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# WOODWORKERS OF CENTRAL OHIO Plane News



## A Message from the President

### Box Challenge

Remember the box challenge that was issued at our last meeting. Everyone is encouraged to bring in a box – a new one or one you've made in the past. Whether you're just getting started in woodworking, are an intermediate, or an expert, we'd like to see one of your boxes. Please bring in just one box. We'll have tables in the back of the room to display the boxes.

### Jigs for the Project Showcase

A popular part of our meetings is the Project Showcase. It's always interesting to see what our fellow members have made in their shops. In addition to those projects, we encourage you to bring in a jig you've made to facilitate production in your shop. In addition to jigs, please consider bringing in a new tool, book, or website you've found. Just place your items on the Project Showcase table.

### Toy Drive

Our toy drive is a long way off, but the sooner we all start making toys, the more we'll have in December. To give you an idea of toys you might make, please click [here](#)

### The Passing of Primo Primavera

It is with sadness that we note the passing of Primo Primavera. Primo was a good friend to so many WOCO members, and he'll be missed dearly. The club has lost a number of members, but Primo's passing came as a particular shock, considering his relatively young age and good health.



**Russ Frye**

[rfrye1@gmail.com](mailto:rfrye1@gmail.com)

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# WOCO Woodworkers of Central Ohio

[www.wocoweb.org](http://www.wocoweb.org)

## **Be part of 200 woodworkers -**

### **Beginners, Enthusiastic Hobbyists, & Professionals**

Interests range from hand tools to power tools, from learning techniques to building toys, furniture, cabinetmaking, and woodturning.

Membership is only \$25/**year (July 1st—June 30th)**

#### **Meeting Format**

Cookies & Coffee. Browse the WOCO Library Resources

Sometimes there are free magazines and wood.

100+ member capacity at each meeting.

Microphone, Camera, & Large Screen Presentations.

Membership & Service Group Status Reports.

Library Resources Report on New Videos, Books, Etc.

Presentation of Tool Tips.

Some Members Share & Explain Their Wood Projects

1—2 hr. Special Educational Speaker & Audience Question/Answer Period

#### **Morning Meetings**

2nd Saturday of Sept., Nov., Jan., Mar., & May

Begin 8:30 a.m.—Noon

Back Parking Lot Building Entrance

Spring Road Church of Christ

74 S. Spring Rd.

Westerville, OH 43081

#### **Other Member Benefits:**

Access to Member Only website items: All Newsletters, Library Reserves, Club History, Member Profiles & In Memoriam, Membership Contact info., photos, and interests, Club Discounts, Apparel w/WOCO logo, Patterns & Plans, Resource Directory, Tech Tips & Jigs, Videos & Demos, Forums, and More. Member Email Communications regarding Free or Special Sale of Wood & Used Tools.

Visiting & using member shops. All these things to aid you with wood knowledge & encourage you to practice the use of tools, wood, and finishing skills for yourself & to serve the community.

## Welcome New Members!

**(Those who became part of the club roster after publication of the January newsletter, Dec. 21, 2025.)**

**We would love to get to know you!**

New members have been requested by the newsletter editor, [JackLStrawn@yahoo.com](mailto:JackLStrawn@yahoo.com) to provide a selfie/photo of their head and shoulders. Also, they have been asked to add a description of what they have done or hope to do in woodworking. This will help the other members connect their name with their face and provide a photo to use with any project or tool tip they submit to the club news.



**Eric Coss**

I am just getting my shop setup and working after moving out of the city. I have a 900 square foot garage that I'm using. I have been mostly focusing on smaller easier projects like boxes, serving trays, and cutting boards. I am also learning how to build cabinets. I am currently working on a set of cabinets for my church as we have very little storage space there.



**Judy Clark**

I am retired from the City of Columbus, formerly as project manager at the Parsons Avenue Water Treatment plant and as a teacher of mathematics. I have had an interest in woodworking most of my life. My Dad sparked this interest when, as kids, we helped build our first home. I earned a bachelors degree in math, minored in art and later earned my masters in landscape architecture. For many years, my business partner and I "flipped" houses (not the six month jobs seen on TV)! I attended a workshop in New York at the Wendell Castle Foundation where I learned mortise and tenon joints and finished a sofa table in six days. My projects I have completed, include a wine cabinet, bookcase, plant stands, end table, numerous trays, charcuterie board, sofa table, chess board, etc. I love woodworking and hope to work on a craftsman style settee in the near future.

