

# Tidewater Woodworkers Guild



## Notes from the Wood House

Greetings All! With cooler temperatures prevailing, there should be no excuses for getting out in your shop and making sawdust.

As a reminder, we are holding elections this month for a new President and Vice-President. Please read the article on page 2 for more details.

Marc Adams will be holding a 4 course weekend workshop. The workshop will take place the weekend of December 5-7, 2008 at the Norfolk Woodcraft store. .

As a reminder, Marc Adams will be holding workshops for the following on the following topics:

Joinery

Veneering

Getting the most from your Router

Furniture Design

The cost of each workshop is

\$30.00.

As a bonus, Marc will be having a slide show on Friday evening, Dec. 5th, to provide an overview of his school and woodworking in general.

If you committed to one or more classes, please see me to pay for your commitment.

### Wood Chips

As Ed Bunker noted in an e-mail last week, those of you who volunteered for the Board and Bowl Collaboration know that your creations are due at the October meeting. If you have any questions, please contact me, Andy Steinberg for more information.

We are still looking for a few more volunteers from each group.

Pat Taylor has informed me that all those member that have ordered shirts, your

shirts have arrived. Please see Pat on Monday evening to collect your shirt. If you have any questions, please contact Pat at 481-3167.

Also, Pat has 1 large short-sleeved shirt for sale. It is burgundy in color and the cost is \$16.00.

At the next meeting, we will be holding a **raffle** for 2 entry fees to a workshop for your choice. We will also have other items in the raffle.

The cost of one of the tickets has been sponsored by one of our Guild members who wishes to remain anonymous. The tickets will be \$1.00 and there will be a limit of 5 tickets per person.

We still plan on presenting the Marine Corp. with our toys at the November meeting. Please see me at the next meeting or call me if you have any questions.

## October 2008 Issue

### Next Meeting

**October 27, 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](http://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.

### October

Guest Presenter

Bret Lancaster

Table Saw Safety

Part II

### November

Guest Presenter

## The Executive Board

<b>Andy Steinberg</b>	<b>President/Editor</b>	<b>624-9151</b>
<b>Bret Lancaster</b>	<b>Vice President</b>	<b>631-0634</b>
<b>Ken Craig</b>	<b>Secretary</b>	<b>498-7309</b>
<b>Fred Olds</b>	<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>486-3862</b>
<b>Pat Taylor</b>	<b>Past President</b>	<b>481-3167</b>

## Upcoming TWWWG Elections

The time has come for the Tidewater Woodworking Guild to hold elections for the offices of President and Vice President. For those of you unaware, these positions are not lifetime selection.

When the by-laws were changed and approved, one of the changes was term limits. Each office has a two year term with an option to remain in office an additional ONE year upon approval from the membership of the Guild. Bret Lancaster and myself have met those requirements and it is time for us to allow another crew to “run the show”.

The current nomination committee is Pat Taylor, Bret Lancaster and Ed Bunker. There have been a few nominations, but so far only one person has volunteered for the position as vice president. **Jim Francis** has stepped up and “put his name in the hat” for vice president.

One preventative item that we have heard for taking over the position as president is the newsletter. After consideration, I have agreed to continue on as Editor of the newsletter.

To continue on as the editor, I am requesting for a few volunteers for articles for the newsletter. A few of the members have submitted an article from time to time, but we need some consistency. Over the next few weeks I will be soliciting folks for ideas and writers.

If you are interested in the position of President or Vice-President, please contact anyone on the Nomination Committee.

## Bio—Jim Francis

Jim Francis, Newport News

Born and raised in Buffalo, Wyoming

Mechanical engineer (USNA 1976 - BSME and VT 2000 - MS Ocean Engineering)

Retired Navy Nuc and Engineering Duty Officer

Employed by Northrop Grumman Shipbuilding - Newport News, aircraft carrier non-propulsion piping

Woodworking interests include period furniture, and boat building (rowing shells). Have attended the first of Lonnie Bird's classes and am scheduled to attend another class in 2009 (the keepsake box class). I've also built a 19 foot wherry and own a wooden racing single (made from Alaskan cedar by the Pocock Company).

I've adjusted my schedule so that I should have adequate time to support the Guild to the high standard that you and Andy have attained. In addition, I have some unique interests that could make for interesting discussions and/or projects (i.e. boat building, cigar humidors, hope chests, welding, and grandchildren toys and furniture).

