

A Brief History of the Cincinnati Woodworking Club
1982 - 2007, Celebrating 25 years!
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This paper attempts to capture highlights of the 25 year history of the Cincinnati Woodworking Club (CWC). Over the years, minimal attention has been focused on maintaining a history or record of the Club's transactions except for the Newsletters prior to each meeting. Much of this history is from the memory of Fred Weissborn and old records of Newsletters that had not been thrown out in an attempt to keep paper records manageable in size. The primary concern was keeping the club going rather than keeping a historical record. Therefore, if you see corrections or relevant changes, please send them to dmcanulty@cincinnatiwoodworkingclub.org. This document will be updated from time-to-time as new information becomes known.

In The Beginning

The club was started by the following five men who had frequent contact at the Edward B. Mueller Company store in Reading, Ohio:

Jerry Leupen - an employee of the Edward B. Mueller Co.

Bob Fleming - a retired scientist who had worked on the Manhattan Project.

Robert Bicknaver - a local architect.

Dave Schilmeister - an electrical contractor.

Ben Schilmeister - a commercial artist employed at the Post newspaper in Cincinnati.

Jerry had been involved in phase two of the Dayton Club startup (circa 1981-82) and after driving to Dayton a number of times he decided Cincinnati needed its' own Woodworking Club. He contacted the five guys above and others who were driving up to Dayton for meetings of the Western Ohio Woodworking Club and the rest is history. The first meeting was held in the cafeteria of the Reading High School in September 1982. The president of the Dayton club came to the first meeting to address the gathering and help get the club started. The five men listed above met at Robert Bicknaver's office before each Club meeting to plan a program for the forthcoming meeting. Initially there were four meetings per club year, in September, November, January and March. Jerry and Robert led the meetings. Ben Schilmeister composed the Newsletter and always incorporated some of his art work with a sprinkling of humor. Dave Schilmeister collected dues and arranged seminars. Bob Fleming had started a woodworking business out of his home after retirement and frequently demonstrated his woodworking skills at meetings. Jerry arranged to have powered woodworking machines hauled to our meetings from the Edward B. Mueller Co. and demonstrated their use.

After the first three or four meetings in the cafeteria, the CWC began meeting in the choir room at the High School because it was about the right size for attendance at the time and everyone could hear and see because of the tiered seating arrangement.

Members liked the setting. Also, Bicknaver started getting coffee and doughnuts at Vonderharr's Catering, a short distance up the street from the school. Each meeting became a social gathering with members sitting around talking and eating doughnuts and drinking coffee.

Through Dave Schilmeister efforts, in 1986, we had our first major seminar. Tage Frid came to Cincinnati to present a two-day seminar. Frid was trained as a cabinet maker in Denmark and later came to the Rhode Island School of Design in the U.S. to teach. He was a major contributor to Fine Woodworking magazine in the early years of the magazine.

Another big-name seminar (circa 1988) was Frank Klausz's two-day seminar that was held downtown jointly with the Ohio College of Applied Science. Frank Klausz was trained as a cabinet maker in Europe and had come to the U.S. He established a thriving cabinet maker's shop in the northeast. He and Tage Frid did not get along very well but each did superb work in his own way.

A Time of Change

When Jerry's job responsibilities changed at Edward B. Mueller Co., he phased out of club activities. He was traveling to industrial customers selling industrial machines. Robert carried on as president for a while until demands of his architecture business caused him to drop out. After he dropped out, the remaining steering committee appointed Fred Weissborn president (circa 1989). Keith Mealy took over the Newsletter job from Ben Schilmeister when Ben's declining health made it impossible for him to continue. Shortly thereafter we were able to get Dave Schilmeister to turn over a copy of the club membership list to Keith and then to turn over the Treasury to Dick Fisher. It was just in time because Dave passed away shortly thereafter. In a short span of years we lost Robert Fleming (1992) and both Schilmeisters (Dave 1994, Ben 1995). Their deaths, due to natural causes, marked a significant change in the organization of the club.

