

Tidewater Woodworkers Guild
23 October 2006 Regular Meeting

These Minutes have been Approved by Andy Steinberg, President, on 17 November 2006

Meeting in the classroom of the Woodcraft Store in the JANAF Shopping Center, Norfolk, VA, the Tidewater Woodworkers Guild was called to order by President Andy Steinberg for their Regular October 2006 Meeting on Monday 23 October 2006 at 7:05 P.M. EDT. Andy introduced the Officers of the Guild: Himself, President and Editorial Chair; Bret Lancaster, Vice President and Program Chairman; Gene George, Treasurer; Bill Hoffman, Secretary; Ed Bunker, Membership Chairman; and John Moore (who was not present), Chairman for Training. He then passed the Chair to Bret for the Program; and Bret requested that member Bee Norris introduce the Program Speaker for the evening; and Bee very graciously did so.

Dick Murray, a 35-year veteran with Sherwin-Williams, would be speaking on the subject of wood finishing techniques, demonstrating several methods, products and solutions to problems.

First – prepare the wood for finishing, *i.e.*, sanding. Dick prefers hook-and-loop backed 150-grit sand paper for final sanding; this, of course, may be preceded or “worked up to” with coarser grits. Any type of sander may be used.

Second – seal the wood. For this, Dick prefers S64T8 (1), a Sher-Wood clear wiping stain. This will “raise the whiskers” and will require a light sanding and a second coat may be necessary. This will protect the wood from the effects of moisture and remove the black in the grain. It can receive lacquer after 20 minutes drying time. While brush staining is OK, the finish coat should be sprayed.

It should be noted that this product has a shelf life of 8 – 9 years and is available only in quantities of 1 gallon or more.

Dick stressed that the person finishing should make his/her toner; otherwise finished pieces may vary in color.

He also distributed several handouts containing technical information and Sherwin-Williams products, all of which should be useful to those engaged in high-quality finishing; and accompanied his distributions with samples of wood finished using the methods described, answering questions. His expertise was obvious and his presentation clear; however this recorder lacks the knowledge to record his many comments. Therefore, the wood finisher must acquire information greater than these notes if he/she is interested in producing the results demonstrated by Dick.

New members and guests were recognized. Of these Tom Smith was the only name stated.

Pat Taylor stated that six or so shirts bearing the Guild logo remained to be picked up by members who had placed orders.

Bill Caillet announced that Woodcraft has a 10% sale approaching. He also announced that on 11 November materials, facilities and instructors would be available for making pens to be sent to servicemen on active duty in Iraq, that there would be no charge for the project carried out in the store, and that persons purchasing materials for completing the pens at home which would be returned to the store for supplementing those completed on 11 November would, upon return, be reimbursed the purchase price.

President Andy announced that plans for a holiday gathering in December were still under consideration, with more information to come later.

He also announced that Klingspor, a major manufacturer of abrasives, could make it possible for the Guild to enter into an agreement whereby members could use their products at a discount (2).

Show and Tell brought forth some interesting offerings.

Bob Wagenseller is moving from the area and has some wood to offer; most of it being Baltic Birch. Some is material for the craftsman to use; some panel doors; some molding; some plywood. Those interested should contact Bob ASAP. Bob also presented a beautiful laminated cutting board that he had made as a gift.

Contrary to the report that Bartley's Country Maple gel Stain is no longer available, the complete line of Bartley gel stains are available from several mail order services: Woodworker's Supply (<www.woodworker.com>/ or 24/7 phone orders at 1-800-645-9292) sells these stains at \$7.99 for a half pint and Country Maple is still in stock.

Bob Malloy presented an old rocking chair on which he had replaced the rockers. The chair was without a seat and he stated that his daughter would be weaving a Shaker seat for it. Interesting about it was that it offered an unusual opportunity for studying construction techniques and emphasized the need to finish parts prior to assembling it, otherwise glue would prevent the finish from enduring.

Martin Carter showed a bedpost that is still under construction. The post (one of four) is of Honduras Mahogany, is in two parts – the lower part square, the upper part turned – and when finished will be hand-carved and gilded. The bed will be massive, having four such posts and a canopy.

John Blakeney requested that information be passed along telling others of his having a number of pieces of Philippine Mahogany, mostly short lengths and scraps. Interested persons should contact John.

Frank Pogue showed a 3-dimensional plaque that he had made. It features the cover picture from an old issue of The Saturday Evening Post magazine that he has copied, mounted on plywood and cut out with a scroll saw, then mounted on a backboard.

There being no further business, President Steinberg declared the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Hoffman, Secretary

(1) This number may be incorrect. It possibly should be T67F6

(2) This arrangement is unclear to the secretary.