

Tidewater Woodworkers Guild



Notes from the Wood House

Hello fellow woodworkers. Is everyone enjoying the weather? I hope everyone weathered through our November Nor'easter and that little or no damage occurred.

How is everyone doing with their gift making this year? Thank you to all who have taken some extra time to make toys in support of the Marine Corp "Toys for Tots" program. We plan to present our toys at our November meeting. If you have any questions, please direct them to Pat Lester.

A special thanks again to Bob Waddell for all his efforts in coordinating a toy humvee building program for the Toys for Tots. He is still looking for volunteers to help in putting the final touches on about 50 more humvees.

Thanks to all who volunteered and made cutting boards for

our Board & Bowl collaborative with the Turners. We saw some outstanding creations last month, and enjoyed hearing of your "trials and tribulations" encountered during the building process.

Our Holiday Gathering is still in the works for the Grate Steak in December. Andy is coordinating this event and is still working out the logistics for December 14th. I look forward to seeing you there.

Woodcraft is sponsoring a visit by Rob Cossman on Friday and Saturday, November 20 and 21. He will give demonstrations in the store on Friday, and on Saturday he will give three seminars. There is still room for the seminars if you're interested.

Don't forget to bring in your show and tell items this month.

Wood Chips

It appears that the message has gotten out to our members. This month is the first time that there are more articles than space for the newsletter.

Thanks to those who submitted an article. Please do not be discouraged; if your article did not make the November issue, I can assure you that it will be used in a later issue.

With the holidays approaching, I am looking forward to a variety of articles for the 2010 newsletters.

The Home Depot on Military Hwy has a clearance section in the back of the tool department. As of Monday morning (11/16/2009) there was a large selection of Porter Cable Router Bits. Many of them had been reduced by at least 50%. The selection was good.

November 2009 Issue

Next Meeting

**November 23, 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

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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.

November

Guest Presenters

Chip & Relief Carving

Corey Larson

Yearly Show & Tell

December

Guest Presenters

Holiday Gathering

The Grate Steak

The Executive Board

Bret Lancaster	President	631-0634
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Andy Steinberg	Past President	285-3575

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.

Tool Review - Wood Slicer Saw Blade

I bought a 14" steel city saw and a 1/2" 3TPI blade for resawing. It did ok but it was noisy, dusty, and the cut surface wasn't that smooth. I lost a lot of material planing the surface smooth to where the board could be used in my project.

Highland Woodworking sent an email and they mentioned their Wood Slicer Bandsaw Blade. The article detailed the work that had been done to make this blade resawn friendly. So I ordered one (for \$30) to try it out.

This blade made resawing the easiest thing to do. My fence on the bandsaw is set up square to the blade so I could see how much drift there was when it was cutting. The blade went through the wood with no drift, no burning, very little noise, very little dust, and a surprisingly smooth surface. The blade has a 3-4tpi variable tooth design.

The teeth have uneven spacing to reduce vibration which also reduces the noise level. Each tooth is subjected to a precision grind to produce the sharpest teeth in the industry, with burr free teeth, improved waste removal, and resistance to resin buildup. The blade hardness is Rc65-67 on the face and cutting edge of the teeth. The blades are made out of carbon manganese spring steel that is 0.022 thick with minimal set and the back edges of the blade are also rounded and polished at the factory.

Some of the benefits that I found compared to the other blade that I was using was no blade drift, thinner slicing, faster feed rate, and a smoother cut surface, a great addition to my tooling.

Submitted by David Lyons

Tool Review - Drill Press Laser

I recently purchased a relatively inexpensive woodworking "gadget", but found it to be "almost worthless"

The "almost worthless" was a Drill Press Laser. Per the directions, I installed the device up on my drill press. It appears to only be accurate as long as the piece you are drilling is the same thickness as the thickness you originally set it up for in the beginning.

I set the laser for zeroing in on 3/4" stock, and it works fine if all of your work is 3/4". If you want to use a thicker or thinner piece of wood, the laser does not zero in to where the drill bit center will hit. In other words, it appears that it has to be reset each time you change the thickness of the stock you are drilling, which certainly reduces its usefulness to me.

Submitted by Ben Weatherford

Tool Review-The Original "Easydriver"

I know more than a few of you folks in the guild are having some trouble with hand operated screwdrivers in that you are dealing with arthritis and loosing strength and power to actually get the fasteners tight anymore. At times this problem is solved by reaching for that 18 volt battery operated power screwdriver. Yet this still takes considerable strength to operate without ruining the screw head you are trying to drive home! A 16 oz hammer is NOT the answer even though it would provide some measure of satisfaction!

