

Tidewater Woodworkers Guild



Notes from the Wood House

Hello woodworkers, and welcome to summer. I sure hope all of you are all getting more woodworking accomplished than I am this year. The MBA classes I'm taking keep me so busy that I don't have the time to consider making sawdust. Every once in a while I'll take a break from studying and sneak into the shop just to smell the wood and try to get my "wood fix." It usually doesn't last long though before she's out there reminding me that I have homework to finish and that it's not getting done while I'm in the shop. So, I look forward to our "show & tell" this month, and hope many of you will bring in some of your projects to share with us.

How is your equipment holding up through all the humidity we've experienced the past few weeks. It may be time to check your cast iron tabletops and perform some preventative maintenance to help pre-

vent any rust from developing. I understand last month's presentation by member Shawn Nystrom went very well and that there were many questions asked and answered. I want to thank Shawn for stepping up and sharing his electrical experience and knowledge with us, and for covering some basic electrical theory and shop wiring safety.

We are looking for a couple of volunteers to coordinate the Toys for Tots program and to arrange our annual holiday dinner. Please see either Jim Francis or myself if you are interested in either of these.

Andy Steinberg is looking for help. To have a professional looking newsletter we need articles and/or photos to fill up blank spaces. I know all of you have some tool, new or used, or maybe even a jig or fixture you've made, that you like to talk about. Well, write

about instead, and send an email or letter about it to Andy, so he can put it in our newsletter, and fill in those blank areas.

Jim is in the process of putting some classes and presentations together and can always use some help. Please see him with any ideas you may have, or if you would like to volunteer to be a presenter at one of our meetings. Remember, the main purpose of our Guild is for us to share information and knowledge with woodworkers. Please help us do that by volunteering to be an instructor or presenter.

See you all at the meeting!

Wood Chips

Phil Cary is home and recuperating quite well. According to Phil, he has lost some weight and cannot wait to get back in the shop. And, I think his wife cannot wait for him to leave the house.

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Next Meeting

**June 22, 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.

| June | July |
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| Guest Presenter | Guest Presenters |
| Dean Derby | Jim Francis |
| Techniques in Caning | Gary Scott |
| | Andy Steinberg |
| | Dovetailing |

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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.

Shop Tips and Tidbits

Outdoor Furniture

Recently, I was asked if I could repair a porch swing and a piece of lawn furniture for a friend of mine who lives at the beach. She told me that she bought the items at a craft show and she really wanted to save them if possible.

Upon inspection, I informed her that pine 2 X 4's are not the best wood to utilize for out door furniture. I did what I could but explained to her that she would be better having them reproduced out of a wood more conducive for the outdoors. She said thanks but declined.

I am sure that many of you have been asked to build plenty of items for inside people's home. You know that request always comes up when someone finds out you have some sort of wood-working skill. But what about the porch or backyard?

First, invest in a wood that is water resistant. Teak is great but unless you have a great stash or won the lottery recently, your creation may be a bit expensive. Cypress is a great wood for your outdoor projects and it is relative inexpensive. For those of you that found out about the scrap lumber when the *Schooner Virginia* was completed, Angelique weathers the storms around here quite well. White oak has some good durability in the Tidewater elements and presents a good look. Pressure treated wood can be a good selection, but you have to be careful about what chemical the wood was treated with during the process.

Ok, so you now have decided on your plans and the wood is selected. What are your plans for holding your project together? For the classic woodworker, tenons, pegs and dowels can make for interesting joinery. Some of you use screws or nails. Any of the methods are fine, but make sure you implement waterproof glues or resins if you are not utilizing metal hardware. For those of you that are utilizing metal hardware, look into brass or stainless hardware. Remember, some hardware is iron based, therefore overtime rust or metal stains will develop on the wood. If you choose a glue, make sure it is waterproof. Some glues, even after they set up, can become water soluble when wet.

Once you have your project completed, now comes time for the finish. One could write a book on all the different options to try. A recommendation for those who decide to stain—use a stain that has some sort of UV finish. Regardless of what stain you use, if the product stays out side in the sun, it will fade. An option that I have used to finish some outdoor projects has been teak oil. As always, follow the directions. Interestingly, after a few years and the object has faded, I clean the item with a power washer. After the object dries, I re-apply the oil and piece looks almost new.