**Continued . . .**

... continued **Welcome New Members!**



**Erik Feole**

I have been woodworking just under a year. I have built a number of projects ranging from simple toddler step stools and a bench out of 2x4s to a couple of workbenches. and simple shop jigs out of plywood. My hardwood projects include a cherry horizontal dresser, end grain cutting boards, an authentic nightstand and some built-in shelving around my den's fireplace. My interests in this craft range from making my own furniture, to learning joinery and hand planning.



**Jason Trott**

I am located in Pataskala Ohio. My interest is in hand tool woodworking. I do use machines, as well. I have completed a kumiko box and a shaker side table from classes I have taken. I am currently attempting to make a box and another shaker side table on my own.

## **Other new members:**

**Sheldon Cousino**

**Ron McCathran**

**Duane McVay**

**Jim Roscoe**

**John Wearstler**

**Jim Woods**

## Member Services

With all the winter weather I bet many of you have spent a lot of time in your shops working on projects. I know that I have been very busy in my shop. And I expect to see several examples of the boxes that have been built. I understand from Jack that we have been getting some new members this winter. That is great news because a growing club is a thriving club. Keep up the good work of inviting fellow woodworkers to our meetings.



**Al Walton**

## Other Central Ohio Woodworking Groups

Some WOCO members also belong to other local woodworking groups, such as, the following:

**Central Ohio Woodturners:** President - Mike Trucco - [MikeTrucco@hotmail.com](mailto:MikeTrucco@hotmail.com)  
Nelson Meyer, Secretary — [info@centralohiowoodturners.org](mailto:info@centralohiowoodturners.org) for meeting information.

**Wood Carving:** According to Lori Andrews at the Woodcraft store, most area community centers offer a session for wood carving. Also, Lori, a long time carver, can provide wood carving guidance. Another contact person in the area is Keith Radick, phone 740-360-3155.

## Shop Tour



**Mark Ketner**

Eleven club members toured Mark Ketner's shop on Saturday, February 27th and were able to see how he's organized his tools and equipment. They also had a chance to see some of the projects Mark has completed (he's built most of the furniture in his home).

If you'd like to host a shop tour, please contact Russ Frye ([rfrye1@gmail.com](mailto:rfrye1@gmail.com)).

## Hand-cut Dovetail Class



Erik Feole, Chris Amatos, Scott Blake, Michael Curran, Athena Walton, and Steven Liao participated in a hand-cut dovetail class taught by Russ Frye. Thanks to Bob Chapman for allowing us to use his shop.

Stay tuned for a repeat of this class and the box-making class taught by Dan Martin.

**WOCO Meetings** are held on the second Saturday of September, November, January, March, and May

**Location:**

Spring Road Church of Christ, back parking lot entrance,  
74 S. Spring Road, Westerville, OH 43081

## **March Speaker**

**Saturday, March 14, 2026, 8:30 a.m.**

## **Festool Representative**

It is with great pleasure to have Jamie Young, the area sales representative from Festool to present their products to our members.

I hope you will be as excited to have him here to explain the new line-up of tools for your shop. Please plan to attend this meeting.



**Bob Chapman,  
Program Coordinator**

## COMMUNITY SERVICE:

Larry Hughes,  
Chairman



## Furniture Bank of Central Ohio

The new Furniture Bank warehouse and wood shop in Franklinton are slowly becoming a reality. The South parking lot is fully paved and available for our use. No more parking in the muddy alley for most of us. Baby steps. More to come soon, I hope.

Inside the present wood shop there is a crew of 12-15 regulars that help out the Furniture Bank on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, and both groups volunteer from 9 to noon. A very large percent of them are WOCO members. Thursday has a smaller repair crew that fixes donated furniture to sell or give away. Help needed there too.

