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Tidewater Woodworkers Guild



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Monthly Meetings
 4th Monday/month~ 7 PM

Summer has arrived...keep your saw and jointer tables waxed...today's sweat makes tomorrow's rust!
 That's enough shop advice for the time being.

A note right up front - before I forget to mention- we will be MEETING AT THE WOODCRAFT STORE at JANAF - 7 PM this Monday night - 28 June- and not at Pat Lester's shop as we planned at the last meeting...

Bob Waddell engaged our program presentation with Mark Gerlach, a local craftsman. He will talk on box making - as he makes multiple type boxes which he sells at craft shows, etc. Mark will most likely need the space and possibly some equipment set ups at the Woodcraft Store - so plan to join us "at the Usual Place"!

And...speaking of boxes - as we put forth the notion last month as we wrapped up our meeting- we have a Box Contest coming up at this meeting. When Sandy Smith walked us thru the basics of making bandsaw Boxes at the last session- we thought it would be fun to conduct a little Bandsaw Box session for the opening round of the June meeting. Any and all were invited to try their hand at making a box from a single block of wood - using a band saw the incentive will be a \$50 Woodcraft Store Gift Certificate we'll make out for "the Best of Show" award.

And - one more time- on boxes...we have received a query from a Ms. Sarah Radowsky, who wrote: "*I am looking for a craftsman who can make a small glass-top hinged keepsake box out of cherry wood. Do you know of anyone I might contact? Thank you. Sarah.*"

Should anyone of our members choose to accept the challenge, they may respond directly to her by email at:

<nittany.radkow@verizon.net>

Okay...enough on boxes....but I hope we have a few of you who will bring in your band saw box entry for show and tell - seeking that gift certificate!

Another name to toss out for interest comes from a phone call from Bill Johnston - who with a friend, is starting up a small business selling some interesting woods. Bill has some very nice Maple, both curly and birdseye- Birch, and Myrtle wood - a species we don't see growing back east. Oregon Myrtlewood -also known as Pepperwood, or Bay Laurel, is a broadleaf evergreen native to Southwestern Oregon and Northwestern California. From the Google search :(Oregon Myrtlewood became popular for making gift items back in the early 1900's. It is a hardwood which takes many finishes well. Oregon Myrtlewood possesses a wide variety of beautiful colors and grain patterns and is noted by many as being one of the world's most beautiful woods. The color of the wood is often influenced by the minerals in the soil where it grows which could be a factor in its popularity here on the Oregon coast. The colors range from blond to black with many shades of honey, browns, grays, reds and greens in between.)

Bill sells a lot of this wood thru eBay ...but will sell directly to clubs that might place "joint orders" from members...burl turning blocks are sold by the pound, and his kiln dried slabs are finished at 15/16" thickness. Those interested might join forces to place small bulk orders (to reduce overall shipping costs) - and may reach Bill as follows:
 Bill Johnston - 55023 Lee Valley Rd
 Coquille, OR. 97423
 (541) 572-2485

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You can take a look at various Myrtlewood samples at

< www.myrtlewoodgallery.com/what_is_myrtlewood.htm > where you can see examples of common, spalted, burl, Tiger, and Fiddleback Myrtle.

His samples at Ebay auction can be found by entering "Myrtlewood" in the search- and looking for his offerings under "billy_bob2fish".

Another contact came our way - from the folks at *MINWAX* - with an announcement of their new Clear Brushing Lacquers....described as "a clear, durable protective wood finish that combines the beauty of a traditional lacquer finish with the ease of brush application." Can be used over stained wood (and also metal)..."easy to use and fast-drying"..."recoat in two hours, with no sanding needed between coats." It is available in three sheens: Clear Satin, Clear Semi-Gloss and Gloss-in quart or gallon cans...as well as a Minwax Clear Aerosol Lacquer in a 12.25 oz. can. I thought this might be worth passing on- in that it might well be available at our Sherwin Williams/Norfolk Paint stores, where dues paid members have a 20 percent discount card! (Minwax is part of the Sherwin Williams Wood Care Group.)

That said...this might be a good place to mention that those of you who have your "dues paid" for the year- we will issue you those discount cards at this up and coming meeting...I'll ask Gene George, our treasurer, to make them available - your name will be imprinted on the back of the Sherwin-Williams cards if you are on record as dues paid.

Our thanks - again- to member Bee Norris, who has secured these discount cards for our members-good at all Tidewater area Sherwin-Williams./ Norfolk Paint Stores.

As a side-bar....while our mailing list/email and postal- has swelled to some 209 names and addresses...we have to date, only 73 dues paid members...hope more of you will decide to join us, as we will soon drop those names from the mailing list that appear not to be interested.

For any of you that may be encouraged to visit the building ways of the *Schooner Virginia*, under construction in Norfolk (on the waterfront just outside Harbor Park baseball stadium), it's an awesome sight...available to the public for a tour every Saturday - 11:00 AM thru the early afternoon. As a bonus...and while it may still be available, the docent-guides may point you to the open bins of wood cut-offs available for the taking... especially if you identify yourself as a member of the Tidewater Woodworkers Guild. The "hunks" of Angelique wood, used in the ships decking, are handsome, and hard...a little tough on tool steel...I found my carbide table saw blade cut it a lot easier than my band saw blades. Some of those 4" and 6" thick leftovers will find themselves into something to craft- I just haven't figured out just what I'm gonna' make! This wood is often used in place of teak... nice shades of brown and tan-it is harder than teak or red oak...and only a little less than hard (rock) maple. Try some...small pieces should be fine for little turning projects such as pens, letter openers and wine bottle stoppers.

Speaking of small projects...thanks to Karl Bogott who shared the scroll saw project he completed recently- his piece showed figures cut in pecan, and mounted on a board finished with a sprayed-on stone look, and framed in red cedar harvested from an old Norfolk church. ...and by the way- Karl gave great credit to the precision ground scroll saw blades that member Frank Mosteller offers (at discount to members) from his on-line site: <www.scrollit.com> .Karl also brought in his handsome scroll saw box to give members a sense of what a completely finished piece might look like- to complement the basic *How To* presentation that Sandy treated us to last month

Finally- I want to again thank our anonymous member who chose to share the very generous proceeds (\$4000) from the disbanded Southeast Virginia Fox Users Club treasury. We're open to some constructive ideas to put some of this club gift to use and benefit for all the membership. Come join us Monday night--- "box Nite" at the club!and - Keep it With the Grain ~ Pat

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