Around this time (circa 1992) we had the first club election of officers. And the **five geographic groups** for the purpose of planning meeting programs were established. Each group had responsibility for the program at one of the five meetings per club year. Meetings were set for the second Saturday in September, November, January, March and May. Each of the groups had a group leader who held meetings of members in his group to plan a program for the group's assigned meeting. About two weeks before each club meeting, the steering committee consisting of club officers, the geographic group leaders, and interested volunteer members at large met to confirm meeting content and what was

to go into the Newsletter. Plans for future meetings and seminars were discussed. Keith Mealy produced more ideas for seminars than any other one person. Dick Fisher did and still does do a great job as treasurer. Vincent Evans drove from his farm 40 miles to the east of Cincinnati to attend steering committee meetings and then drove 40 miles home. This process and structure has stood the test of time and continues today.

The Groups

John Leonardi and Dick Fisher were early leaders of the **Southwest Group**. Dick later dropped out to focus on the Treasurer's role. John still serves as a group leader and has been a significant contributor to the Club's success for many years. Terry Elfers and Terry Hale have joined him as co-leaders. This group is one of the most active groups in sharing knowledge and working on projects.

Jim Kesterman served faithfully as group leader of the **Northwest Group** for many years. He was followed by Tom Lennon and George Murphy. George still leads the group. He puts a lot of effort into assuring that his group makes quality presentations.

Homer Buescher was and is still a co-leader for the **Central Group**. He is one of the oldest club members and a faithful contributor to the club. Jim Schaefer was co-leader with Homer for many years. Jim Baldock is now co-leader.

The **Northeast Group** has been a difficult one with which to achieve group participation. Rick Gorman served as group leader until his work as a home building contractor became too demanding. Keith Mealy, a past president and all around key contributor for many years, serves as current co-leader along with Earl North. Jo Nall served as co-leader 2003-2004.

The **Southeast Group** has also been a difficult one in which to achieve group participation. Wally Macaulay was group leader for many years. As one of his many contributions, he made video tapes of woodworking in the Adirondacks. Noteworthy were the tapes on the Adirondack guide boat. He still makes occasional presentations representing the group. He was followed by Eric Scarpa, who single handedly produced interesting programs each time his turn came up. Most recently, Bruce Mosher, then Eric Nuelsen and Tom Richardson served as group leaders for one meeting. In May 2007, Keith Neer and Tom Callahan, two very talented woodworkers volunteered to assume co-leader roles.

At different times over the years it has been difficult to get a quorum for planning in some groups. The president often attended group meetings to help in any way possible.

Organization of Cincinnati Woodworking Club

A club Newsletter sent out by Ben Schilmeister in 1990 lists the following officers:

President: F.W. Weissborn
Vice President: Pat Grismore
Treasurer: Dave Schilmeister
Newsletter: Ben Schilmeister

In 1992, the following officers were elected:

President: Frederick W. Weissborn
Vice President: Keith Mealy
Treasurer: Richard Fisher

Geographic group leaders were:

Northwest Group: Jim Kesterman
Southeast Group: George Jaeger
Southwest Group: John Leonardi & Richard Fisher
Central Group: Homer Buescher
Northeast Group: Rick Gorman

Members at large on the steering committee:

Dave Schilmeister, Charles Holder, Vincent Evans, C.R. Moser, Ralph Sprang

In 1998, the elected officers were:

President: Keith Mealy
Vice President: Russ Merz
Treasurer: Richard Fisher
Secretary: Neil Harrell

Geographic group leaders as of 1998 were:

Northeast: Rick Gorman
Central: Homer Buescher & Jim Schaefer
Southwest: John Leonardi, Dick Fisher, Terry Elfers
Southeast: Eric Scarpa
Northwest: Jim Kesterman & Tom Lennon

The steering committee included:

All officers & group leaders plus Guy Miller, Ralph Sprang, Fred Weissborn

About May of 1999, Rick Gorman resigned because of the demands of his home building business. Ralph Sprang volunteered to take the job of Northeast group leader which Gorman had done. In November of 1999 Dave Rinehart asked for a replacement for the

job of librarian of the video tape library. In May of 2000 Fred Weissborn volunteered to take back the job of librarian.