Another way to help is at the Furniture Bank retail outlet on Morse Road. There they put together donated furniture kits or repair damaged items. There is a Tuesday and Thursday crew and they also work 9 to noon.

Galen Roth at the Furniture Bank at Yale Avenue coordinates all the volunteers. He can be reached at: [groth@furniturebankcoh.org](mailto:groth@furniturebankcoh.org)



## COMMUNITY SERVICE:

Larry Hughes,  
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## Holiday Toy Drive Program

Big news regarding our Toy Drive sorting and distribution in December 2026- we have reached an agreement with the American Legion hall in Westerville. Thanks to the efforts of Tom Poulton, a WOCO member and also an American Legion member, WOCO can now use their hall for sorting and distributing toys on December 2, 3 & 4.

The hall is located at 393 East College Avenue in Westerville. It's about a one mile drive from the Spring Road church. It's very simple to get to. Exit the church lot and turn right. Go two blocks and turn left at the 4-way stop sign, onto College Avenue. It will be on your left, set back from the road.

There is a nice gentle covered ramp to load and unload everything and there are no steps involved. Inside the hall is lots of room to drop off and sort all the toys. No more crowded hallways in the church, crammed with boxes and tables.

On Saturday, March 14, during our regular WOCO meeting, Tom Poulton, Paul Pennock, Brian Tymchak and myself will all go for a quick tour during the break in the WOCO meeting. We'll scout it out and make sure it will meet all our needs.

I'm anxious to see it and I think this will be a big improvement in our Toy Drive efforts in December. Thanks, Tom.

## COMMUNITY SERVICE:

Larry Hughes,  
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### Children's Hospital Cutouts



The Nationwide Children's Hospital Cutout drive has just resumed and it's a rousing success already. We collected 225 cutouts at the December Toy Drive, 200 at the January meeting, and I just delivered 250 more for February. My contact at the hospital says they go through about 200 per month.

WOCO members are being asked to make wooden cutouts of animals, flowers, holiday symbols, etc. and then donate them to the hospital. I'll have a collection box available at the March 14 WOCO meeting. Drop them off there.

Hospital volunteers will pass them out, along with coloring pencils or crayons, and let the kids have some fun time while they are stuck in the hospital.

We ask you to use  $\frac{3}{4}$ " wood -- no treated wood -- and a maximum size of 6" by 6".

To help with this, there are lots of great templates on our website. They are under Members Only- Resources- Cutouts, or by clicking [here](#).

P. S. The hospital's only restriction- they can't have any religious symbols being turned in, to avoid any issues.

## WOCO I-70 Toy Group

As always we will accept anyone who is looking for a group to work with. After our organizational meeting **this month**, we will meet from 9:00 AM until noon on Saturdays. Contact, **Leo Steger** [leosteger@icloud.com](mailto:leosteger@icloud.com) for more information about joining the activities of this group remotely, in your own shop, and together.



Leo Steger

# Santa's workshop comes to life



Leo Steger displays some of the toys made at the workshop in Reynoldsburg on Oct. 25.

PHOTOS BY SAMANTHA MADAR/COLUMBUS DISPATCH

Area woodworkers build toys throughout the year

## WOCO Termite Toy Group

The Termite Toy Group, which serves northern Franklin and southern Delaware counties, is already getting ready to crank out toys for the WOCO Toy Drive in 2026.

We will have our first Termite session of the new year on **March 19**. Our shop location will be determined soon.

The Termites officially meet from March until October. Our group regularly meets every other Thursday at one of our member's shops at 1 PM. We work for about 2 hours and then break for a beverage and some snacks. If you want to check us out, contact me, and I'll give you the address for the next session in the new year.

So if you have some spare time, you like doing fun projects, and want to work with a great bunch of woodworkers, then reach me at the email address below.

Thanks.



