

Tidewater Woodworkers Guild



Notes from the Wood House

Greetings All! Now that the flood waters are receding and the heat is diminishing, we should all be back in the shop making sawdust.

Thanks to a diligent effort by Pat Taylor, Marc Adams has accepted our invitation to present a 4 course weekend workshop. The workshop will take place the weekend of December 5-7, 2008 at the Norfolk Woodcraft store. Our goal is to fill a total of 70 slots for the 4 courses. So far, we have 43 verbal commitments.

A few of you were kind enough to provide a deposit. Over the next few months, we will be collecting the balance of funds for the classes.

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.

Wood Chips

The initial meeting for the Board and Bowl Collaboration had an "OK" turnout. As of this writing, we have 14 participants from the TWWWG and 12 participants from the Tidewater Turners.

For those of you who did volunteer, you should have received your partner's name. If not please contact me.

The due date for the completed boards and bowls is

October 28th, 2008.

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

At the next 2 meetings, we will be holding a raffle for 2 entry fees to a workshop for your choice.

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 person. Money raised from the raffle will pay for the second seat.

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. Our contact from last year, Deena Coleman, has been transferred but she has provided me with the name of her replacement.

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Next Meeting

September 22, 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

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.

September

Guest Presenter

Cory Carpenter

Delta & Porter Cable

Tool Representative

October

Guest Presenter

Bret Lancaster

Table Saw Safety

Part II

The Executive Board

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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".

Currently, I am requesting a couple of volunteers to serve on the Nomination Committee. Your responsibility will be to solicit the membership for nominations for the position of President and Vice President for 2009 and 2010. If you know of someone who you believe would fulfill either of the positions, you have the option to nominate them at the next meeting or you can contact the folks on the nominating committee.

TWWWG Outing on the Peninsula



Don Hubbard and Adrian Marshall appeared as guests on behalf of the Tidewater Woodworkers Guild at the Virginia's Women Connection. Don and Adrian provided an overview of our Guild what efforts we do to give back to the committee.

Rumor has that a number of ladies there were interested on behalf of their husbands and hope to get their husbands to join our Guild. Thanks for the Goodwill Don and Adrian.

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.

The other day I was asked what was the reddest wood that I knew of and the only wood that came to mind was bloodwood.

Bloodwood is a hard, dense wood that is native to Brazil, Peru, Venezuela and Panama. It is also known as Satine and cardinal wood.

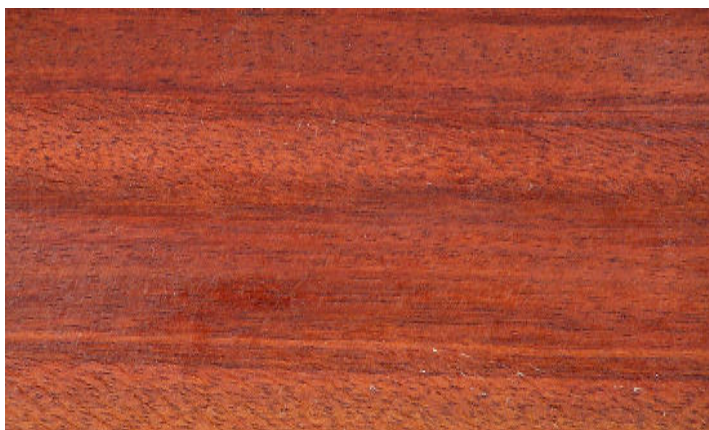
The bloodwood tree can grow on average to heights of 120ft with an average diameter of 4ft. When the tree is milled for lumber, the wood has a bright red to reddish yellow color. Like many intense colored heartwoods, the sapwood tends to be a pale yellow to a yellow color. Like most hardwoods, the texture and grain of the lumber is straight and tight with some interlocking. It has been compared to Jatoba (Brazilian Cherry) due to its density but bloodwood does have a redder appearance.

Bloodwood dries well with little movement if stickered properly when stacked. To avoid possible twisting, it is recommended that the wood be dried slowly in the beginning.

Woodworkers like bloodwood because it machines quite well. As with most hardwoods, it is recommended that your blades be sharp for the cleanest cuts. Due to its density, it is recommended that the wood is predrilled before using screws. When sanding, plan on some effort or find a friend with a wide belt sander. It does take some work to smooth this wood.

As one of its names implies (Satine), bloodwood develops a high, lustrous appearance when finished. Surprisingly, when applied with a good lacquer finish, the color in bloodwood actually darkens instead of fading.

Bloodwood is sought after for fine furniture and cabinets. Due to its color furniture makers enjoy using bloodwood as a good contrasting wood to make a piece stand out. Other uses for bloodwood include marquetry and veneers. Bloodwood has also found its way into the flooring industry due to its density and durability. Some pool sharks like the weight of wood as well as the look for their custom cues. Sort of gives new meaning to "blood in the water".



Program Highlights From Our August 2008 Meeting



As a follow up to our techniques on sanding and finishing, Steve Houmis presented an excellent demonstration on the history and uses of shellac. Steve showed that with proper application, shellac, one of the oldest finishes known can be applied to produce a clean and beautiful finish. With a bit of practice, one can certainly produce that high gloss look we all desire. Thanks Steve!

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.

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

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.

For some reason, WHRO (Channel 15) has stopped airing the Woodsmith Shop. This program was on at 8AM after the New Yankee Workshop. I have left 2 messages inquiring as to why the show was discontinued but I have not received a reply.

If anyone has any insight or knows of any other shows, please pass the information to me at your convenience.

Show and Tell From Our August 2008 Meeting



Martin Carter (above) provided an overview of a disposable blades system that he uses. According to Martin, overtime it costs much less than regular blades and the time it saves is incredible. If you have more interest, please contact Martin for details. Capt'n Pat (Pat Taylor, above right) shows off 2 cutting boards that he has crafted out of scraps. For those of you interested in the cutting board on the right, Pat has plans to create this board. Give him a holler and he will be happy to provide you with a copy. Don Lancaster (below) shows off his painted merry-go-round. I believe that Don missed his calling as a toymaker. I have no doubts that he could be hired on at the North Pole if he desired cooler climates. (pictures by Don Hubbard & Adrian Marshall)

