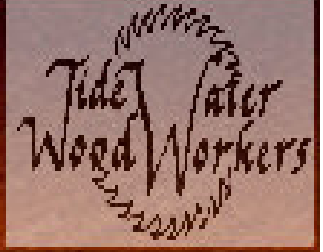


Tidewater Woodworkers Guild



Notes from the Wood House

Hello fellow woodworkers! Happy New Year to everyone and welcome to the 29th year of the Tidewater Woodworkers Guild!

I hope everyone had a great time over the holiday season and that the New Year finds you all healthy and safe. Let's hope 2009 makes us all a little more prosperous.

First of all I want to thank Andy Steinberg for his leadership, dedication and service while serving as our President for the past three years. He served us well and deserves our gratitude. Please offer him your personal thanks when you see him.

Now the bad news...it's tax time again, and time to collect our annual dues! Please see our Treasurer, Fred Olds, at our Monday night meeting, 26 Jan., to pay up. Checks should be made out to Tidewater Woodworkers Guild. Paying by check will make it much easier on Fred. Ed Bunker, our Membership Chairperson, will have

new membership cards available to anyone who pays up. Remember, you receive a 10% discount from Woodcraft on the evenings of our monthly meetings, so sign up and pay up!

Jim Francis, our VP and Programs Chairperson, has put together a great schedule for us this year and has many great ideas. He will be seeking volunteers to help him with presentations, demonstrations, etc.

Please offer your support and help our club by volunteering some time to pass on your knowledge and skills. Please talk to Jim about any ideas you might have for future topics.

Pat Taylor received an order of embroidered shirts, and will be available at the January meeting: the shirts are \$15 each... we got a "free shipping" order in over the holidays. So, if you ordered a shirt please see Pat.

Thank you to everyone who attended our holiday dinner at The Great Steak in December. It was very well attended and

everyone seemed to have a great time. Thanks again.

Here is a note we received from Wood Magazine:

WOOD Magazine is searching for good-looking shops, garages and workspaces for an upcoming special publication. This issue will include great ideas for home shops and garage upgrades including auto, woodworking, gardening, and general DIY interests. Besides efficient and appealing shops, we're also looking for practical ideas about organizers, storage cabinets, workbenches, lighting, and flooring upgrades.

If you'd like your shop, or a friend's, to be considered for national exposure, send us some photos and a short write-up of what you did to make your shop look better and work harder. If you have "before" and "after" photos to share, that would be excellent, too! For more details visit woodmagazine.com/garageshop

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Next Meeting

January 26, 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.

January

Guest Presenter

Jim Frances

Wood

Selection & Preparation for
Your Next Project

February

Guest Presenter

To Be Determined

Band saw history, basics, operation, projects and jigs

The Executive Board

Bret Lancaster	President	631-0634
Jim Frances	Vice President	595-9041
Fred Olds	Treasurer	486-3862
Andy Steinberg	Past President	285-3575

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.

Shop Tips and Tidbits

Product Review—Painter's Pyramid

As wood workers we all have the same basic problem. How do we finish a project with multiple sides at the same time? Tack a small nail in a area that will not be seen and do a repair later, blocks, homemade supports that leaves a spot that needs a touchup, do it one side at a time?

The BEST solution I have found is the "Painters Pyramid". These are hard plastic cones that have a tiny bearing point that holds a large amount of weight while not being able to tell it was there. No touchup. They allow the air to completely go around the piece being supported for even drying and allows for potential drip spots to be seen before they become a problem. They come in a pack of 10 and for less than \$6.00 it is so affordable you need to pick up a couple at the same time. You won't realize how much you like them and use them until you run out. Stick them in a old coffee can and you will be in great shape.

They are on the left hand side wall of the store.

Note: This month, they are on special at Woodcraft.

Submitted by Ken Somerset

Shop Tip—Storage of Finishes and Paints during the Winter

Many of us take a break during the winter months because our shops are in the garage and the garage does not have heat. Most of us have a variety of finishes in our shop that do not sit well during the cold months. So, how do we store them in a manner that will preserve them through the winter?

