

Tidewater Woodworkers Guild  
March 2008

The meeting was called to order on 24 March at 7pm by the President, Andy Steinberg. After a short introduction and recognition of new faces, he introduced the featured presenter.

Bob Fred gave a basic introduction to finishing woodworking projects. He described the pros and cons of various finishes such as shellac, varnish, both oil based and water based, lacquer, etc. He emphasized that thin coats are desirable; described the various brush types and use thereof; and importance of studying the contents of the label on the can of finish to determine best thinning material, drying times, etc.

Bea Norris described the benefit of using the Sherman Williams discount card. The card should be used even if the salesman says the item is on sale. Often the card will provide better than 'sale' prices.

A discussion was held on the 2008 Toys for Tots program. It is never too late to start working on the project. A suggestion was made to specialize on 4 or 5 toys and set up a production type run. Patterns are needed. An inventory of wheels and axels will be conducted and results promulgated.

New Business:

The May meeting date will have to be modified, as Mon. 26 May is Memorial Day. It is possible that it will be held on the 20th, a Tues, to avoid conflicts with Woodcraft Training classes. As the conflicts are resolved, the meeting date will be published on the web site.

Gorilla Glue sent a box of samples of their new wood glue for members use. Feedback on product suitability would be appreciated.

Pat Taylor volunteered to reorder Guild shirts. He will need sizes and color desired. It is expected that short sleeve golf type shirt will be about \$18-20 a piece.

The Nov meeting will feature dovetail production. Bert Lancaster desires volunteers to demonstrate either handheld, bandsaw, table saw, omni-jig machine made, or other forms of dovetail production. Contact Bert if you can help.

Andy Steinberg gave a short summary of the recent wood sawing effort. Some excellent production took place, the weather held for the most part, and a good time was had by those involved. A worthy and worthwhile effort.

Bill Calliet of Woodcraft, described future events at Woodcraft. The rep from Omni-jig will give a presentation on 3 Apr at 6pm. On 12 Apr there will be a 10% off sale on Jet and Powermatic tools. In Oct (3-5) David Marks will be in town at Woodcraft to

present classes. The cost will be approximately \$50 per class for a ½ day long class, with room for about 15 persons per class.

Show and Tell:

Bob Malloy demonstrated a nice table (coffee) that he made from an old serving tray.

Fred Olds showed some old stone working chisels found in granite quarries. He also offered some old woodworking plans to members.

Bob Malloy reiterated that he would like to host a few members at his shop for an hour or so to demonstrate some woodworking techniques.

Bob Waddell described a wipe on poly finishing technique that he uses with excellent results.

Frank Pogue displayed several whimsical figures his father made out of unusual scraps of wood and roots.

Bob Fred showed examples of using circle cutting plywood pieces bonded with epoxy to make canisters.

Raymond Kurtz showed an example of an old saw.

Cliff Atkinson demonstrated a gag crutch which was given as a present at a retirement, which provided much merriment.

Andy Steinberg thanks those who had produced many rosettes for his interior trim.

The meeting was adjourned at 9pm.

Submitted by:

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