

# Tidewater Woodworkers Guild



## Notes from the Wood House

Greetings all! A belated Happy New Year to everyone.

I hope that 2007 is a healthy and prosperous new year for all fellow guild members, past, present and future, and for their families.

Hopefully, the gift gnomes were good to everyone and there were shiny new additions to everyone's shop. I am still looking for reviews and shop tips each month for the newsletter. Ed Bunker, Pat Taylor, Bob Fred and Cliff Atkinson have been great contributors thus far. I hope a few others will submit an article.

We have a new program with Woodcraft. On page 2, you can find all the de-

tails. One recommendation—pay your dues soon to take advantage of the new program

A few months ago, the program committee met to start planning the meeting programs for this up and coming year. We tentatively have programs planned for the next 6 months.

There has been a request to post the meeting programs. At this time, we are going to refrain from posting the meeting subject for more than 2 months because situations can change.

Bret Lancaster, our Vice President, is looking for assistance for someone to assume the responsibilities as the training coordinator. John Moore, the previous

chairman, had to step down. If you are interested, please contact Bret for further details.

### Wood Chips

With the winter finally starting to make an appearance, Andy Westrich is hoping to start milling logs again on weekends. Over the past year, a few of us have made the venture to his friend's Ocean View site to assist in the log cutting. It has been a good time and a great learning experience. And, the wood that is milled is for sale for a nominal fee.

If you are interested in venturing out one morning and honing your lumberjack skills, please contact Andy or myself about the next milling session.

## January 2007

### Next Meeting

January 22, 2007  
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

Bret Lancaster 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 Bret.

### January

Guest Presenter  
Mr. Rick Bush  
Festool's  
Representative

### February

Guest Presenters  
Bob Waddell  
&  
Myron Curtis  
3-legged Stool Turning

### The Executive Board

Andy Steinberg	President/Editor	624-9151
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Bill Hoffman	Secretary	420-7087
Gene George	Treasurer	499-7281
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## Happy New Year from the Membership Chair!

Hello fellow woodworkers! I have a feeling this year at the Tidewater Woodworkers Guild is going to be even better than last year. I know you have all heard of "strength in numbers", and we have an opportunity to grow even stronger than we were last year. Our membership dues are still at an ultra low \$15 a year! Nowhere have I gained so much woodworking info and answers for a mere \$15! And then add the opportunity for new friends and camaraderie coupled with our monthly meetings and Newsletters ... nowhere can you get this much for so little. So talk to those in your neighborhood and your friends at work and invite them to come to our monthly gathering.

I know there are other benefits of being a member of the Tidewater Woodworkers Guild and I am sure there will be a few new member discounts this year. Most of the discounts will require a 2007 Membership Card; so make sure I can read the Membership Application when you fill it out. The best way to fill out the Membership Application is right on your computer! Just go to [www.twwwg.com](http://www.twwwg.com) and the 2007 Membership Application is available right there on the "Home Page". You may need to download the **Adobe Acrobat Reader Version 7** first. That free download is also available from our Web Site, on the home page just below the Membership Application link.

Once you have the application filled out on line, go ahead and print it out and bring it to the January 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting with your \$15.00 check made out to TWWWG. If you are unable to make it to the January meeting, simply mail the application and the check to

Ed Bunker, Membership Chair

PO Box 8955

Virginia Beach, VA 23450-8955.

This address is also on the bottom of the Membership Application form.

If your friend or neighbor does not have a computer, simply go back to the application and fill it out and print it for them ... or you can simply print out a blank form and have them fill it out and bring it to the meeting or mail it to me.

I'll make up the 2007 Membership Cards from the applications and forward them to President Andy Steinberg for signature. Andy will have them for distribution at the February meeting. So don't wait ... get your application and dues turned in as soon as possible so I can get your Membership Card done. Remember, if you cannot make the meeting in January, mail the application and dues check to me.

Oh yes! Gene George, our Treasurer, asked me to remind everyone to use a check if at all possible when paying your Membership dues. It really helps move the line along at the January meeting and minimizes errors. We had 87 members at the close of 2006! Gene and I will be there at WoodCraft early, like 6:15 PM to collect dues and Membership Applications so the meeting can start on time at 7:00 PM. Appreciate your cooperation. Thanks!

Wishing you all the best and success in the New Year!

Ed Bunker, TWWWG 2007 Membership Chair

## New Club Program

We have new program with the Norfolk Woodcraft store.