At an election of club officers in May of 2002, the following were elected:

President: Guy Miller
 Vice President: Darrell McAnulty
 Treasurer: Dick Fisher
 Secretary: Joe Gaherty

Geographic group leaders as of 2002 were:

Northeast: Keith Mealy
 Central: Homer Buescher & Jim Schaefer
 Southwest: John Leonardi, Terry Elfers & Terry Hale
 Southeast: Eric Scarpa
 Northwest: George Murphy & Tom Lennon

In 2006 the following officers were elected:

President: Darrell McAnulty
 Vice President: Bruce Mosher
 Treasurer: Dick Fisher
 Secretary: Joe Gaherty

Geographic group leaders as of 2006 were:

Northeast: Keith Mealy, Earl North
 Central: Jim Baldock, Homer Buescher
 Southwest: John Leonardi, Terry Elfers & Terry Hale
 Southeast: Eric Nuelsen, Tom Richardson
 Northwest: George Murphy

May 2007, Tom Callahan and Keith Neer replaced Eric Nuelsen and Tom Richardson as Southeast group leaders. All other leaders remained the same.

In recent years, other key contributors such as Jay Ratcliff, Audio Visual Team Leader and Manuel Canales, Librarian, have been invited as regular attendees at Steering Meetings.

Notable Mention

Vincent Evans is the oldest club member, in his late 80's, and still occasionally brings in projects for the show-and-tell part of the program. He has survived a serious accident with his table saw, a stroke, and a heart attack.

The free picnic lunch at the end of the May meeting was started when we met at Reading High in the mid-90's and has continued each year since with increasing participation by the membership. Door prizes procured by Dick Fisher were dispensed at the luncheon. In recent years, door prizes have become a part of each meeting with paid members having an opportunity to win.

John Leonardi established a working relationship with a commercial wood shop, Art Woodworking. The proprietor gave interested members a tour of his shop and on multiple occasions has donated cutoffs and trimmings to club members, who then made toys for the Christian Appalachian Project (CAP) toy project.

The Video Tape & Magazine Library

The library was started about 1993 when we met at Reading High School. At first the tapes and magazines were filed at Edward B. Mueller Co. store. Later when E.B. Mueller did not want to continue acting as librarian, Fred Weissborn, who was then president, took over the librarian job until John Leonardi recruited Dave Reinhart to serve as librarian. About 1998 when Fred Weissborn resigned from the president's job, Dave Rinehart resigned from the librarian job and Fred volunteered to take back the librarian role. Since members were not checking out copies of old magazines, which weighed about 80 lbs., they were sold off at bargain prices to members. Dovetailed wood boxes were built for video tape storage by Fred Weissborn. To get members to remember to return tapes, a \$10.00 deposit for tapes taken out on loan was required. In addition, a \$1.00 rental fee was charged to provide money for tape replacement when they wore out. It is still difficult to get all tapes returned on a timely basis. Notices in the club's Newsletter have helped. In 2004, Manuel Canales took over the librarian role and continues to serve as of this writing.

Chronology of Meeting Places

In 1982, the first meeting was held in the cafeteria of Reading High School. After meeting there several times, the Club meetings were moved to the choir room which was ideal for the club at that time. The seating was tiered and everyone could see and hear. There was a blackboard, a projection screen, and a VCR was available from the school. In 1997, the club had to move elsewhere because the Reading School District closed the High School on Saturdays after a tax levy failed to pass. Several club members investigated different possible meeting facilities until Richard Fisher found the Scarlet Oaks Career Development Center IDEA room, a large auditorium. In May 1998, the club began meeting at this location. There was more space than we needed for the ~65 members who attended meetings and acoustics were poor. Neil Harrell obtained portable microphones that worked well until the heating and ventilating system was changed in such a way that the noise level made it difficult for members to hear what was being said. The rent for the use of the room kept going up and the custodial service opening and closing the room kept going down. For example, one Saturday morning the man did not even show up to let

us into the building. So it became necessary to search for another meeting location.

