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Monthly Meetings
4th Monday/month~ 7 PM

March 2004
Newsletter

We are looking at Spring '04 right in the face... hopefully, winter is in our rear-view mirror- at last. This is the time of year to open up the shop door and blow/sweep out the sawdust, put a drop of fine oil in the router bit bearings...rub down the jointer and saw tops and put on a fresh coat of wax/finish. As I always open this season welcoming the arrival of our feathered friends as they start nest building, I suggest to fellow woodworkers that before you undertake all those magazine plans for garden gazebos and Adirondack chairs...to build a simple birdhouse or two -the red cedar cutoffs from the many fence builders in our area are usually free for the taking- often 12-18 inch scraps- most suitable and adequate for the task. Check the local yellow pages under "Fencing" and see if you can't pick up a few cutoffs.

And while we are considering doing something for "the cause"...let me remind our membership of the request made by member Fred Olds at our last meeting-

Please help the American Cancer Society in cancer research by remembering to bring a toy or other woodworking item to our meetings -this coming Monday- 22 March -and again

at our 26 April meetings. Fred will collect them to raise money in support of the **Relay For Life** Cancer Program. While the actual event is 14-15 May, fund raising will be ongoing until completion of the event on 15 May. Items not sold between now and the 14th will be displayed for sale with a TWWWG banner in Fred's relay tent during the actual event. In between meetings, Fred can be contacted at 486-3862 or email < folds@exis.net >. This is a worthwhile cause - let's use our craft to raise funds for the fight for life!

Okay!... for those of you not "on-line"- who didn't get a chance to see the offer from our Woodcraft Store sponsor recently posted on our web site...(and by the way- the access to our Members Only page(s) is gained by our password- the word GUILD, spelled backwards. This protected area keeps casual web-surfers from accessing our membership email addresses - and opening up the door to more spam.)- Bill and Heather Caillet at the Woodcraft Store have set up a program for our club - along with Tidewater Turners group- whereby any and all purchases made at the local store can be credited to our club account. That is- by placing your store receipt in the TWWWG envelope at the register at the time of purchase- we, as

a club will receive 2-1/2 percent of the total purchases back as a rebate- up to \$250 worth of store merchandise each quarter...\$1000 over the year- to be used to benefit the club's woodworking/training efforts. There is no need to retain these receipts for warranty or claims with our store, as each purchase receipt is duplicated and on file at our local store -as well as at the Corporate HQ...your name, date of purchase and merchandise are a matter of record on file. I hope the membership will take advantage of this offer- we can decide as to what extent we might put our "earnings" - WW videos or books for our lending libraries...tools for sign out- or to defray the cost of bringing in a professional woodworker for a seminar.

Program-wise, here's an expression of thanks to John Moore who took on the task of filling-in at our February get-together when the Delta Tool Rep had to bow out at the last minute. A devotee of modern ways in woodworking- where they seem most compatible with his niche in building Period Furniture in fine walnut- John took us thru his bedside table under construction- using both biscuits and pocket screw joinery in lieu of the (Early American) tradition of mortise and tenon joinery. While we don't have a century of standing with this approach to compare to the originals... every measure made to test the strength of these new joinery techniques indicates we are not giving up one bit of structural integrity. Thanks for an interesting presentation, John...I hope you will share that table with us- when complete with its tung oil finish. By the way- for those of you who haven't dropped in on our web page recently- there are several shots of John's work recently

posted...that's a handsome hobby horse and a pretty cute rider, John. Our only Show and Tell item was a multi-purpose sawing jig put together by Gene George...his design serves more than just as a taper jig...it can be aligned to straighten stock edges not yet ready for a jointer. Gene, if you would share that design with us in the form of a sketch- we'd like to add it to our plans library for member use.

Now for coming attractions- on the screen coming to a theater near you- this coming Monday nite (4th Monday- remember?) our meeting will feature one of the new woodworking magazines presented in motion pictures. Sort of like watching all the details that Norm Abram's show leaves out on Saturday morning TV. Jack Spillane will host this feature... and we hope there won't be a standing room only situation - what with all the new folks who joined us recently. We have added 20 new folding chairs to our arsenal- and for those that arrive early enough to pay this year's annual dues, we're serving popcorn during the show. (Just remember...we pick up after ourselves in the shop theater!)