Give "The Original Easydriver" an opportunity to actually allow you to apply 250% the turning power of the conventional screwdriver. "The Original Easydriver" is actually a ratcheting ball with a most efficient ratchet mechanism. I'm told there are 192 clicks in the ratchet assembly ball ...that's like more than one every 2°. The ball assembly distributes the pressure over the entire palm of the hand and the diameter of the ball provides unprecedented thrust and torque. To reverse the direction, should you ever have the need to unscrew something, simply pull off the ball and install the shaft into the opposite end of the ball. What could be simpler?

"The Original Easydriver" is not a new tool as it has been around for years, however the latest 2 1/4" ball Easydriver comes with three different shaft lengths: 7", 5 1/2", and the 3" to meet the need at hand. "The Original Easydriver" is a powerful addition to my screwdriver collection. Now combine this ratcheting system with a square drive bit with square drive screws and it is a combination that has every wood working assembly drawn up tight ... by hand!

I did a Google search on the ole "Interstate" for the Easydriver screwdriver and found it at <http://www.easydrivertool.com/> of all places! There is also a "gift set" available that includes a mini Easydriver ball with a 3/4" shaft in addition to the original size. The gift set runs about \$30. Guess what? It is even made in America by "Rocky Mountain Tools, Inc" in Utah! Isn't that special! With both sizes you can satisfy all your screwdriver needs!

Submitted by Ed Bunker



Show and Tell From The October 2009 Meeting



October 2009 Meeting Minutes

Tidewater Woodworkers Guild

Date Oct, 26, 2009

The meeting was called to order on 10/26/09, at 7PM by the president, Bret Lancaster.

After a short introduction and recognition of new faces, the following business was presented;

Bill Caillet announced plans for Nov. 21-22 with Rob Cosman at the Woodcraft store. Bill also talked about the anniversary sale on Nov. 6-7, inviting people to bring in their favorite woodworking project. There will be voting and prizes, with a \$200 gift card for the best project. There will also be a drawing for a \$200 gift card.

Bill encouraged members to get their cutting boards and bowls in by our Nov, meeting.

Pat Lester brought in the glued 2x4's for the Humvee Toys for Tots project. Bob Waddell discussed how to construct the Humvee's. All Toys for Tots are due at the Nov. meeting

Bret Lancaster brought in the new steel storage cabinet for club use, cost \$188

Jeff Biggs volunteered to manage the cabinet and organize the items.

Pat Taylor talked about a sale price for new shirts and hats, He is taking orders

Andy Steinberg reported our holiday party will be Dec 14 pending conformation by Grate Steak. Cost \$12-14 per person

Presenters & Program

Adrian Marshall, Basic Joinery

Fred Olds, Automatic Dell Biscuit Joiner

John Moore Application and tips for Furniture Joinery

Show and Tell projects

Corey Larson, David Lee, Jeff Biggs, Jim Francis, Tom Baucom
Cutting boards

Corey Larson – Reference board, Jeff Portzline – Moisture meter,

Carl Bogott - Antique tools, Dan Boltz -Antique table

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm

Submitted

Adrian Marshall / Secretary

Pictured starting at top right with cutting boards: Karl Bogott, David Lee, Jeff Biggs, Jim Francis and Tom Baucom. For show and tell, Corey Larson with reference board, Jeff Portzline with moisture meter; Mike Picassa with intarsia eagle; Dan Boltz with antique table.

Program Highlights From Our October 2009 Meeting



At the September meeting, John Moore (top left) brought in a side table crafted out black walnut. John was demonstrating the use of biscuit joinery. Adrian Marshall (top right) brought in his biscuit joiner for the discussion. And Capt. Fred Olds (middle left) demonstrated his Delta jointer that he utilizes in his woodworking. (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 changed the format again. The New Yankee Workshop is back on Channel 15 at 8AM. 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 & 8:00AM); Thursday (10:30AM, 4:30PM & 10:30PM); Friday (4:30AM).

WHRO has moved the WoodSmith to the Create Channel. It can be found at the following times: Tuesday (5:00PM & 11:00PM); Wednesday (5:00AM); Thursday (10:0AM & 5:00PM).

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.

If you know of any other shows or changes to existing shows, please let us know.

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 |