In May of 2002, the first meeting of the club at the Northminster Presbyterian Church was held in Founder's Hall. Homer Buescher, a member of the church, as well as a key Club member, negotiated the space and rental. This has proven to be a great meeting place for the Club. As of 2007, we are meeting in the basement auditorium-sized room. Homer remains the liaison. The facilities are good and the cost is reasonable.

Club Projects

A major club project was undertaken under Bicknaver's leadership. The Springer school for handicapped young people needed movable screens or partitions to create work cubicles for the students. Bicknaver, an architect, designed the partitions and arranged for the use of Reading High's woodshop to build partitions. Club members met at the school evenings to complete the partitions.

Also, during Bicknaver's term as president, he organized a group project to build workbenches using Tage Frid's design. Hard maple was purchased at the Paxton Lumber Co. and hauled to a place called The Wood Gym located along the Glendale Milford Road between Springfield Pike and I75 where industrial machinery could be used for a fee. The plan was to complete the benches in one weekend. Fred Weissborn, who had already built his workbench, was of the opinion that one weekend was not enough time. Indeed that proved to be the case. Keith Mealy and Bicknaver completed their benches at home. Some of the people never did finish theirs and eventually sold the parts. A list of sources of supply was compiled by Fred Weissborn about 1991 and redone by Jim Thornton and Richard Rentschler in 1996.

About 1989, the steering committee voted to build a clear Lexan safety screen for use around router demonstrations. Fred Weissborn bought some scrap Lexan from the Cincinnati Plastics Co. and built the screen or safety shield using some ideas from Dick Fisher. About the same time the steering committee voted to buy a light weight work bench for use at club meetings so that Keith Mealy and Fred Weissborn would not have to haul in their heavy benches made similar to Tage Frid's design. Fred had to enlist the aid of Homer Buescher to load his bench on his pickup.

In the early 90's, Jim Schaefer, of the Central Group, started the **Christian Appalachian Project (CAP) toy project**. This toy building project was initiated to supply Christmas toys for the needy children of Appalachia. From an initial total of about 40 toys, Club participation has continued to grow every year. More than 900 toys were donated in 2006. Jim continued to lead this noble effort until 2003 when he turned the coordinating reins over to John Leonardi & Terry Elfers. Despite declining health, he continues to make toys and contribute.

Although a majority of toys have been going to the Christian Appalachian Project (CAP), there is no restriction to that single worthy cause. Any member wishing to specify another worthy cause may do so. For example, in 2003, Jo Nall and John Leonardi initiated a project to supply memory boxes and wooden cutouts for the children at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center. This project is currently led by Basil Maddox. Participation in this heartwarming effort continues to grow.

In 2004, the CWC made a huge leap into the information sharing age. The idea of a website for the Club had been kicked around in Steering meetings for several months only to be forgotten until the next meeting when someone would say "**we ought to have a website**". At the February Steering Meeting, Darrell McAnulty, tired of no progress, finally said "All right guys, I'll put together a prototype and we'll see what you think. Although I have a background in information technology, I've never done this before. But I've never let that stop me from trying something new". With much skepticism, the Steering team gave the nod to go ahead. To see the outcome, you can go to www.cincinnatiwoodworkingclub.org and see the Club's website that was brought online in April 2004.

A few months later, we took another big step in information sharing when we teamed up with the Ohio Valley Woodturner's Guild (OVWG), who also shared our meeting location, to share **professional-level audio-visual equipment**. The OVWG owned some great audio-visual equipment (amplifier, speakers, video cameras, monitors, etc.) but had to haul it back and forth to each meeting and find a place to store it between meetings. Terry Elfers, a member of both groups, struck a deal with the turner's to let us use the equipment if we built secure cabinets to store it at the church where we met. In short, a project team consisting of Terry Elfers, Dave Deforest, Darrell McAnulty, Guy Miller and George Murphy built some beautiful birch cabinets with walnut trim. George Murphy was the chief architect and opened his shop where we did most of the work. With enhanced audio-visual equipment, the Club could offer a greater variety of demonstrations and presentations that could be better seen and heard by attendees.