Other organizations I belong to are the Knights of Columbus, Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers, The Society of Period Furniture Manufacturers, and the Virginia Rowing Club.

## 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.

Makore is an African hardwood found in central western Africa. It is also known as African cherry and cherry mahogany. The makore tree grows mostly in the high rainforests of Africa. At full term, the tree can reach heights of 180 to 200 ft. The trunk diameters measure from 4 – 10ft in diameter.

The heartwood of the makore varies from a pink to pinkish brown to a light brown. The sapwood can be up to 4' thick and range in color from an off white to a light pink. Although the grain can be fine and straight, the texture will be medium with some interlocking.

Makore has a high silica content so be forewarned – your cutting edges will be dulled quicker than normal. It is recommended that one starts with a sharp blade for every tool being utilized. If possible, have a back-up blade.

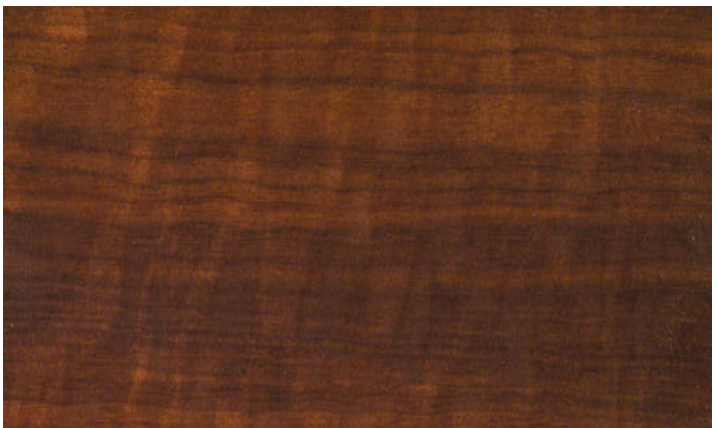
Makore has some incredible figure to its grain. The grain can be rated as pommele, moire, crotch, blister, flame, stripe and fiddleback. Because of its grain pattern, makore is more valuable as a veneer, especially considering that one log may yield 50,000ft square feet. To obtain the veneer, the log must be hot or “cooked” in hot water for a day or two for the best yield. When using the makore as a veneer, you should clamp your veneer quickly and keep the veneered piece in the vacuum bag a little longer than normal to prevent wrinkling.

The lumber of the makore glues and finishes quite well. The wood can take a lustrous or iridescent look when finished.

For furniture and cabinet making, makore is an excellent choice. One can also use makore for intarsia work, marquetry, turning or boat construction.

Although makore does take a stain well, it is recommended that one just applies a clear coat finish to appreciate the wood grain.

When working with makore, please use a good dust mask besides good dust collection. The dust will cause nose and throat irritation. Also, be careful not get makore damp around iron. The reaction will cause the wood to turn blue to a blue gray.



# Program Highlights From Our September 2008 Meeting



Last month, Cody Carpenter from Porter Cable/Delta/Dewalt, came in and gave a presentation on some of the new tools from his prospective companies. Delta will introducing a new lathe (above left) in the 4th quarter. Cody went into and in-depth demonstration of Porter-Cable's new OmniJig (above right). Ease of use is an understatement. Lastly, Cody show us Dewalt's new circular saw with its portable and adjustable fence. I know a few of us have added that to our holiday toy list. (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 |                          |
| Plywood & Plastics            |                          |
| Norfolk (757) 858-3908        |                          |
| Scroll-it Service             |                          |
| Portsmouth (757) 237-6867     |                          |
| Sherwin Williams Paint        | 15% Discount             |
| All stores in Hampton Roads   |                          |



## Show and Tell From Our September 2008 Meeting



Bea Norris (above) brought in a saw vise. The tool belonged to her father. The tool was used to hold saw blades while you resharpened the blade. Ben Weathersford shows off his cutting board. He crafted it from the plans that Pat Taylor brought in at the August meeting. The board is Ben's contribution to the Bowl and Board Collaboration. Don Hubbard (below left) demonstrated how he made wheels for one of his toy cars. From a recent copy of Wood Magazine, Don followed the plans to make the wheels. (pictures 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. 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.

WHRO (Channel 15) has started airing the Woodsmith Shop again. This program was on at 8AM after the New Yankee Workshop. Bob Waddell was able to find out that the show was recently taken off the air because they had shown all the older episodes. Recently, they have started airing the new episodes.

If you know of any other shows, please pass on the information.