

Tidewater Woodworkers Guild



Notes from the Wood House

Greetings All! A belated Happy Father's Day to all Dads—woodworkers and all. So, what kind of new toys did everyone get for Father's Day. If women can say that they never have enough jewels, then a woodworker can say that they have enough tools.

If anyone is looking for a good price on cordless drivers and attachments, please look at the Ryobi models. Ryobi has introduced a new line and is discontinuing an old line of tools. Therefore, there some good prices.

For example, a neighbor of mine was able to acquire an 18V driver/drill, 7 1/4" circular saw, radio, flashlight, battery and battery charger for \$59.00 at one of the big box stores. And, he was also able to purchase 2 batteries for another \$39.00. something that works.

Wood Chips

I have received an e-mail from a lady that has recently taken down a black walnut tree. Unfortunately, most of it has been cut into smaller pieces. She has sent pictures of the tree and there appears to be good lumber, but the lumber is not free. And, it will need to be milled.

If you are interested in the lumber, please contact me and I will e-mail you the pictures and the contact information.

If you ordered a TWWWG shirt at the April meeting, and have not been able to get your shirt, Pat will have your shirt at the June meeting. The cost of the shirt is about \$17.00.

For those who are still interested in purchasing a shirt, Pat Taylor will possibly be making one final order for shirts for the year.

And, yes, we have a few

TWWWG hats left for sale. The cost is \$12.00 per hat. Please contact me at the next meeting or at home if you are interested.

I was able to speak to Doc Shoop recently. He has been under the weather of late. He hopes to be feeling well enough to visit us at the next meeting.

Capt'n Fred Olds has been diligently working with some of the woodworking magazines for special pricing for some of their annual editions. It seems that he has a good opportunity for guild members. At our next meeting, Fred hopes to have all the details and costs.

If you have paid your dues, but you have not received your membership card, please see me before the June 23rd meeting starts if you want to take advantage of the discount at Woodcraft.

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Next Meeting

**June 23, 2008
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

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 Lancaster.

June
Guest Presenter
Jack Spillane
Coloring Wood

July
Guest Presenter
Steve Houmis
Using Shellac

The Executive Board

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Shop Tips—Shop Safety Tips

Woodworking Shop Safety 10 Safety Tips to Post in Your Shop

- 1) **Think Before You Cut** – The most powerful tool in your shop is your brain, use it. Thinking your cuts and movements through before acting can help save both fingers and scrap wood.
- 2) **Keep a Clean Shop** – A cluttered shop is an accident waiting to happen. Keeping your shop clean will help protect you, and your tools, from tripping hazards.
- 3) **Avoid Distractions** – Pay attention to your actions. Looking up to watch the shop TV or visitor can result in your hand contacting the blade. Always wait until you have completed your cut before you take your eyes off the blade.
- 4) **Don't Rush** – Keep in mind that this is just a hobby for most of us and take a break when you feel rushed or frustrated with a project. Mistakes happen when we rush to complete a job.
- 5) **Don't Force It** – If your saw is resisting the cut, stop and see what's wrong. A misaligned rip fence or improperly seated throat plate can sometimes cause a board to get stuck in mid cut. Forcing the board in these situations may cause kickback or contact with the blade. Take a moment to evaluate the situation and determine the problem.
- 6) **Protect Yourself** – Wearing the proper shop protection is an important part of safe tool operation. Goggles, Ear Protection, and Lung Protection should be used when operating tools. Use push sticks when working close to the blade and make sure the tool's safety features are in place.
- 7) **Let the Tool Stop** – Giving the power tool time to wind down after a cut is an often-overlooked safety mistake. Even without power, the spinning blade can still do a lot of damage.
- 8) **Fumes and Dust** – Solvent fumes and airborne dust can present health and explosion hazards. Care should be taken to ensure a supply of fresh air and use only explosion proof vent fans.
- 9) **Wear Appropriate Clothing** – Loose or frayed clothing or hair can get caught in power tools and cause severe injury.
- 10) **No Alcohol** – Too many woodworkers have been injured because Alcohol clouded their judgment. Avoid their mistakes and wait until after you're done in the shop.