We all know what happens if we carry them inside the house; they go right back into the garage—and usually, we go with them. The solution is a light bulb.

Find or purchase an extension cord. I would suggest one that is grounded. Purchase a plug-in light bulb socket attachment and add it to the end of the extension cord. Place a 25-40W bulb in socket.

Put your finishes in a drawer or storage cabinet and place the lit bulb in with the finishes. The bulb will produce enough heat over the winter time to preserve your finishes.

You do not need to store your thinners in this manner. However, if you bought shellac, lacquer or certain oil based finishes in the late fall, this method can help prevent the finish from freezing. The light bulb will not extend the shelf life as most lacquers have a 12 month shelf life once opened and most shellacs have a 6 month shelf life once opened.

PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT ALL YOUR FINISHES ARE IN CONTAINERS THAT ARE SECURELY CLOSED TO AVOID ANY HAZARDOUS MISHAPS.

Wood Chips and Other Shavings

Marc Adams Seminars

Thanks to the effort of Pat Taylor, we enjoyed an extremely informative weekend (Dec 5-7, 2007) with Marc Adams. The turnout exemplified that we should entertain other woodworking professionals for future demonstrations.

If you can think of anyone else you would like to see the Guild invite to Norfolk for a training/seminar, please contact Jim Francis.

Wood Cutting

Last March, members of the Guild assisted in the milling of about 1300 bd/ft of wood. The lumber was a mix of holly, beech, magnolia and white oak. Most of the lumber was cut to 5/4. Using the drying adage of an inch a year, if you stored and covered your wood outside, the wood should be usable in June.

For those of you that have a heated garage, attic storage, or the facility and were able to dry the wood inside, you should have some good lumber at this time to build that next project.

In conversation with Ben Weatherford, he checked his lumber recently and the moisture content with adjustment was about 9%. Unless you have access to a kiln, the moisture content will not get much better.

Wood Cutting—Part II

A few weeks ago, a few brave souls showed up at my shop to mill some oak logs. These logs were provided by a local tree-man. We hope to be obtaining more here in the future. The storage of the logs is free to me. The owner of the property asked if we could cut up some the old logs already on site for firewood.

Andy Westrich has access to a log splitter and Ron Stiffler has offered his chainsaw services. We are hoping to gather another crew to clean up this area for more log storage. Thus we are looking for a few volunteers. We are planning possibly for Saturday, January 24th or Sunday, January 25th.

E-mail me (Andy Steinberg) at patron300@cox.net or call me at 285-3575.

Bowl and Board Collaboration

Thanks to the joint efforts of our Guild and the Tidewater Turners, Heather Caillet's idea came to fruition.

The bowl and board combinations sold from \$50 to \$100 a pair. I am told that some members bought other members creations before the public had an opportunity to view and bid on the work.

The monies raised were distributed to the International Hunger Fund and the local Meals on Wheels Chapter. All told, we, the Turners and the Guild, raised over \$1000.00.

Program Highlights From Our November 2008 Meeting



President-elect Bret Lancaster and Bob Fred provided an informative overview on table saw maintenance. Bob explained the benefit of utilizing a micrometer and other measuring instruments to ensure proper saw alignment. (above right). Both Bob and Bret stresses that table saw maintenance on a regular basis is required for clean and straight cuts. Again, both presenters were emphatic about safety in the shop and using the table saw. (pictures by Mike Picassa and Adrian Marshall) Ed. Note: Sorry for the graininess.

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 November 2008 Meeting



In November, we, the Tidewater Woodworkers Guild presented the United States Marine Corp with another batch of handmade toys for the Toys4Tots program. Here are samples of everyone's creations.

Participants include Phil Cary, Don Hubbard, Ed Bunker, Richard Royals, Don Lancaster, Mal Powell, Frank Pogue, Gene George and David Lee. If I have missed anyone, my sincerest apologies. Thank you to everyone that participated and we look forward to the toy making for next year.

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 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.

