

# Tidewater Woodworkers Guild



## Notes from the Wood House

Hello woodworkers. This will be brief, as I have been having problems with my computer this week and just purchased a new system, and have been working today to get it up and running (Sunday 7/19).

I want to thank Pat Lester for volunteering to coordinate our Toys for Tots program this year. This is a very worthy event and if you are interested in participating, or have any ideas, please contact Pat.

Andy is always looking for articles for the news letter. If you have a new tool, or a new technique, you would like to tell people about, write an article and send it to Andy to include in our news letter.

I look forward to our presentation this month: dovetails. Jim will demonstrate how he makes hand cut dovetails, and Andy will demonstrate making dovetails with his Leigh jig. It promises to be a very

good night for learning various methods of making dovetails.

See you all at the meeting!

### Wood Chips

Woodcraft is having a their Anniversary Sale July 24 (Friday) & 25th (Saturday). All power tools are 10% off (some manufactures are exempt—check with the store for details); the rest of the store is 15% off (some manufacturers are exempt—check with the store for details).

There will also be some great demonstrations on Saturday. Please contact the store for details

Over the past few months, show and tell has been a bit lean. We have heard during the mingling hour on meeting nights about all the projects that folks are working on in their shops. How about showing off your work, even if it is a work-in-progress?

Our apologies go out to Fran Foster. Fran bought items in for Show and Tell in April and May and was bumped both times due to that night's program running too long.

Fran, if you are attending this month's meeting and would like to bring your items, please let us know. We will make sure you get your due diligence.

Last month's demonstration by Dean Derby on caning seemed to spur some interest throughout the Guild. This past Sunday's Virginian-Pilot also had article about a local woman who does caning.

If this craft appeals to enough folks in the Guild, perhaps we could develop a class for those who are interested. Please let Jim Francis or Ed Bunker know if you would be interested in learning this craft.

## July 2009 Issue

### Next Meeting

**July 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](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.

July	August
Guest Presenters	Guest Presenters
Jim Francis	Karl Bogott
Gary Scott	Pat Taylor
Andy Steinberg	Andy Steinberg
Dovetailing	Bowls and Cutting Boards

## The Executive Board

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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](mailto:patron300@cox.net).

## Shop Tips and Tidbits

As most of you know, anyone in the Guild is welcome in my shop as well as friends. Recently, a friend of mine came by to assist me in building a vanity. One of the boards that we needed was a bit warped. I show my friend how to use my jack plane to slowly flatten the board.

He seemed to be enjoying himself planing the board by hand. While he was working on the board, I had to run out to get some material. My mistake.

My friend decided that the blade in the plane was getting dull. Not knowing that I use the "Scary Sharpening" method with sand paper, a Veritas Sharpener and a plate of glass (all these components were on the bench), my friend assumed that I utilized a bench grinder.

You guessed it; he put his version of a sharp edge on my blade. It took me almost an hour to re-sharpen the blade.

I did my best to not commit any criminal acts. More importantly, I went into detail and demonstrated to my friend my preferred method of sharpening my plane blades and chisels. To emphasize my preference, I pointed out to him that I had even written the angle to which the sharpener was to be set when honing the blade.

I shared this story with Steve Houmis at Woodcraft. He offered some sage advice: **never share your hand tools or your spouse with anyone.**

Submitted by Andy Steinberg

## Tool Review

### WOODRIVER BRASS ROUTER INSERTS

Looking for a way to spend some of the economic stimulus money you received? Well let me tell you about the WOODRIVER BRASS ROUTER INSERTS. First, they come in a very nice wooden box( something all Guild members will appreciate).

Next is the quality, solid brass, very strong and durable. Compared to the plastic ones, well there is no comparison. Cost, well you will be happy to know that you get the complete set from Wood Craft cheaper than you can buy a cheaper set from one of the big box stores. Trust me I checked and found them to be so much more than anyone else offers. I even checked the catalogs and got them cheaper and did not have to pay the added shipping.

Now that should have you lined up to get them as with the extra savings you can pick up some additional must have items to make the shop complete. ( if it is ever complete) . If that is not enough you will get the BEST service possible from the staff at Wood Craft.

Submitted by Ken Somerset

## June 2009 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order on 6 / 22 /09, at 7 pm by the President, Bret Lancaster

After introductions and recognition of new faces the following announcements were made:

- Andy Steinberg gave guidelines for anyone wanting to offer trees to be cut as to time frame to notify him, diameter, and lengths to be cut, etc.
- Shawn Nystrom has surplus tools and equipment for sale. He also talked about up coming woodworking shows
- Bill Caillet talked about Made in the USA tool sales coming up and other events.
- The Wood Magazine Photo Project contest was also discussed
- It was agreed that our Christmas Party would again be at the Grate Steak

Jim Francis announced the following programs up coming:

July--- Jim Francis, Andy Steinberg & Gary Scott on Dovetails

August --- Andy Steinberg, Pat Taylor & Karl Bogott on Board & Bowl plans

President Bret Lancaster introduced the featured presenter

**Presenter: Dean Derby** – **Program: Chair Canning,**

Demonstrated tools needed

Soak cane in water mixed with a small amount of glycerin

Techniques for canning

### **Show and tell projects:**

Frank Pogue, doll furniture from a band saw

Don Lancaster, wooden train from a 2x4

**Old Business-** none

**New Business.** - Pres. Bret asked for a volunteer to coordinate the toys at Christmas

Project, Pat Lester volunteered

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8PM.

Submitted

Adrian Marshall / Secretary

## Program Highlights From Our June 2009 Meeting



At the June meeting, Dean Derby enlightened the Guild on the art of caning. Dean is self taught and explained that the materials are relatively inexpensive. However, Dean did note that you must be patient when working with your materials and ensure that the caning materials are kept moist to facilitate working with the product. (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 June 2009 Meeting



Last month, Frank Pogue brought in another of his chair puzzles. What is amazing is the number of pieces that he can create from a small block of wood. Frank did note that he has to write the instructions on the assembly and disassembly of his puzzles, otherwise it's an all-day affair trying to remember how this puzzle goes back together (above right and left). Our transplanted toy-making elf Don Lancaster shows off his latest creation for the Toys for Tots program (below right). Don's train is crafted from a single piece of scrap 2 X 4. The paint is non-toxic. (photos 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.

Recently, WHRO has stopped broad casting the New Yankee Workshop on Channel 15. But if you have digital cable and receive 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).

On Saturdays now, the Woodsmith Shop is broadcasted on Channel 15 at 8:00AM

At 3:30PM on Saturday, the New Yankee Workshop is broadcast on the North Carolina PBS. This is followed by the Woodwright's Shop at 4:00PM.

The Discovery Channel now carries a show called Extreme Loggers on Wednesday nights at 8PM and 9PM.

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