**Larry Hughes, Termite Coordinator**  
[Larry-marti@att.net](mailto:Larry-marti@att.net)



## Personal Profiles & Projects

### Encouraging Personal Profiles & Projects

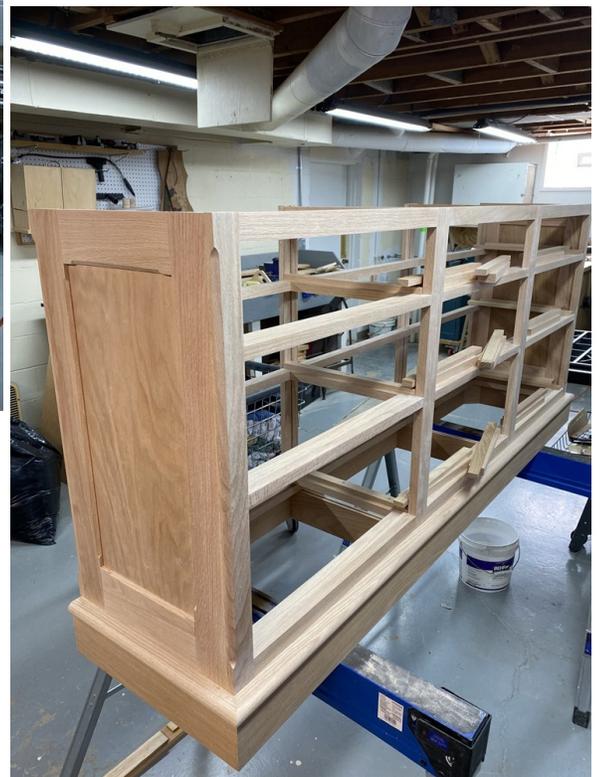
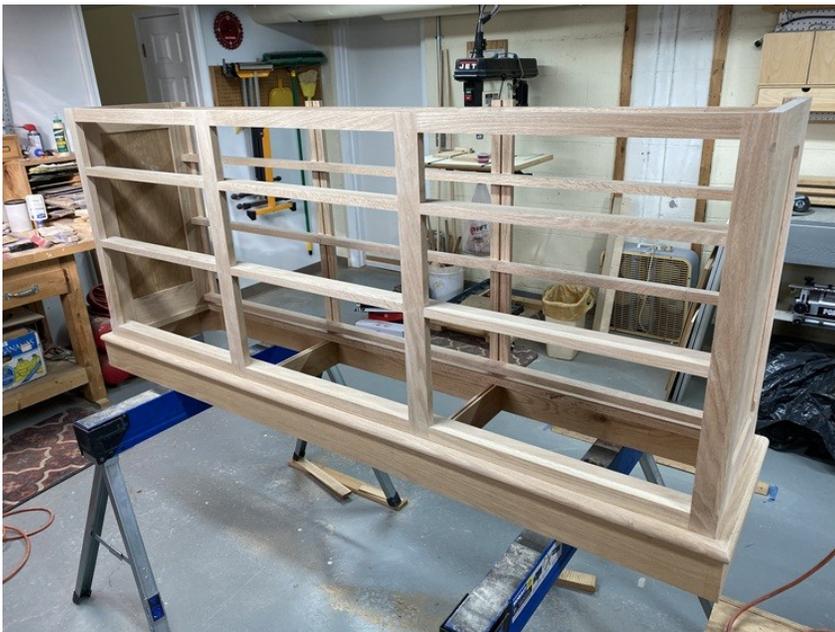
Just as illustrated by club members in the following pages, if you admire and wish to share information about another club member or have a personal story about your own woodworking history or a woodworking project, I encourage you, whether a beginner, an intermediate, an advanced, or a professional to share your story with the club in a future newsletter.

Jack Strawn, WOCO Newsletter Editor  
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### Nine Drawer Dresser

I have been building a nine drawer dresser out of red oak based on the assembly process used in Woodsmith magazines #53 and #58. I plan to add a mirror to the dresser after it is completed.



**Robert Taylor**

## Personal Profiles & Projects

### Router Table

I always wanted a good router table so I built this upgrade over the past few months. The top and router lift are both purchased from JessEm. The router fence is from Peachtree Woodworking. But I had to modify the JessEm top to add T-Tracks for the fence. The base and drawers were all made from 3/4 Maple plywood and some scraps and offcuts. I decided to edge band the front and paint the drawer faces for a more finished look. The Maple was all finished with 2 coats of Crystalac polyurethane. On the back, I added the MagFit 4" attachment to connect to my dust collection. I'm ready to start doing pattern routing projects now.