Beginning on the January 22<sup>nd</sup> club meeting date, the following discount program will be offered:

A 10% discount will be given to all club members in good standing. This discount does not include power tools, Festool, Leigh Products or special orders. This discount can not be used with any other sale promotion. The discount will be offered from 6:00PM until the registers are closed on the regular monthly meeting. All club members will be asked to show their membership cards to receive this discount. This program will replace the club rebate program that has been offered in the past.

Dues paid in 2006 can utilize the discount through March 1, 2007.

## 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.

Sure Set Saw 13% Discount

Chesapeake (757) 420-7991

Cabinet Makers Hardware

Virginia Beach (757) 490-1185

Plywood & Plastics

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 November Meeting



Frank Pogue (above left) brought in a wooden man that would dance on a board when the board is tapped with a stick. Pat Taylor (below left) shows off a bank that he created from an old post office box. If anyone is interested in creating one of these banks, please contact Pat for the source of the mailbox door. Bruce Helfrich (above right) brought in a cabinet door created from remnants of hardwood flooring. Both Bob Malloy and Bob Fred had items as well. Unfortunately, the pictures did not have enough clarity to be reproduced.. Many thanks to Adrian Marshall for the pictures.



### Woodworking Web Sites of Interest

[Free-Woodworking-Stuff.Com](http://Free-Woodworking-Stuff.Com) - An awesome collection of free woodworking books, catalogs, charts, plans, software, tool sweepstakes, and other woodworking stuff.

[Free woodworking plans](#) - The Woodworking Plan Finder has tons of free plans arranged by category

#### The Footulator—Your Basic Board Foot Calculator

[www.woodbin.com/calcs/footulator.htm](http://www.woodbin.com/calcs/footulator.htm)

Here is a bare-bones board foot calculator for tallying up lumber requirements. Just enter your desired thickness, width, length, and quantity and it will compute board feet and total board feet. If you want something a little more elaborate that can also produce a materials list, check out the Tabulator.

## Wood'n You Like To Know

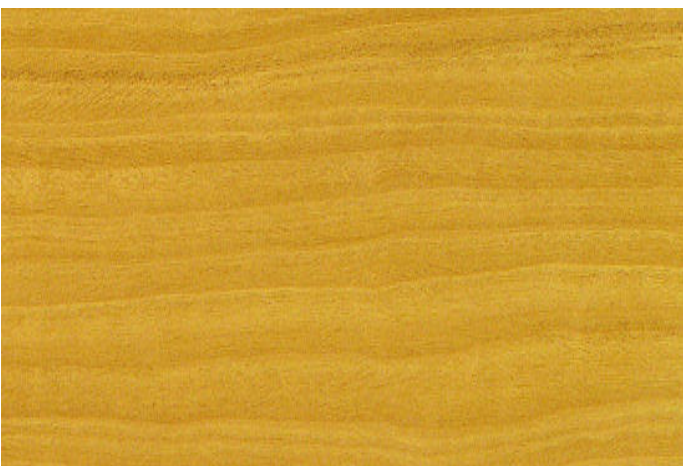
Each month we will feature some general information about a wood that you saw in the stores or heard about in conversation but maybe you never took the time to inquire about the wood. If there is a wood you wish to see featured, please contact me and let me know.

A future class being taught at Woodcraft utilizes a wood that has an incredible look to when finished. This wood is called satinwood.

Satinwood is a dense and hard wood that is primarily utilized for decorative purposes. The wood itself comes from 2 different tropical trees. One species is the East Indian or Ceylon satinwood. Its wood is a light to golden color that can darken to a light brown. The other species can be found in the Florida Keys and parts of the West Indies. This species, also known as yellowwood, is superior to the Ceylon type because of its golden yellow luster when finished.

Although both species come from different parts of the world, both share similar properties. They both have interlocking grain with dark veins that can check if dried too quickly. Because of the grain hardness, the wood will dull an edge. It is recommended that when hand planing, use an angle of 15 degrees. These woods are difficult to glue. And, when nailing or using screws with this wood, it is best to pre-drill.

Because of the satin-like sheen that this finished wood will produce, it is predominantly used for decorative purposes. One use of the wood is marquetry. As mentioned, satinwood is utilized for furniture. With fine figured grain, satinwood is highly prized for its veneering capabilities and usage for musical instruments. Also, this wood is excellent for turning and is often used for tool handles, brush backs, bobbins, and fancy products.



## Program Highlights from the November Meeting



Bob Waddell (above) shows his technique for turning two halves for a clock molding using brown paper to separate the halves once completed the turning. Myron Curtis (below) demonstrates the turning of bun feet.

