

# Tidewater Woodworkers Guild



## Notes from the Wood House

Hello fellow woodworkers! How is everyone coping with the weird weather and varying temperatures we experienced in the past few weeks? I do not know about you, but I am ready for spring to get here.

We had a terrific turnout last month, and I want to thank everyone who renewed their membership: 72 of last year's 107 members renewed their membership last month. In addition, we had six new members join our club: welcome to Dan Heigl, Paul Illyes, Daniel Krum, David Lyon, James Southerland and Amos Swogger.

I want to thank Adrian Marshall for stepping up and filling our vacant Secretary position. We are very pleased to have him as a member of our Executive Board.

A thank you also goes out to Corey Larson for volunteering to help with any audio / visual set-ups required prior to our

monthly meetings. If anyone else would be willing to come in early and assist with set-up, please let us know.

We are also looking for two volunteers for Training Coordinator and Librarian. These two positions fall under the Vice President / Program Chairperson. If anyone is interested in stepping up and doing more for the club, please see Jim Francis or myself.

We enjoyed a great presentation last month from member and Vice President, Jim Francis. He talked to us about proper planning and preparation for future projects, and the process of creating or building models to obtain visual perspectives and helping to work out problems before cutting into our expensive materials.

Bill Caillet and I will cover this month's presentation on band saws. We will describe

the various features to look for in band saws and provide a brief description of some basic set-up and alignment procedures. Bill will also give us a quick re-saw demonstration. Also, Jim Francis will show a band saw safety video by Marc Adams. It looks to be a fun evening.

Ed Bunker, our membership chairperson, will not be available at our February meeting for membership cards, but Fred Olds, our Treasurer, will be standing by to collect annual dues from anyone still needing to renew their membership.

Remember, checks are the easiest way to pay. Please make checks out to Tidewater Woodworkers Guild. The sooner you renew, the sooner you receive our 10% discount from Woodcraft on the evenings of our monthly meetings. The discount is available from 6PM to 7PM.

## February 2009 Issue

### Next Meeting

**February 23, 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](http://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

Guest Presenter

Bret Lancaster/Bill Caillet

Band saw history, basics, operations, projects and jigs

### March

Guest Presenter

To Be Determined

Band saw Tune-up and Maintenance

## The Executive Board

<b>Bret Lancaster</b>	<b>President</b>	<b>631-0634</b>
<b>Jim Frances</b>	<b>Vice President</b>	<b>595-9041</b>
<b>Adrian Marshall</b>	<b>Secretary</b>	<b>877-2710</b>
<b>Fred Olds</b>	<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>486-3862</b>
<b>Andy Steinberg</b>	<b>Past President</b>	<b>285-3575</b>

**Contributors Wanted:** We are looking for articles for our monthly newsletter. An article on shop tip or technique, a review about a tool or product or a wood-working event. Send it to [patron300@cox.net](mailto:patron300@cox.net).

## Shop Tips and Tidbits

### Shop Tip—Flattening a Wide Board

So, you are working on that great project for the family and you have that one board that you require to finish the project. You know the one; its 11" wide, 5/4 thick and 68" long. And, it is a bit warped and slightly twisted. What do you?

You have a 6" jointer and a 12" planer. And, you are unaware of anyone with a 12" jointer. Some folks recommend cutting the board in half and running the halves through your jointer and then your planer, but you would like to preserve as much of the width of the board as possible.

Have you considered your scrub plane? Its that big plane in your tool chest that you never had the incentive to use. Well, here's your opportunity.

First, remove the blade and put an edge on it that would make Bob Fred proud. Reassemble your plane and prepare the board.

On a sturdy level surface, lay the board flat. Determine where the warped areas are on the board and mark them using chalk. You may have to flip the board a few times to locate the warped areas.

Secure the board with clamps and utilizing the sharp plane, slowly flatten the areas marked with chalk. Remove the wood (the chalked areas) with plane slowly and try to work with the grain of the board.

Adjust your plane to ensure that you are not removing too much wood or creating tear out. Let me re-emphasize and quote Pat Taylor, "keep it with the grain".

