th

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NEOWG Folks,

We have a great group of guys who like to get together and do what we do. We have good meetings and I personally always learn something every meeting. I also enjoy the camaraderie.

What we have been lacking for some time is someone who has the vision, desire, and most importantly, ~~me~~ to lead the group. I could do it, but with a demanding job and 4 young kids, I am personally maxed-out. I don't get in the shop anymore, and certainly don't have the time to do the group justice as a president.

I know that at almost every meeting, I ask for leadership from folks and the lack of hands is startling.

I think we need someone to step up to the plate to lead the group as president. If not, I think that we should either fold or merge with another group. From what I understand, the sawdust club is very active, and they actually BUILD stuff. This may not be a bad idea, provided that they find a new home.

The third alternative is to keep going as we are, but do it in alternating guys' shops. I have always felt awkward meeting at Rockler, with them staying open late for us, when our group is so small. Keeping the status quo in alternating woodshops would be a fine short-term solution, and I would enjoy the meetings. But, it is a recipe for a slow and steady death of the group without leadership and active recruitment.

I ask everyone in the group to think very seriously about our options and to come to the Sept meeting with ideas. If we cannot decide on a future, then one of the first two options (fold or merge) are our only real options, in my opinion.

Need to know how the rest of you think.

Thanks

Chris Tainer