

Tidewater Woodworkers Guild



Notes from the Wood House

Hello fellow woodworkers and welcome to another great month with the TWWWG! I surely hope all of you are getting more time your shops these days. I look forward to our meeting this month and hearing some good shop stories and everyone telling of his and her latest shop projects. Don't forget to bring something in for Show and Tell!

First off, the fourth Monday of May falls on Memorial Day again this year. I sent out an email to our board members asking their opinion as to what we should do: move the meeting to the 3rd Monday, May 5/18; move the meeting to the following Wednesday, 5/27; or cancel the meeting.

I am happy to say no one asked to cancel the meeting. Overall, the board was mixed on either the 3rd Monday or the following Wednesday. Being that the Tidewater

Turners meeting is the 4th Tuesday of the month, and to prevent our hosts from having to prepare the classroom for two big meetings two different weeks in a row, I have decided to move our May meeting to Wednesday 5/27. What I would like to propose, is a recommendation from our past President, Andy, is that we vote on moving our future May meetings to another day of the month and add it to our by-laws.

I want to thank my good friend and neighbor, Ed Bunker, for hosting a bandsaw class this past week at the Norfolk Senior Center. Check out Ed's article and pictures in this newsletter.

Ed plans to conduct another class in May, and if there is enough interest, another class in June. If you are interested and want to increase your skills and knowledge of the bandsaw, please see Ed to

sign up for his class. The price is right, free.

Speaking of bandsaws, Frank Pogue gave us an outstanding presentation last month on bandsaw boxes and his doll house furniture puzzles, over 100 pieces from a small piece of a 2 x 4. Frank is a great inspiration to us, and as always, he passed on a lot of good information, especially some good techniques to use when making very small pieces with the bandsaw. Thanks again Frank. We always enjoy hearing from you.

I look forward to this month's presentation from Mr. Nelson Arnold, a furniture historian. Mr. Arnold will be giving a presentation on classical Norfolk furniture, (the period between 1810 and 1840). Thank you to John Moore, for setting up and coordinating this presentation.

See you all at the meeting!

**April 2009
Issue**

**Next Meeting
April 27, 2009
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.

April

Guest Presenter

Nelson Arnold

Classical Norfolk Furniture

May

Guest Presenter

Shawn Nystrom

Shop Electricity

The Executive Board

Bret Lancaster	President	631-0634
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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 and Tidbits

Shop Safety—Paying Attention

Hello fellow woodworkers,

With age comes wisdom and I would like to share some of my hard earned wisdom with you. As a proud grandfather of a 15 month little woodworker I cannot help but think about the time we will have in the shop together creating sawdust. It takes me back to the time my grandfather shared with me and the lessons I learned in his shop.

But to share those times I have to follow a few basic rules, #1 among them is “ Safety First”. As we watch Norm each week we know what is coming but do we pay attention? I did not for a long time. I set up the 6’stepladder and tried to reach stuff in the loft in a position I should not have been in - 14 staples in the back of my head; tried to rush a job on the table saw, result was a thumb that was all mangled up; decided to use a push stick but did not pay attention to how it was placed on the wood, it came back within a hair of my head and left a nice hole in the wall. In the process of using a belt sander and not thinking about the lose shirt getting caught, I had to struggle to unplug it as it keep tightening the shirt around my neck.

Now I mention these not because I am accident prone but because I tend to rush things, don’t take a few extra seconds to make sure things are lined up correctly etc.

Rule #2, don’t rush something, take the extra time required or back off and come back fresh at a later date.

Rule #3, Pay attention and concentrate on the task at hand and finally in closing the most important one “ SAFETY 1st!”. Remember there is another generation of woodworkers looking at us to show them how to do things.

Have a great one and happy woodworking,

Ken Somerset

Band Saw Tune-Up Class

Band Saw Tune-up Class ... Wow! I didn't realize how powerful the word "free" would be in today's economic environment! There is about 15% of the guild's membership interested in attending the Band Saw Tune-Up class. It may have been Frank Pogue's exceptional band sawn box presentation at the March meeting too! At any rate the April 18th class was a success. Five TWWWG members met with Ed Bunker at the Norfolk Senior Center Woodshop. We were able to use the center's equipment to open and inspect and go through the steps. We had free bagels, free coffee, free parking , and a free class! Yet the info was invaluable to the smooth performance of the band saw. The sign-up sheet for May 9th only has a spot or two left. If there is additional interest, we'll consider another class. Look for the sign-up sheets at the April meeting.

All the best Ed Bunker

March 2009 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order on 3/23/09, at 7 pm by the President, Bret Lancaster.

After a short introduction and recognition of new faces, he introduced the featured presenter.

I new guest and a big welcome back to Martin Carter

Presenter Frank Pogue – Band Saw Boxes, Re-sawing 4” wide boards x 1/8” thick

Band saw boxes were displayed and digital pictures were displayed of the boxes.

Show and Tell Projects

Bob Smith – displayed some band saw boxes he had made from scrap African Mahogany retrieved from a church pew.

Ben Weatherford brought a custom made band saw fence for re-sawing.