Just as a filler- and because I must get this misile off in the (snail) mail to 30 some members not on-line- here's a posting for a familiar household "tool" with some uses not found on the label...post this in your partner's laundry room!

Protects silver from tarnishing
 Cleans and lubricates guitar strings
 Gets oil spots off concrete driveways
 Gives floors that 'just-waxed' sheen without making it slippery
 Keeps flies off cows
 Restores and cleans chalkboards
 Removes lipstick stains
 Looses stubborn zippers
 Untangles jewelry chains
 Removes stains from stainless steel sinks
 Removes dirt and grime from the barbecue grill
 Keeps ceramic/terra cotta garden pots from oxidizing
 Removes tomato stains from clothing
 Keeps glass shower doors free of water spots
 Camouflages scratches in ceramic and marble floors
 Keeps scissors working smoothly
 Lubricates noisy door hinges on vehicles and doors in homes
 Gives a children's play gym slide a shine for a super fast slide
 Lubricates gear shift and mower deck lever for ease of handling on riding mowers
 Rids rocking chairs and swings of squeaky noises
 Lubricates tracks in sticking home windows and makes them easier to open
 Spraying an umbrella stem makes it easier to open and close
 Restores and cleans padded leather dashboards in vehicles, as well as vinyl bumpers
 Restores and cleans roof racks on vehicles
 Lubricates and stops squeaks in electric fans
 Lubricates wheel sprockets on tricycles, wagons and bicycles for easy handling
 Lubricates fan belts on washers and dryers and keeps them running smoothly
 Keeps rust from forming on saws and saw blades, and other tools
 Removes splattered grease on stove
 Keeps bathroom mirror from fogging
 Lubricates prosthetic limbs
 Keeps pigeons off the balcony (they hate the smell)
 Removes all traces of duct tape
 I have even heard of folks spraying it on their arms, hands, knees,
 etc., to relieve arthritis pain.

One guy claims spraying it on fishing lures attracts fish. It "penetrates stuck bolts, lug nuts, and hose ends, and it cleans and removes love bugs from grills and bumpers!"

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 We hope you'll join us Monday eve at the upcoming meeting...for those new members and would-be members, if you have internet access, please check out our web page and the posting of your email address - to make sure we have it right. It's the only way to

assure you'll get your newsgram and any intermediate notices on line.

**F**inally- we should be ready to re-open our Lending Library again- Fred Olds picked up and delivered our workbench (which is in need of a little repair...any volunteers?) to the Woodcraft Store shop area. It contains the some 130 woodworking videos and the library listing and log for member's use. Please remind me to point out the access to both the VHS library as well as the books and plans we have available for lend-lease...it's free to the membership.

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Woodworking Hints- Making a Box Joint Jig

Accurate box joints are relatively easy to make with a simple table saw jig and a stacked dado. ~

To make the jig start with a 12"- 16" piece of hardwood or plywood to act as a fence and a hardwood guide strip the desired thickness of the fingers. First rip the guide strip from a freshly jointed piece of hardwood. Rip a strip about 12" long and then cut this strip into three pieces. The extra pieces will be used later to help layout the joint.

Mount the stacked dado in the saw and make a test cut. With dado shims adjust the width of cut so the guide strip fits the test cut. You want a joint that is tight but can still be assembled with only hand pressure. Place a short auxiliary cutoff fence on your table saw's rip fence and set it 3" to 4" from the blade, then using the saw fence as a stop, place two thicknesses of the guide strip against your rip fence and slide the jig fence over until it touches the guide strips.

Screw the fence to your miter gauge and plow a dado through the fence. Remove the screws from the miter gauge and slide the fence over until it touches the rip fence without the two guide spacers. Reattach the fence to the miter gauge and plow a second dado through the fence.

Remove the miter gauge (with attached fence) from the saw and attach a short length of the guide strip into the first dado with glue and a screw. By varying the length of the guide strip you can cut a single board or gang several boards together in making your box sides with neat finger joints. .

Monday eve -bring us a Show and Tell item (and your annual dues-\$15 check to Tidewater Woodworkers) till then-Keep it With the Grain Pat/ed

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