In August 2005, Ralph Easley, one of our long time members and key contributor to the club's toy projects, was hit by the West Nile virus which left him with limited use of his legs. When he returned home after several months in the hospital, George Murphy and Darrell McAnulty led a team of more than a dozen club members in building a wheelchair ramp to facilitate entering and leaving his home. In appreciation, Ralph and his wife made a nice donation to the Club treasury.

Seminars Sponsored by the Club

In most years, the club has sponsored a seminar presented by a Professional. Those

recalled from such records that exist are listed below:

- 1986 - Tage Frid
- 1988 - Frank Klauz
- 1990 - Kelly Mehler
- 1992 - Scott Phillips
- 1994 - Earl Richard
- 1995 - Nick Engler, on shop built tools.
- 1996 - Sue Noble of Noble Finishing, Cincinnati
- 1998 - Mark Adams
- 1999 - Lonnie Bird, from the Rio Grand School, Ohio
- 2000 - Scott Phillips
- 2002 - Jeff Jewitt, professional finisher
- 2003 - Glen Huey, on case construction
- 2004 - Kelly Mehler, on the table saw
- 2005 - Ohio Valley Woodturners Guild - various demonstrations by Master Turners
- 2006 - Ernie Conover, Router Table and Veneering
- 2007 - CWC Members - More than 15 members opened their shops to teach and demonstrate a variety of techniques.

Speakers from Outside of the Club Membership

As part of regular club meetings we have had many outside speakers contribute to our learning. Based on some records and mostly recollections, here is a list that includes many of those speakers:

1992

- Bill Conrad, Luthier, on making guitars and ukuleles.

1993

- Earl Richards on doors and furniture
- George Reid, master cabinet maker from Dayton Ohio

1995

- Frank David on veneering

1996

- Jerry Denier on drying lumber
- May Van Caldwell - "Woodworking on a Shoestring"

1997

- Don Mc Connell on wooden planes

- Jeff Arnold from Paxton Lumber
- Mike Griffith, DeWalt representative
- Don Kemer, maker of drums and drum sticks

1999

- Peter Bercz, artist who makes woodcuts used in "doots" painting
- Doug Krusenklous and Dan Gillman, Sherwin Williams representatives
- Tom Monahan, General Finishes representative

2000

- Jim Canfield, J's Custom Design, Heirloom Saw Blades
- Randy Hines, member of Miniature Society of Cincinnati 1"=1' scale

2001

- Chris Timen, VP of Sales, Ronda Rose, Engineer, Formica representatives
- Jeff Arnold, Paxton, Incra Fence
- Jim Helmsworth, Windsor Chair Building
- David Thiel, senior editor of Popular Woodworking Magazine, on rating power tools

2002

- Tom Lensch on Interlocking puzzles
- Deke Slaton of Blue Tornado Cyclone on dust collection

2003

- Jim Stack, Popular Woodworking, about use of the biscuit joiner
- John Albachten, Rockler, talked about new woodworking tools on the market
- Gerry Maul, Western Ohio Woodworking Club, shared techniques on building sculpted tables

2004

- Jerry Horn, SIA Abrasives, a new type of sandpaper
- Rusty Ferdon, Miterbox, mat framing techniques
- Frank David, Midwest Woodworking, how veneer is made
- Mike Mitchell, Rockler, applying finishes with HVLP sprayer
- Christopher Schwarz, Popular Woodworking, demonstrates use of smoothing plane
- Darren Hyatt, Frank Miller Lumber Co., quarter-sawn woods available

2005

- Sam Sherrill, harvesting urban lumber
- Dan Locaputo, Automatic Flute Spacing jig

2006

- Bob Lang, Popular Woodworking, arts & crafts furniture
- Glen Huey, Chester County PA. inlaid spice cabinet
- Jeff Vollmer, shares his unique band saw boxes
- Steve Mickley, Paxton Woodcrafters, debunks myths about using shellac, the miracle finish

2007

- Christopher Schwarz, Popular Woodworking, care and uses of a shoulder plane
- Doug Haley, Custom Furniture, Berea, Ky., techniques used in crafting fine furniture

Some of the Presentations Over the Years by Club members

(Based on available records and recollections)

1990

- Dick Fisher, on using planes and some other tools and a demonstration of using a hand grinder to sharpen a plane iron.

