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Mentoring Program - If you have a project, a problem in any woodworking area, these members have volunteered to help. Give them a call. Jeff Cormier: 582-3278; George Kuffel: 478-2707; John Marcon: 478-0646; Gary Rock: 433-1679; Eltee Thibodeaux: 436-1997; Dick Trough: 583-2683. Each have years of experience and knowledge.

November Meeting Highlights

The great folks at Stine hosted our meeting this month and it seems that many members had other events as it was Veterans Day with lots of activities throughout the area.

For our safety presentation, Barry Humphus discussed the recent recall of some 40 million Kidde produced home and marine fire extinguishers and why you should examine the units you own and contact Kidde to get free replacements. An article follows that tells you how to do this. There was also discussion about periodically shaking your unit to be certain that the material inside has not become packed down. In addition, if your unit is more than 10 years old, you should replace it.

Show and Tell brought several great work this month. Starting off was Ray Kebodeaux who constructed a very nice blade sharpening stand. The unit consisted of three diamond sharpening plates of 300, 600 and 1200 grit he had mounted in a wooden case along with a leather strop. Prices vary on the plates and we found some of this grit from \$50 to as much as \$130 on Amazon. He briefly demonstrated it's use and reminded us that you will also need honing compound (\$13) and a guildle (\$13-\$18) for your tool. He said that there is a good video clip by Paul Sellers about these on Youtube.com. Ray also had a neat napkin holder of walnut.

It was mentioned that you can also shapen many tools using a glass plate (or flat granite stone) and various grits of wet/dry sand paper. Joe Comeaux mentioned that he has a source of large and small granite so contact him should you have an interest.

Steve Thomas brought us a couple of lovely segmented bowls of bass wood. They were each spray painted with analine dye. He mentioned that he found it difficult to find a good supply of bass wood in the area but had gotten a load the last time he was up North. John Griffith pointed out that Hogan Hardwoods and Molding in Lafayette carries a large selection of hard wood including bass wood. They are located at 1636 Walker Rd. (337-289-5483). To get there take Ambassador Caffery south and turn left onto Walker. They are at the intersection of Walker and Hebert in Lafayette.

Eltee Thibodeaux showed a scroll sawn sign celebrating a Craft Shop with an antique sewing machine motif.

Patrick LaPoint did a very nice message board of pine with a white board insert for messages and backed by metal flashing so the surface of the white board will hold magnets. A member (who's name I did not catch) suggested another clever way of producing a surface that can hold magnets. Mix iron oxide (Fe_3O_4) with any type of paint you may have and paint it on a surface. The iron particles then allow magnets to adhere to the surface. Iron oxide can be purchased from many online sources including Amazon (about \$13 for a pound). Patrick also introduced his guest this month -- Laura Marie LaPoint -- his grand daughter.

Gary Rock brought one of his wonderful bowls. This one was of black gum with a white leather woven wrap and finished with poly.

Jack Segall is looking for someone willing to repair a very old chair for one of his friends. The owner will pay for the repair so for some fun, money and a good time, contact Jack.

Joe Comeaux mentioned that he recently attended the International Quilting Show in Houston's George R. Brown Convention Center. With over a thousand vendors and nearly 10,000 attending, it is well worth going for not only quilters but wood workers as there are many wood-working vendors present. The show is normally held on the first weekend in November (this year) but they are considering moving the event a little later in November next year.

Our next meeting will be at the Lake Charles Seaman's Center at 150 Marine Street in Lake Charles. This will be our annual Christmas meeting and what a great time everyone had last year. We will need folks to bring food and some signed up at the November meeting. Please call Patrick LaPoint at 337-563-8339 or email him at deacon.lapoint@yahoo.com to let him know what you will bring. The Club will provide the main meat course, drinks, etc.

It is that time of year to renew your LCWW Club membership for only \$20. This supports what we do with woodworking education and our Newsletter. Please see Patrick LaPoint at the Christmas meeting at Seaman's Center.

Coming Up: Saturday, December 9, at **10:00 A.M.**

Kidde Fire Extinguishers Recall

LCWW Member Gary Rock brought this to my attention: your home, shop or boat Kidde Fire Extinguishers may not work when most needed.

Kidde announced a recall of some 40 million consumer and marine fire extinguishers on November 2, 2017. The recall includes extinguishers that had previously recalled, going back as far as 1973!

Kidde has recalled more than 40 million fire extinguishers used in homes, vehicles, and boats because they can become clogged or fail to discharge during a fire.

The company has received one report of a related death in 2014, when a fire extinguisher failed to work during a car fire. There have been 16 injuries, 91 reports of property damage, and 391 reports of the extinguishers either not working at all or not working properly.

But the numbers don't stop there. The recall includes 134 models manufactured as far back as 1973 and as recently as August 2017. All the units have a plastic handle or plastic push button. Units with a metal handle or valve assembly are not included in the recall. The plastic handles and buttons can break or detach when force is applied.

This is the third time Kidde has issued a recall for this type of fire extinguisher, and it's by far the largest. The earlier recalls were made in March 2009 and February 2015.

The recalled fire extinguishers came in red, silver, and white and were sold nationwide for \$12 to \$200 at department stores, hardware stores, and home improvement stores, as well as at online retailers, including Amazon and ShopKidde. The fire extinguishers were also sold with some commercial trucks, recreational vehicles, personal watercraft, and boats.

Kidde is offering free replacements to anyone who owns one or more of the recalled units. To claim a replacement, check the brand name and model number of your fire extinguisher against the Consumer Product Safety Commission recall notice. The model numbers are printed on the body of the fire extinguisher. You can call Kidde at 855-271-0773 or visit the Kidde website (www.kidde.com), where you can fill out a form to get a new unit.

