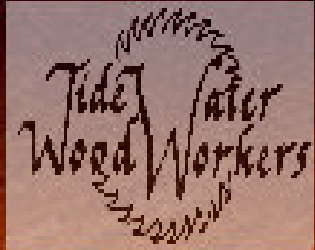


Tidewater Woodworkers Guild



Notes from the Wood House

Hello fellow woodworkers! I hope everyone is enjoying the start of 2010 and all the wonderful weather we've been having!! How about the snow? Pretty much reminds me of the reason I did not move back to Ohio after the Navy! Will we see more snow before our February meeting?

With all the cold weather, how are you heating your shop? Whatever method you are using, please be careful and ensure your heating appliance is working properly. Watch the amount of sawdust around your heater, and beware of finishing fumes/vapors around your heat source. We do not want to hear of any mishaps from anyone heating their shop. Also, if you secure your heater af-

ter finishing your work in the shop, keep an eye on your cast iron tables for rust. The rust may form if your shop cools off quickly and results in some humidity problems.

For those of you who didn't make our opening meeting in January, we'll continue collecting our annual dues of \$15 for the year. Please make your check out to "Tidewater Woodworkers Guild" which makes Fred, our treasurer, smile when he doesn't have to make change! We made a pretty good start on membership last month, 71 to date. Our goal is to better last years membership of 104.

Sharp tools, as we've heard so often, not only make

woodworking a pleasure, they perform much better and safer than dull edged tools. This month, Steve Houmis will demonstrate a new way to sharpen your chisels and plane irons.

I look forward to seeing everyone next week. Show and Tell has been a bit slow so please bring in your show and tell items to "show off your talents".

Wood Chips

If you have not received the flyer, when you come Monday, ask the folks at Woodcraft for a flyer regarding their upcoming sale. They will have some great prices so it will be an opportune time to purchase that one key toy that you have been holding off on buying.

February 2010 Issue

Next Meeting

**February 22, 2010
7:00PM**

Woodcraft of Norfolk
5802 E. Virginia Beach Blvd.
Norfolk, VA 23502
(757) 466-1166

Monthly Meeting
4th Monday of Each
Month

Find Us On the Web www.twwwg.com

Please note that parts of the site are password protected. The password is provided to those whose dues are current.

Club Dues

Dues are \$15.00 per year and are payable by check or cash.

Upcoming Meetings

Jim Francis will be coordinating presenters and demonstrators each month. If you know of someone that would be a good presenter or if you would like to demonstrate your talents, please contact Jim Francis.

February

New Methods to Tool
Sharpening
Guest Presenter
Steve Houmis

March

Using Shellac
Guest Presenters
Jeff Biggs
Jim Francis

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Contributors Wanted: We are looking for articles for our monthly newsletter like an article on a shop tip or technique, a review about a tool or product or a woodworking event. Send it to patron300@cox.net.

Shop Tips—Lighting

By Ed Bunker

During January's 2010 band saw safety presentation I got into some safety issues with lighting and electrical safety . Hoping someone would ask more questions about lighting ... but didn't, and I skipped over some real basic safety items. One of which was the cleaning of the shop's lighting fixtures, especially fluorescent lighting fixtures. My fluorescent shop lights have been installed since I built the workshop in 1994. My shop is 12 by 16 feet and I have 7 double 48" fluorescent light fixtures installed because inadequate lighting is a contributing cause to work shop accidents and injuries. If you can see your hand's shadow on the saw table top then you most likely have inadequate lighting. This has nothing to do with Punxsutawney Phil and groundhog weather predictions, however it may take 6 weeks or longer to heal up the wounds if you are watching your shadow rather than your hands while operating the shop equipment.

At any rate you should take the time to clean the lighting fixtures and the lamps or fluorescent tubes. After a year of making dust in your work shop your lighting fixtures have collected so much dust that it actually reduces the lighting about 15 - 25 percent. A simple remove and cleaning the grime off of the lamps and the reflective portion of the fixture can yield surprisingly bright results! This cleaning is best done during daylight hours so the shop lighting circuits can remain off/de-energized. It doesn't help much if you get the "damp" rag in the lamp socket while it is "HOT", however it will give cause for giving thanks on your Sabbath that you were standing on a wooden ladder when you chose to test your electrical resistance to free electrons.

While on the topic of fluorescent lights, remember that if both lamps in a double lamp fixture go out at the same time usually only one is bad. You have a 50/50 chance of getting the correct one on the first attempt. So replace one tube and if both come on, you win. If not, remove the other lamp and put in the one you pulled out first. Ten to one you'll find it is good and both will light up together as designed.

Here are some links to work lights with clip/clamp or magnetic base that may work for you on your band saw:

Brinkmann Deluxe 6 Led Grill Light w/Flexible Neck \$20
http://www.homedepot.com/h_d1/N-5yc1vZ1xr5/R-202040948/h_d2/ProductDisplay?langId=1&storeId=10051&catalogId=10053 (Shown at the January 2010 meeting.)