Old Business- Jim Frances talked about upcoming programs and work shops

New Business - It was suggested that everyone get on line at Pilot Online and vote for the Wood Craft store as the best Specialty Retail Store

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Submitted,

Adrian Marshall / Secretary

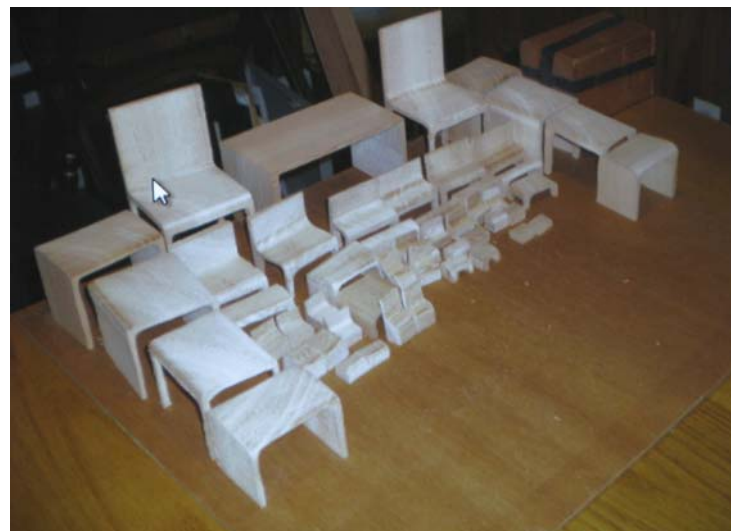
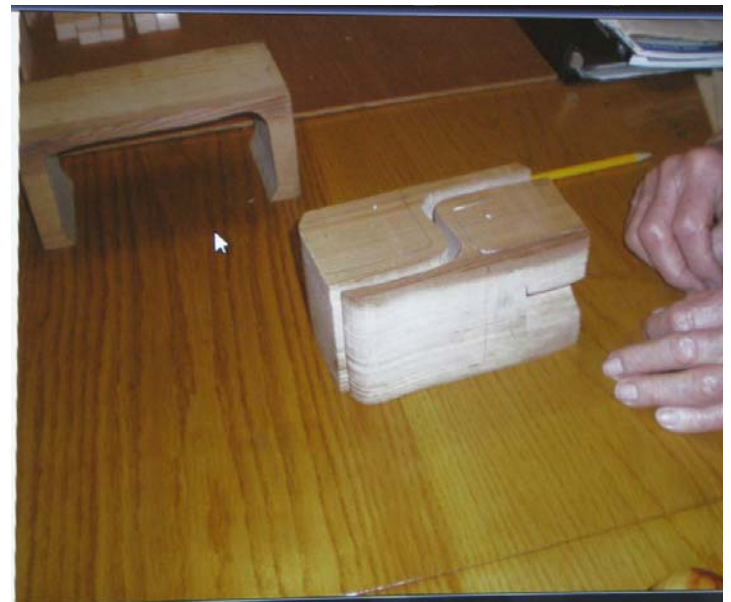


Above are the Guild member who attended the tune-up class: (from left to right) Bob Smith, Gene George, Phil Cary, Ed Bunker, and Jerry Foley. Jack Connolly, not pictured, is behind the camera. The 14” band saw pictured is a circa 1940 Walker-Turner currently being used as a re-saw band saw using a three teeth per inch 3/4” blade.

Program Highlights From Our March 2009 Meeting



Last month, Frank Pogue gave a fantastic presentation on his expertise on the band saw. The band saw box (top right) displays some of his talent. His talents earned him national recognition when he was able to craft a multi-pieced chair and table puzzle out of a small piece of a 2" X 4" (right). The puzzle has over 40 pieces that are different sizes (bottom right). If anyone is interested in learning how to make this puzzle, please contact Frank. (pictures 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.

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

Show and Tell From Our March 2009 Meeting



At last month's meeting, Bob Smith (top right) brought in a few selected pieces of his work. The box above was crafted from scrap mahogany. It seems that Bob is a closet bandsaw box guru. The box to the left was crafted out of black walnut. Ben Weatherford (left) brought in a fence he built for resawing utilizing the bandsaw. It seems that he was inspired by Bill Calliet's presentation on bandsaws in February. At the bottom left, to provide a better view, Frank Pogue displays his chair and table puzzle as he begins to disassemble the puzzle. One can see that there are some intricate cuts to create this puzzle. (pictures 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. On PBS, Saturday at 8:00AM on WHRO, we can find Norm and the New Yankee Workshop at his new time. At 3:30PM on Saturday, the New Yankee Workshop is broadcast on the North Carolina PBS. This is followed by the Woodwright Shop at 4:00PM.

Also, if you get the Create Channel (Cox Channel 109), there are multiple showings of the New Yankee Workshop: Tuesday (4:30PM & 10:30PM); Wednesday (4:30AM); Thursday (4:30PM & 10:30PM); Friday (4:30AM).

Recently, The Learning Channel has started airing a show called "Saw for Hire". It is about a tree surgeon and his work to remove trees. Although there is not much woodworking, one can certainly get an idea of what is involved taking down a big tree. Currently, the show air on Thursday nights at 9PM and 9:30PM on Channel 30 on Cox Cable.

If you know of any other shows, please pass on the information.