**Jim Hranica**

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# Personal Profiles & Projects

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## Personal Profiles & Projects

### Lathe Sand Paper Cabinet

Jack Strawn



I seem to always be walking somewhere to get accessories, even sandpaper to use when doing a project on my lathe. I'm still working on the accessory cabinet, but I did finish a sandpaper cabinet with marked grits of 60 – 600. There are actually three areas for each grit – for new paper strips, extra narrow strips, and used strips. I could have used a better design, but this one allowed me to use up some wood that I've had for ages. I made adjustable legs because some of my shop floor is uneven. The strong support allows me to add other items to the stand, such as this accessory drawer.



## Personal Profiles & Projects

### Work Table Sand Paper Cabinet

Though I have large sheets of new sandpaper elsewhere, this cabinet allows me to quickly see if I need to cut up more new paper, as well as, grab the desired grit, quarter sheet sections quickly. Some sanding blocks fit, too.



**Jack Strawn**

### Rumors of *Secret Projects*

I didn't get many submissions of projects from members this time. I'm getting hints that there are those who don't want to expose their President's Challenge box design. It will be interesting to see those at our March 14th meeting. I am curious to see them. Will you be at the meeting to see those surprises!!!? Don't forget your box.

## Personal Tips & Outside Info. Sources

### What To Do With Scrap Wood

John Vidaurre

I give it to homeless people. They use it to keep warm in the winter. I also donate it to hobbyists that are starting woodworking. They make smaller projects with it.

Jeff Jeff

Throw them in a box or tote until I'm ready to use them. If they are really small it goes in the burn pile. I use my scraps to make my wooden whale puzzle box holders and book page holders and my herb strippers

taken from [Obsessed Woodworkers Facebook posts](#)



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# Personal Tips & Outside Info. Sources

## Continued . . . What To Do With Scrap Wood

Peter Cangialosi



City Skyscraper scene



Musical Instruments

Troy M. Stirman



Bottle Stoppers



Oh, a BOX!

## WOCO Leadership

**Who** does what? **Who** needs your help? To **whom** do you make suggestions (not angry complaints; we are all volunteers)? We all want to expand our woodworking skills, pass those skills on to others, and share those skills in service to our community.

### Elected Volunteer Officers (7/2025—6/2027)

**President,** Russ Frye

**Vice President,** Lenny Bram

**Treasurer,** Mike Ware

### Volunteer Steering Committee Members Appointed by the WOCO President

**Program Coordinator:** Bob Chapman

**Immediate Past President:** Richard Turner

**Communications, Newsletter Editor, & Historian:**  
Jack Strawn

**Community Service:** Larry Hughes

**Web Coordinator:** Russ Frye

**Librarian:** Lenny Bram

**Activities Committee Chairperson - vacancy**

**Member Services:** Al Walton

**Photographer/Videographer:** Ed Robold

**At Large:** Dan Martin

**At Large:** Craig Blight

**At Large:** Jerry Rampelt

**At Large:** Karl Hans

\* Contact information can be found in the Members Only section of the club's website [WOCOweb.org](http://WOCOweb.org)

## Uploading Pictures to the Website

If you'd like to have a project featured in the Member Showcase on the club website, please email a picture of the project to Russ Frye at [rfrye1@gmail.com](mailto:rfrye1@gmail.com).

[Click here](#) to see examples of what's been posted to the Member Showcase .

Remember that members would benefit from seeing basic projects, as well as, more sophisticated ones.



**Russ Frye, Website Coordinator**

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Annual dues are \$25 per year, which includes access to all present and past digital copies of the newsletter. To become a member and make payment click on this Internet [page link](#).

**The deadline for newsletter articles is three weeks *before* the next meeting.** Meetings happen during the morning of the second Saturday in the months of Sept., Nov., Jan., Mar., & May, unless otherwise posted on our website.

Send newsletter articles and your feedback and ideas about what you would like to see in the WOCO newsletter to:

**Jack Strawn, Editor**  
[JackLStrawn@yahoo.com](mailto:JackLStrawn@yahoo.com)

