

Welcome
to the
Workshop
Meeting

Introductions:

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- These fellows can help you...
 - Familiarize you with the workshop.
 - Help you start a project.
 - Familiarize you with the tools and machines, big and small.
 - Offer "best practices" for using various machines.
 - They can only do so much. **Your safety is ultimately your responsibility!**
 - The workshop should be a "nanny free" environment.
 - Get you in touch with a mentor.

What the volunteers have been up to.

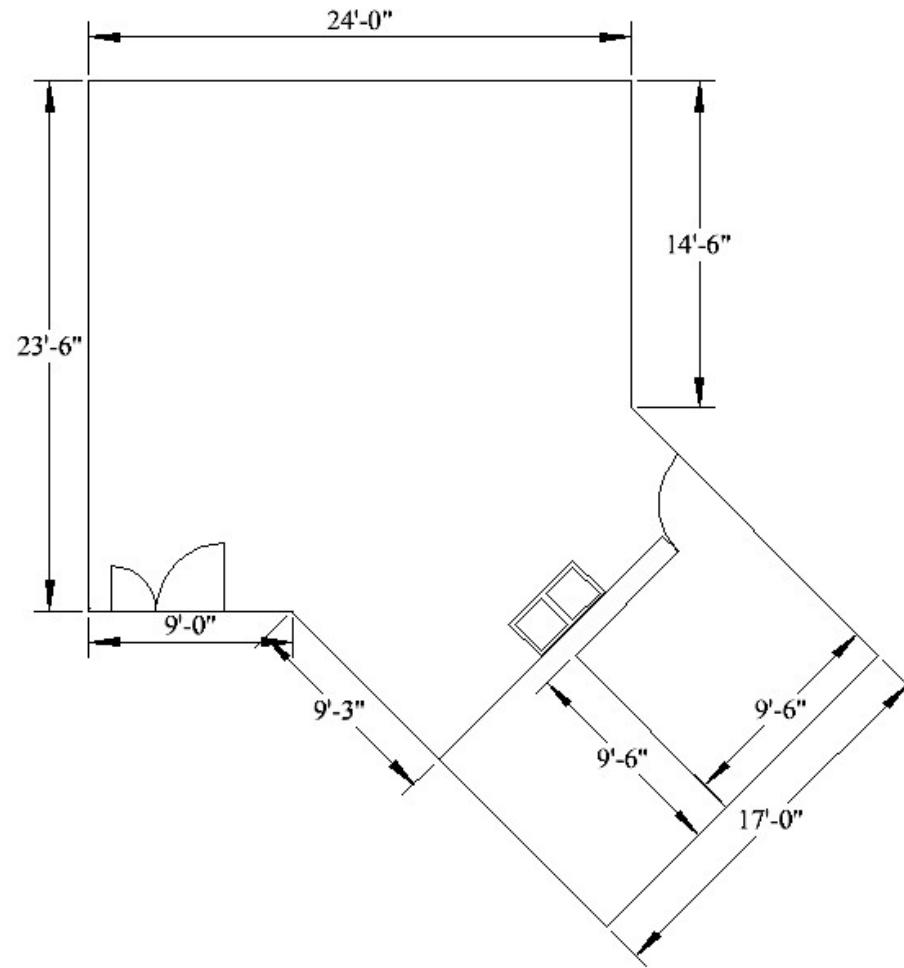
- Helping organize the workshop since 2022!
 - First goal was to determine what might be donated, and then manage who brings what!
 - Some large power tools require special handling.
 - Many other cooperatives ended up with piles of duplicate tools and equipment!
 - At AWP meetings, gathered names of those who expressed interest in the workshop.
 - Maintained a private email list (available by request only) of those ~35 members.
 - Published information, pictures, news, and a few surveys via a simple website.
 - Organized meetings of the ~35 and maintained email contact (with a few emailed questionnaires) to gather ideas to have a great workshop and better serve the Cooperative.

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- Our volunteer's mission was to ensure that our workshop would be...
 - Fun to use.
 - Functional for beginners through pros
 - Well equipped.
 - Safe.
- Traveled to other cooperatives to learn what works and does not.
- Published pictures of the other workshops visited.
- Created draft documentation. (To be final when we have a board.)
 - Users Manual.
 - Safety Rules with Waiver. (AWP requires it.)
 - A few drawings of the shop, and a bit of information about the building.