1994

- Jim Baldock, on disk sander technique
- Jim Schaefer and Bob Huber, on making pens and pencils
- Homer Buescher, on MDO and MDF sheets
- Jim Craven, on Building and Restoring Musical Instruments
- Fred Weissborn, on Mortise and tenon joints by hand and Jigs for Joinery
- Homer Buescher, on a panel raising jig for a router

1995

- Jim Craven, on Welch spoon carving

1996

- Rick Gorman, on several kinds of respirators for woodworking
- Wally Macaulay's video from Adirondack Museum at Blue Mountain New York
- Neil Harrell, on guitar-building tools
- Woodworking Show at Cincinnati Gardens Annex

1997

- Jim Kesterman and members of the northeast group brought in their favorite tools to show.
- Jim Kesterman & George Murphy, veneering
- Bill Bearinghaus, on making Windsor chairs.

- Wally Macaulay, on using a pantograph for a router and fixtures for assembly.
- Terry Elfers, on a shop built router table.
- Dick Fisher, on epoxy putty for repairs and making knobs
- Fred Weissborn, on a walnut chest for a model Stirling engine and demonstration of engine operation
- Fred Weissborn on a scale model of a nineteenth century tug boat with an operating steam engine.
- Guy Miller, on woodworking on a shoe string
- Jim Craven, on a portable workbench
- Leroy Weber, on a circle cutting jig for a table saw

1998

- Earl Chromokos, Ralph Easley, and Ralph Sprang on wood turning
- Jim Thomas, on fluorescent glue
- Neil Harrell, on intarsia
- Russ Merz, on bending wood for guitars
- Guy Miller, on squaring lumber
- Fred Weissborn, on installing hinges

1999

- Keith Mealy, showed how he makes picture frames including matting.
- Homer Buescher, led a problem solving discussion on using taper jigs.
- Guy Miller, discussed different types of electric motors and their uses in woodworking.

2000

- Randy Lee, demonstrated a jig used to sharpen a Stanley No. 80 scraper plane.
- Russ Merz and Bill Law, compared edge gluing boards using inexpensive shop made wedges verses bar clamps.
- Jim Thomas, talked about the use of fluorescent glue to aid in glue clean up.
- Neil Harrell, discussed inlay techniques.
- Ralph Sprang, discussed relief carving.
- Terry Elfers, discussed wood sculptures.
- Ralph Easley, explained the techniques behind some of his more unusual turnings including reverse turning, off-center turning, the arrow through a hole and the eye-ball in a bowl.

2001

- George Murphy, stripping and refinishing furniture.
- Neil Harrell, demonstrated a new tool; a wood moisture meter by Lignomat.
- Jim Thomas, discussed the uses of the various solvents and thinners available to woodworkers today

2002

- George Murphy, wooden hinge making, his solution to installing velvet in trays and drawer bottoms; also demonstrated his belt sander system for sharpening tools.
- Gene Earnest, designing & building classical American furniture.
- Fred Weissborn talked about machine shop tools and methods applied to woodworking.

2003

- Terry Elfers, home-made jigs & fixtures
- Gene Earnest, chip carving
- Guy Miller, frameless cabinet construction and Euro hardware
- Keith Mealy, "Touch-up Secret Weapons"
- Neil Harrell, string inlay techniques
- Carl Hauser, Dremel tools demonstration

2004

- Guy Miller, new uses for a new shellac
- George Murphy, techniques for building a 110 piece Lincoln Log Set and tuning a band saw
- Darrell McAnulty, slide show on audio-visual cabinet project

2005

- Keith Mealy, coloring wood
- Homer Buescher, use of splitter on table saw
- Gene Earnest, building a Chippendale Pier Table
- George Murphy, using CAD (Computer Aided Design) in woodworking
- Keith Mealy, making Shaker Boxes
- Bruce Mosher, cutting coves on a table saw
- Tom Callahan, table saw setup for accurate cuts
- Wally Macaulay, efficient home shop layout
- Jim Baldock, metal working tool techniques in a woodworking shop
- Homer Buescher, chemical staining techniques in wood