Compliments of Ed Bunker—Many thanks for the contribution.

Shop Tip— For those of you that enjoy the sugar free drink mixes that come in those little plastic tubs, save the tubs after you have made your drink. Then, rinse the tub clean, unless you want your glue colored. These little containers are perfect for holding a small amount of glue that requires application by brush.

Wood'n You Like To Know

Each month we feature some 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.

Whenever the Guild has had an opportunity to cut wood, we always seem to be asked “When are you going to cut some black walnut?” Because of the inquiries, this month's featured wood is black walnut.

Black Walnut has become one of the most famous and unique species of all North American hardwoods. Because large defect-free trees of exceptionally good form were once common, the wood became prized for furniture, paneling, novelties, and many other items. It is primarily found throughout the Eastern United States but trees can be located in the Midwest from Texas to Minnesota.

The black walnut normally grows to about 80 feet in height with a 2 – 3 foot diameter. When the settlers landed 4 centuries ago, they found some trees with heights of 150 ft and 8 ft diameters. These size trees are rare today.

Black Walnut is known for its rich brown color when finished. The sapwood is a pale yellow to almost white that makes for an interesting contrast for those who use the sapwood in their work. When black walnut is milled, initially, the heartwood has light brown green color. As the wood dries, the heartwood turns to a gray-brown color. Once finished, the lumber demonstrates why it is highly sought after for its dark brown color and lustrous grain pattern.

Black Walnut is moderately heavy and hard with good strength characteristics. The lumber is reasonably easy to dry and has moderate shrinkage. It machines well but when using hand planes, make sure your blades are sharp. The grain pattern can cause tear out with a dull plane.

Due to its versatility, black walnut is incorporated into all facets of woodworking. We consistently see it in fine furniture, veneers, office paneling and antique furniture reproductions. Wood tuners love burlled black walnut for highly decorative bowls. Surprisingly, years ago, black walnut was used for the floors in hay lofts because of its resistance to rot.



Program Highlights From Our May 2008 Meeting



Last month's meeting featured Steve Houmis of Woodcraft. Steve delivered an informative presentation on the use of sprayers. With all the changes and questions regarding HVLP (high volume, less pressure) spray guns, Steve gave an up-to-date analysis of some new spray guns that have been introduced on the market that requires a smaller compressor than previous HVLP spray guns.

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
Plywood & Plastics	
	Norfolk (757) 858-3908
Scroll-it Service	
	Portsmouth (757) 237-6867
Sherwin Williams Paint	15% Discount
	All stores in Hampton Roads

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.

On the DIY channel, the New Yankee Workshop is on Friday night, Saturday morning, Saturday night and Sunday morning. Either before or after, Wood Works hosted by David Marks is broadcast. Check your cable or satellite listing for the exact time and program details. There has been some great presentations of late.

There is a new addition to the Saturday morning line-up on WHRO (Channel 15) - the Woodsmith Shop. This program now airs at 8AM after the New Yankee Workshop. Sponsored by Woodsmith magazine, these programs appear to offer a variety of techniques on using various woodworking tools. The programs is presented by a group of woodworkers from the Midwest.

If you want more information regarding upcoming episodes, visit their website at www.woodsmith.com.

Show and Tell From Our May 2008 Meeting



No, Bill Calliet of Woodcraft is not demonstrating the new procedure for checking out at his store (above left). Bill was providing an overview on the seminars that David Marks will be presenting at Woodcraft in October. Martin Carter (top right) brought in his latest creation, a Chippendale mirror that he crafted. Corey Larson (below right) displayed his follow-up from last month, his hand carved sign that he painted and gilded for his wife.

Welcome Back Bill Hoffman! (below left) Many of you have asked about the whereabouts of Bill. He came to visit last month and we hope to see him on a regular basis at our meetings.