Multipurpose work light: \$15
<http://www.whateverworks.com/search.asp?TKW=NS04&SKW=work+light>

Magnetic or Clip On Base Work Light: \$31
<http://www.woodcraft.com/Product/2003199/1641/Magnetic-or-Clip-On-Base-Work-Light.aspx>

January 2010 Meeting Minutes

Tidewater Woodworkers Guild

Date: Jan. 25, 2010

The meeting was called to order on Jan 25, at 7 pm by the president, Bret Lancaster.

After a short introduction and recognition of new faces, the following announcements and business was presented.

Bret Lancaster -This is our 30th year of Tidewater Wood Workers Guild

All members be sure and pay their \$15 dues for the new year

Jim Francis – Thanks to all the members that participated in the 2009 programs to the Guild

Fred Olds – A check was given to Martin Carters wife (Eleanor) in his memory. A thank you note from Eleanor was read to the Guild by Fred.

Another volunteer is needed to oversee and take care of our new equipment cabinet. Bee Norris volunteered.

We need someone to help the Guild apply for our Tax exempt status. Bob Waddell volunteered.

Renewal of our web site for 2010 for \$438. A motion was made, seconded and carried by the Guild to renew our site for this new year.

Woodcraft is running a sale now thru Feb, 27 of 10% off most Power Tools. After Feb. 27 most general tools will be 15% off thru March

The president introduced the featured presenter and program

Presenter Bret Lancaster & Ed Bunker Program
Safety in the Shop

Bret - How to use the Table Saw Safely and Added Benefits of the Saw Stop

Ed - Safe Use and Proper Care of the Band Saw

Show and Tell Projects

Bee Norris- brought in some free power hand tools

Jim Francis- tips on preparing scrap wood to make small boxes

Old Business—None

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9PM.

Submitted

Adrian Marshall / Secretary

Program Highlights From Our January 2010 Meeting



Pictured starting at top left is Bret Lancaster discussing safety and the table saw. Bret stressed the use of aligned and properly maintained tools. A sign to determine if you may have dull or out of aligned saw blade is a burn mark (top right). Ed Bunker (bottom left) talked about sop safety and the band saw. An overlooked aspect is your electrical connection. Ed re-iterated to everyone about maintaining a clean and insulated connection with your power cord. Larry Permenter (bottom right) talked about his mishap from last year. Luckily for Larry, he is expected to make a good recovery. (pictures from Don Hubbard)

Tool Review—Multifunction Tool

Most years I tell my wife what tools I want for Christmas. This time I wanted something that the tool companies haven't decided on an appropriate name - multifunction tool doesn't tell you much. After some research, I decided on the Rockwell Soni Crafter.

That name doesn't tell you much either. I told my neighbor what I was planning to purchase and his comment was, "don't waste your money!" He is a contractor and said he has had one from Harbor Freight and has used it everyday for 2 years and cost about 1/3 the price of the one I planned to buy.

The Woodworking Magazines have been running ads for Harbor Freight with a discount coupon. I ended up paying under \$35.

I have used this tool a few times and it seem to be well made and cuts pine well. Sure is nice for getting in tight places. It comes with an inch wide blade, a semicircular blade, a scraper and a sander attachment. I would recommend this tool to any handyman.

Submitted by Don Hubbard



Woodworking on Television

There are a number of woodworking shows on cable and satellite these days for those of you who subscribe to these services.

Recently, WHRO has changed the format again. The New Yankee Workshop is on digital cable. If you have digital cable and receive the Create Channel (Cox Channel 109), there are multiple showings of the New Yankee Workshop: Tuesday (10:30 AM, 4:30PM & 10:30PM); Wednesday (4:30AM); Thursday (10:30AM, 4:30PM & 10:30PM); Friday (4:30AM).

The Woodwright's Shop is on the Create Channel (Cox Channel 109), there are multiple showings: Tuesday (11:00 AM, 5:00PM & 11:00PM); Wednesday (5:00AM); Thursday (11:00AM, 5:00PM & 11:00PM); Friday (5:00AM).

WHRO has moved the WoodSmith Shop back to Channel 15. It can be found on Saturday at 8AM.

At 3:30PM on Saturday, the New Yankee Workshop is broadcast on the North Carolina PBS. This is followed by the Woodwright's Shop at 4:00PM.

Show and Tell From The January 2010 Meeting



Jim Francis did a bit of a follow-up from his hand-cut dovetail demonstration. Jim talked about using a coping saw or a dovetail saw for hand cutting dovetails and using some scrap wood for practice. (photography by Don Hubbard)

Club Discounts Available

Over the years, certain businesses have offered a variety of discounts to our membership. Below is a current list of companies that offer some type of discount for products and services.

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| Woodcraft | 10% off on meeting night |
| | Norfolk (757) 466-1166 |
| Sure Set Saw | 13% Discount |
| | Chesapeake (757) 420-7991 |
| Cabinet Makers Hardware | Contractor's Price |
| | Virginia Beach (757) 490-1185 |
| Wurth Woodgroup | |
| | Norfolk (757) 858-3908 |
| Scroll-it Service | |
| | Portsmouth (757) 237-6867 |
| Sherwin Williams Paint | 15% Discount |
| | All stores in Hampton Roads |