2006

- Ken Koch, basic pneumatic tools
- Keith Mealy, basic (wood) chair repair
- Chad Husting, marquetry 101
- Tom Callahan, Ornamental Mill demonstration
- Jim Baldock, Dusty Eling and Terry Hale share experience of building standalone workshops
- Dick Fisher, tool edge protection techniques

- Keith Mealy, upholstering a chair's slipsheet

2007

- George Murphy, Gene Earnest, on the hazards of dust in the workshop
- Dennis Reed, picking the right scroll saw
- Ray Ladouceur, Cutlist Plus
- Wally Macaulay, how to build a Folding Adirondack Chair

Field Trips

Destinations of some of the field trips made by the club are listed below:

- Walrock, commercial shop located in Cincinnati.
- Batesville Carving, in Indiana
- David T. Smith Workshops near Lebanon Ohio
- Wilhelm's Saw Mill, outside of Southgate, Indiana.
- Paxton Lumber, Cincinnati in 1998 and 2000
- Museum, in Lebanon, Ohio on Shaker Furniture.
- The Wooden Boat Shop along the Ohio River downstream of Cincinnati

Club Events

Circa 1994, the Club was invited to have a booth at the **Woodworking Show** held in the Cincinnati Gardens Annex on Seymore Ave. Vincent Evans made a large, attractive wooden sign to mount across the back of the booth (still in use today). Members brought in their projects to exhibit when they volunteered to man the booth. Fred Weissborn set up a display case on a table supplied by the company that ran the trade show. Small objects were displayed inside the case. Handbills were available for anyone interested in the Club. Some of the member's projects ranged from Vincent Evans' Teddy Bear Chair and Melvin Mc Kinney's deluxe rocking horse to Fred Weissborn's hand-made panel raising planes and Jim Craven's hand-carved oak toilet seat.

Gathering of the Guilds (2000) - People who are fervently and actively involved in spinning, weaving, lace making and various kinds of sewing decided to invite members of other craft clubs to have a booth at their annual event called "Gathering of the Guilds". Keith Mealy was the leader of the Club's representation at two successive Gathering of the Guilds events. Some of the Club members who exhibited are:

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| • Keith Mealy | Shaker boxes |
| • Dennis Reed | Scale model automobiles |
| • Jessie New | Spinning Wheels |
| • Ralph Easley | Woodturning |
| • Erick Scarpa | Carving |
| • Earl Choromokos | Woodturning |

- Dennis Reed created a powerpoint presentation of the Cincinnati Woodworking Club activities and completed projects. It was well received at the Gathering of the Guilds and was subsequently shown at a club meeting.

Sharon Woods Historical Village - When Roy Underhill Was the feature attraction at Sharon Woods Historical Village in 2002 the club was invited to have a booth in a tent set up on the lawn of the village. Some of the club members who demonstrated woodworking at the event were:

- Keith Mealy Dovetail Joints
- Tom Callahan Marquetry
- Fred Weissborn Specialty Wooden Planes

Annual Woodcraft Show & Sale - Since 2003, the CWC has been invited to set up a display table to display projects and promote the Club at the Woodcraft Store in Fairfield each October when they have their annual show and sale. Several new members have been recruited as a result.

Fall Woodworking Clinic & Picnic - In October 2006, Keith Neer opened his shop in Clermont County to host a day of woodworking techniques demonstrations and a cookout for members and guests. Bruce Mosher, in his role as VP, initiated and coordinated the event. It was such a great success that many requested that we do it again. Keith has graciously opened his shop to do it again in October 2007.

25 Years Later

The CWC has more than 160 members with attendance regularly ranging from 75 to 90+ each meeting. In the last 5 years, membership and meeting attendance has grown by 20-30%. The Newsletter is predominately electronic. More than 85% of our members now have email addresses. This number has about doubled since we brought our **website** www.cincinnatiwoodworkingclub.org online. It has made us more visible and has attracted a number of visitors and new members. It provides a venue for members show their work in Photo Galleries. And it provides a conduit to a wealth of woodworking information via its Web Links page. We are poised to move forward another 25 years and become an even greater resource for **sharing woodworking knowledge**.