Kidde says it will ship the replacement within 10 to 15 days of getting your information. No receipt is required. The company is asking consumers to keep their current model until they get the new one. It will arrive with instructions on how to return the old one.

Though the recall goes back 44 years, no one should keep a fire extinguisher that long. "If you have a rechargeable fire extinguisher of any age—regardless of whether it's covered by the recall—and you are not sure if it is in good

working order, you should replace it immediately," according to Consumer Reports. "If you have a nonrechargeable fire extinguisher in your home 12 years older than the date of manufacture, you should also replace it. That's because the fire retardant chemicals lose effectiveness over time."

When to use a fire extinguisher: If you are at home or in another building and a fire breaks out, the U.S. Fire Administration recommends that you first answer each of these questions before using a fire extinguisher (but don't take too long to do this):

Has everyone been alerted that there's a fire?

Has the fire department been called?

Am I physically capable of properly using a fire extinguisher?

Is the fire small and contained in a small area or in a single object (like a pan or a wastebasket)?

Am I safe from toxic smoke that may be associated with the fire?

Do I have an unobstructed escape route?

If you've answered yes to all of these questions, you can use a fire extinguisher. If you're unsure if it's safe to use a fire extinguisher, get everyone out of building, then immediately dial 911 to alert the fire department.





Ray Kibodeaux, Eltee Thibodeaux,
Gary Rock, Steve Thomas



Holiday Safety

An issue that burns brightest from late November to mid-January, when families gather, parties are scheduled and travel spikes are the things you should think about is the safety of what you do for the holidays.

Putting up decorations is one of the best ways to get in a holiday mood, but about 15,000 injuries involving holiday decorating were seen in emergency rooms during the 2015 season.

Decorate your tree with children in mind; move ornaments that are breakable or have metal hooks toward the top of the tree away from curious hands. While you are up there, always use the proper step ladder; don't stand on chairs or other furniture.

While lights are among the best parts of holiday decorating; make sure there are no exposed or frayed wires, loose connections or broken sockets. If you are decorating on the outside of your home, it is particularly important to check the cables and connectors prior to installation.

Plants can spruce up your holiday decorating, but keep those that may be poisonous (such as some Poinsettias) out of reach of children or pets.

What you place on your tree can also be relevant for the children and guests. So-called "Angel Hair" is made of finely spun glass that can be a serious irritant to eyes and skin. If you use this product, always wear gloves or just use non-flamable cotton substitutes.

Flocking of trees is popular in the South where we do not see snow of trees very often. This material is generally made of some fiber such as thin paper (think of toilet paper) plus an adhesive such as corn starch or even poly vinyl chloride and a fire retardant such as boron. You can flock your own tree and several DIY recipes are available, but inhaling this mixture is harmful. Let a professional do it before you purchase the tree.

Thousands of deaths are caused by fires, burns and other fire-related injuries every year, and 12% of home candle fires occur in December, the National Fire Protection Association reports. Increased use of candles and fireplaces, combined with an increase in the amount of combustible, seasonal decorations present in many homes means more risk for fire.

While many subscribe to the theory any fried food is good – even if it's not necessarily good for you – there is reason to be on alert if you're thinking of celebrating the holidays by frying a turkey.

The Consumer Product Safety Commission reports there have been 168 turkey-fryer related fires, burns, explosions or carbon monoxide poisoning incidents since 2002. CPSC says 672 people have been injured and \$8 million in property damage losses have resulted from these incidents.

NSC discourages the use of turkey fryers at home and urges those who prefer fried turkey to seek out professional establishments or consider a new oil-less turkey fryer.

Please be safe during the holidays. Barry Humphus

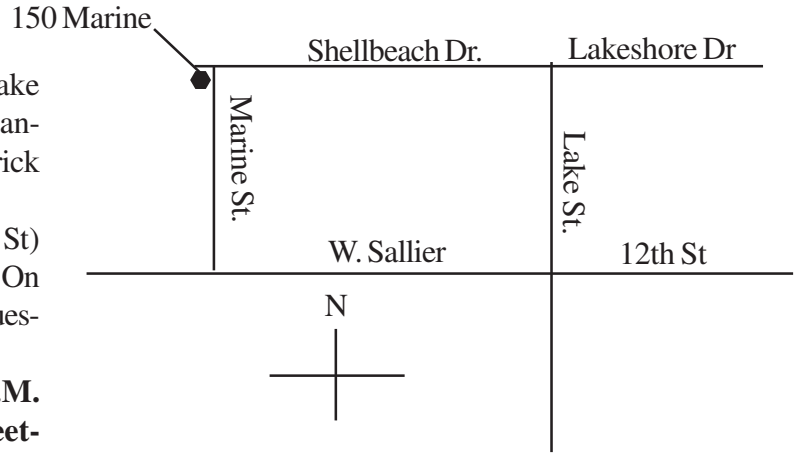
December Meeting Location

We have the wonderful opportunity to meet at the Lake Charles Seafarer's Center at 150 Marine Street for our annual holiday meeting courtesy of LCWW Treasurer Patrick LaPoint.

To get there go West on W. Sallier (aka 12th St) past Lake St. Turn right on Marine St. and go to the end. On your left at 150 Marine is the facility. If you should have questions, call Patrick.

Note that the meeting will start at 10:00 A.M. with lunch being served immediately after the meeting.

Please take an opportunity to thank Patrick before you leave and ask about the facility's history.



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