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Tidewater Guild



Woodworkers

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Monday Eve 27 January 2003- The Virginia Beach Technical and Career Education Center- 2925 North Landing Road...for those visiting the first time-we are a mile south of the Virginia Beach Municipal Center/ the Princess Anne Rd intersection. Meeting time 7PM- the gate at the far (south) end of the facility should be open for you to park in the rear enclosure- just outside the carpenter shop area.
 Follow the scent...to where we hope to first meet over a cup of coffee-

Member John Moore, who you may recall joined the ranks of the national Society of American Period Furniture Makers a few years back...and who usually attends their annual get-together at Williamsburg every January- has offered to review his choice of joinery...using the increasingly popular biscuit joint...which enjoys "ratings" up there with mortise and tenons for strength and (hopefully) durability. John also finds the time and place for another "new" joinery - and will give us a rundown on where precision pocket hole drills are appropriate- those systems made popular by Kreg tools- and now widely offered by other manufacturers. And John - if you did attend this year's meeting of the American Furniture Makers - please give us a little trip report on what you saw and heard.

I'm sure many of you made a lot of sawdust this past month as you crafted gifts for the holiday seasons...if they didn't all get sent off to

granddaughters - or are on the order of "too big to lug in" ... I hope you might "borrow" one of your gifts for the evening to bring in for Show and Tell. We really enjoyed seeing the masterpiece rocking horse that Gene George brought in - one of almost a half-dozen he had on his "to do" list for last Christmas...if any of you have either plans- or a reference for your blueprint- would you consider sharing that with the club?

I made a lot of small boxes as gifts for grandkids this past season- and while they are all over the country from Colorado, Massachusetts, and both North and South Carolina - I can share some techniques for small box joinery that I used - if there is interest and if we have time.

I'm pretty sure that Tony Pawlowsky, the cabinetmaking instructor at the Tech Center, has resumed his classes for the year - and would appreciate any members donating an hour or two from time to time during his morning sessions. Give him a call- 647-7336 on his cell phone during working hours -up till 5PM- or look for him at our meetings to see where your volunteer effort might be appreciated.

Every year- this time- I make a plug for feeding the birds...Not that I'm an ornithologist (?)...I can only tell the male cardinal from the female that nests in my holly tree out back- but they are fun to watch and easy to attract in front of your

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breakfast table. As I point out every year- woodworkers can pick up free scrap cedar- Canadian/Western/Red from the many fence building companies here in Tidewater...Look up a couple of them under "Fencing" in the Yellow Pages- give them a call and ask if they have any foot long scraps of their 1 x 4 or 1 x 6 fence cutoffs available for the asking. Let them know you're thinking of making bird feeders/houses or mailboxes for the neighbors- and not building crab pots (where you'll find competition for those cutoffs). If you mount your feeder on a 1-1/2 inch piece of pipe...you may have to wipe it down with Crisco and a paper towel once a week to keep the raiding squirrels away!

The Club's alignment tools - the A-Line It and flat plate, for trueing up your saws, planer/jointer, drill press, etc., and our moisture meter should be available for "lend lease" this month... Just remember to bring our "club tools" back to our meetings for the next borrower.

And one last note -to keep us interested and keep you involved...if any of you got a "neat tool" as a gift (or you treated yourself to that ..."wish I had one") - and it's not a stationary 220 volt power guzzler...wish you'd bring it an and extol its virtues - or let us know that it's not all up to what you expected!

This is short- because time is of the essence- Hope to see you - and a few new faces - Monday eve.

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~ ***Shop at our Friends*** ~

Plywood and Plastics-Norfolk
Sure Set Saw -Chesapeake
Blue Ridge Hardwoods-Va Beach

The representative from the TiteBond glue company sent us a sample kit of their new HiPURformer Advanced Bonding Kit. This kit involves an applicator which gets plugged in like a hot glue gun- - And according to their rep- it's just as appropriate for small pieces -as for fancy furniture - because you can avoid the use of clamps. And it sets up quickly - they claim joints can be stressed in less than an hour. This kit was mailed to us for our club demo and then some feedback comments. Again- if we have the time- we'll give it a chance to show its stuff during the meeting. I've since seen these Tite Bond kits selling for around \$100...so they are going to have to demonstrate a lot of advantages to prove its worth over a \$5.00 bottle of their own yellow glue and the multiple assortment of clamps that we have acquired over the years. Whatsay???

Keep It With the Grain...

PS...Visit our web page...www.twwwg.com - and look over some of the nice pieces some of our members have on display. If you have a tool to sell- or a pic or WW tip to share- email it in to member Ed Bunker, our webmeister.
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