Certain lacquer and polyurethane finishes work well for a few years, but if an item is left outside in the elements long enough, the finish will fade and crack. Whatever the finish and project, as Jim Francis said in a previous meeting, make sure you do your homework before you start.

Submitted by Andy Steinberg

May 2009 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order on 5 / 27/2009, at 7 pm by the vice president, Jim Francis.

Jim announced future programs for the summer.

June --- Dean Derby on Chair Caning,

July--- Jim Francis , Andy Steinberg & Gary Scott on Dove-tails

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

After a short introduction and recognition of new faces, Jim introduced the featured presenter.

Presenter Shawn Nystrom – Shop Electricity

Measuring Electricity

Types of Shop Lighting

Four Types of Shop Motors

Types of Electrical Outlets, Cable and Wiring for Your Shop (important, have you checked your electrical outlet boxes for saw dust?)

Show and tell projects: none

Old Business: none

New Business: none

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9PM

Submitted

Adrian Marshall / Secretary

Shop Tips and Tidbits

This time of year, we find ourselves in the shop quite a bit more to hone our skills; or in some cases, to hide from the “honey-do” list. Whatever your excuse is, take advantage of the opportunity and take a few precautions.

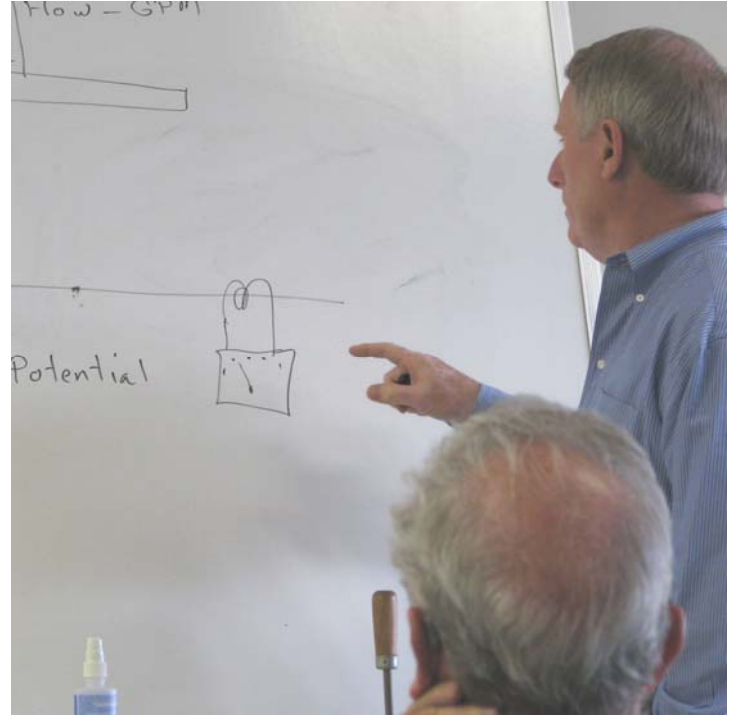
If you have wood that you acquired from one of our millings or another endeavor, now would be a good time to restack the lumber to obtain a more evenly dried board.

Take a few moments and verify that you are storing any combustible products as per the manufactures directions. With the heat around here in the summer time, items not properly stored can be an accident waiting to happen.

If you are using a stain or finish that you are wiping on and off your project with a rag, please properly dispose of the rag. Some finishes are prone to combust when stored tightly.

Remember, Shop safety is rule #1.

Program Highlights From Our May 2009 Meeting



At the May meeting, Shawn Nystrom delivered an informative presentation on the methods of properly wiring your workshop. Shawn discussed the different ways to set-up your shop for maximum efficiency. According to the rumors of the members are still stumped that there is math involved. (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.

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| 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 | |

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 8:00AM on WHRO, we can find Norm and the New Yankee Workshop at his new time. 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.

Also, if you get 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).

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.

There is no Show and Tell section in this month's newsletter due to lack of participation. Editor