After a few strokes, check the flatness of the board. Keep using the plane until you feel that one side is flat enough for the planer. If possible, try to flatten both sides as much as possible. Of course, you will need to clamp and flip the board a few times as you plane the board. Remember, this is how boards were planed in the days before power tools.

This process is also good for a light cardio workout. If your shop is chilled, you should be able to work up a little sweat.

Run your board with the hand planed side down through your planer at a thickness setting that is maybe a 1/32" lesser than your board's thickness at its highest point.

Continue at this increment until you feel one side has been flattened. Flip the board and continue the process until you feel that both sides are flat. With any luck you have salvaged the board and have not lost much thickness of the board. Then, run your board on one edge through the jointer. Yes, this is a slow process. Hopefully, you will now have a board that is flat, stable and capable of being "dimensioned" on your table saw.

My experience with a 5/4 board has been planing the board to useable useable 7/8" thickness.

This process will not always work. Some boards maybe so twisted that they are best suited for the family fireplace. When in doubt about a board, do not force the issue. (Article by Andy Steinberg)

## January 2009 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order on 1/29/2009, at 7PM by president Bret Lancaster. After a short introduction of the new officers, Bret appointed Adrian Marshall as the new Secretary to replace Ken Craig. Adrian accepted.

Bret presented a gift of appreciation from the Guild to Andy Steinberg for his last three years as President. A Leader Ship (Littership) gift was also presented to Andy for a great 3 years.

Bret recognized that we are now collecting \$15 dues from each member for the new year. We would like to surpass the 107 members we had in 2008.

Bret stated that we had a most enjoyable dinner in Dec at the Grate Steak.

Further motions were made under New Business

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

Presenter: VP Jim Francis, Preparing for a project

Jim presented a suggested a proper way to plan your furniture project ahead of time. It consisted of either having scaled plans or draw your own on graph paper to scale. Picking your material, keeping in mind grain flow, color and defects; properly preparing your wood by joining, planning and squaring the rough lumber; cutting all joinery before you cut to shape; dry fit up before gluing; gluing and putting the stain and finish.

### Show and tell projects

Bob Fred brought in scrap Walnut pieces

Pat Taylor had some bargains on left over shirts and hats

Evan Hodges showed two skate boards and talked about construction techniques

### Old Business: None

### New Business

Bret Lancaster proposed the following items;

- Moved to pay the Web Site bill of \$439.00
- Present Bill & Heather Caillet with a gift to show our appreciation for the fine facilities that they afford the Guild at no expense each month.

President appointed Andy Steinberg to follow thru on a commitment to research and present to the Guild the necessary equipment to convert old VHS tapes to DVD for the Library. The President also asked for volunteers search for a mobile cart that we can keep our Library and items in. Several members volunteered to look at carts. We also have some new DVDs from Mark Adams.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:40 pm

Submitted

Adrian Marshall / Secretary

## Program Highlights From Our January 2009 Meeting



Vice President Jim Francis (top left) provided an informative overview on how to build a piece of furniture. Jim pointed out that if possible, get your plans blown up to a full scale drawing (top right). He suggested some of the office stores or copy stores that have full scale printers and /or plotters. And, some programs have the capability of printing your diagram in parts to create your drawing. Lastly, if you can, build a prototype of your project to ensure that dimensions are proportional. (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.

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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   |



## Show and Tell From Our January 2009 Meeting



Last month, Past President, Andy Steinberg (above) was the proud recipient of a Letership bottle for his 3 years of service. Evan Hodges brought in some of his latest skateboard creations. Jim Francis (top right) contemplates if he can still ride of these boards. Evan (right) shows off a board made of Baltic birch laminates and a lightweight coating. Al Obst (below left) brought a fence mounted table saw “push stick” for a Shopsmith. He offered it to anyone in the Guild for a smile and a thanks. Yes, it was taken....immediately. (pictures by Don Hubbard and Mike Picasa)



### 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 7:30AM on WHRO, we can always find Norm and the New Yankee Workshop. 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.

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 airs 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.