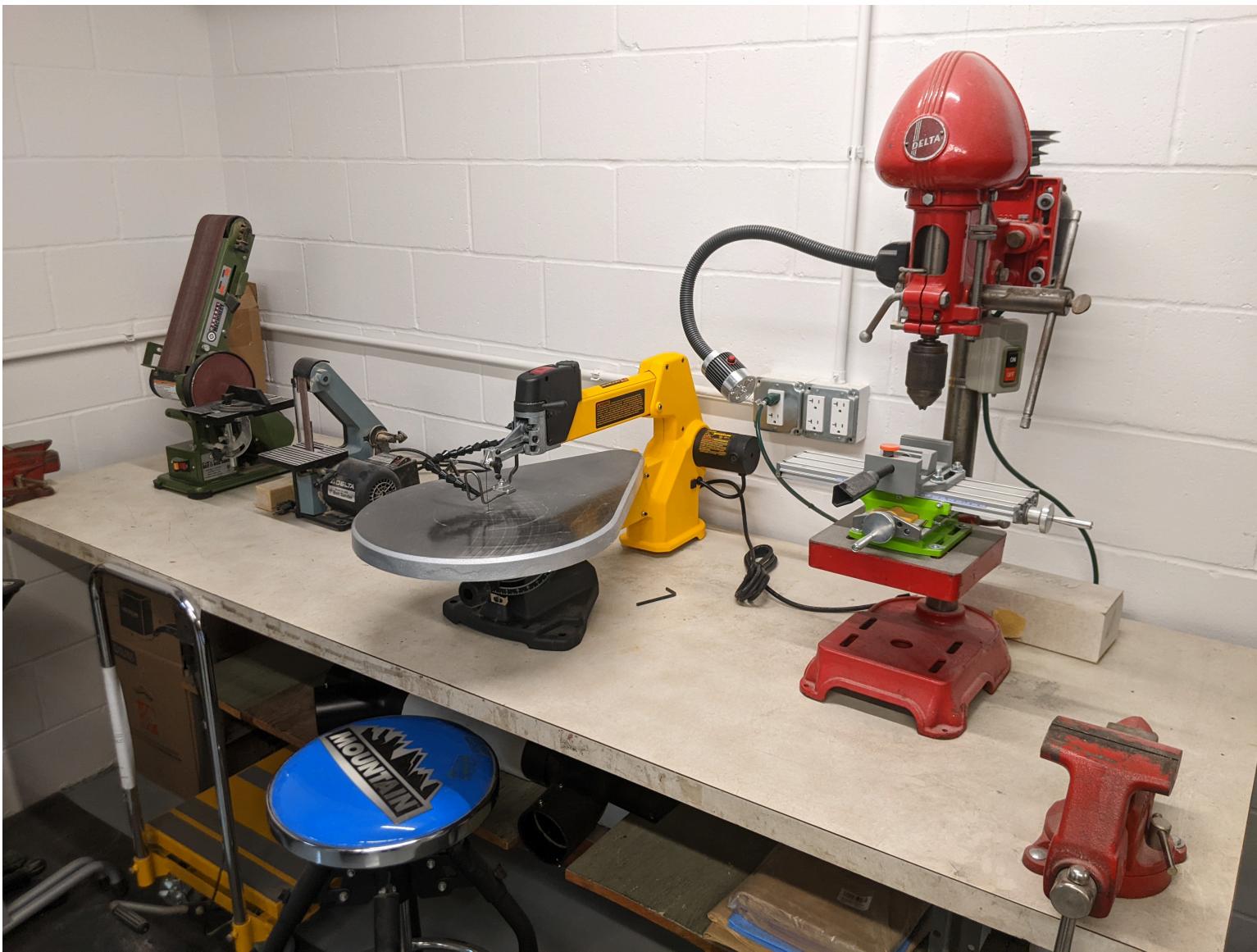
How is our workshop different from other common areas, and what limitations are there?

- Unlike our nice library, club room, exercise room, and others...
 - The workshop has some potentially dangerous machinery that require a user to be familiar with the operational and safety requirements of each one.
 - Even if we might be very experienced with a certain type of machine, our workshop's make and model are most likely different so familiarization is required.
 - Example: We have two very nice band saws, but they are different.
 - Blade tensioning looks the same from a distance but operates very differently.
 - Our volunteers had to "cross train" each other just to get started.
 - We have volunteers who will gladly help anyone get started with the "big stuff".
 - Our workshop is heated, ventilated, and air conditioned.
 - It does not have a industrial ventilation system. So NO spray painting (for now).
 - We would have to build a "booth" with a proper filtration system that captures volatiles, aerosols, and particulates, so they don't clog up the ventilation system or cause an explosion!
 - The workshop is not maintained by our fine building staff! We must...
 - Buy our own materials, supplies, and other consumables.
 - Replace breakage, or just something we wear out.
 - Clean up our own messes!













- Before we go down to the shop...

- Jack W. has a few words about workshop safety!
- Ralf L. will cover some interesting operational tidbits.

- In the shop...

- Ralph (Our main organizational wizard!) will show where things are.
 - We have a lot of nice handheld power tools in cabinets.
 - Our storage room is stuffed with a vast variety of tools.
 - And a bunch of manuals.
 - Shelves and tool chests!
 - Our "admin area" has...
 - A checkout sheet. (You can check things out!)
 - A donation box. (We are entirely self supporting.)
 - [Copies of our Draft Users Manual.](#)