



Tidewater Woodworkers Guild

July 2023

Carpenter: Someone who does precision guesswork based upon unreliable data provided by those of questionable knowledge.

President's Shavings

By Terry Nienaber

Greetings Fellow Woodworkers,

It's been a busy month for the Guild. Our editor, Gary Stephens, has put together a great package in this newsletter, with help from those that submitted articles on what they've been up to. In addition to that, here are some updates from my corner.

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New Website: We've launched our new website, thanks to help from Rick Hemsing of Hemsing Designs, Inc., who I found through the Washington (D.C.) Woodworkers Guild. The content mirrors our prior website, with a fresh look and mobile-friendly formatting. We have a "members only" section that we will use to place things we'd rather keep internal to the guild in the future. We'll distribute log-in information when that content is available. Check it out at <https://TWWWG.com> and of course provide feedback if you would like to see changes and/or are interested in helping continue to develop it.

Chimney Swift Tower Dedication: I want to thank the members that attended the ceremony at the Paradise Creek Nature Park in Portsmouth on the 14th of July. At the ceremony, the sponsor of the project honored the Guild and its members who constructed the two chimney swift towers last year. The park placed a dedication plaque at the park with the Guild sawblade-logo displayed on it. Nicely done!

Hampton Streetcar Project: At our June meeting, Jim Francis brought in an assembled bi-fold door frame that was ready for some of the final fitment and rabbets. Having attended one of the work sessions, it really is satisfying to work on this piece of history. Jim hopes to put together plans for some of the remaining windows that need to be constructed, with the intent to let members build parts in their own shops.

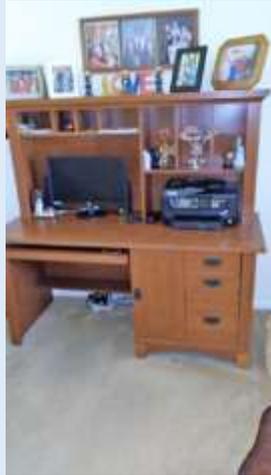
As always, I'm proud to be part of this talented group of craftsmen. I hope to see you at the July meeting. I'm excited to see the games members have constructed as part of the June/July challenge: "Want to Play a Game?"

Terry Nienaber, President

A Small Shop Can Do Big Things (If You Want It To)

by Larry Sticklen

My wife wanted a wall unit in our house to fill a vacant space when we off-loaded a computer desk. My dilemma, buy one or make one. My position, I am a small projects guy, mostly scroll saw items in a small shop. Buy hey, I am a woodworker and I can do this.



I went from this....

to this in two months.

I did not work on the unit every day or all day most of the time. There were processes that took all day to complete, and there were processes that took a small amount of time and required no activity after that (i.e. finishing). Cygnus provided the lumber, all the rip cuts and a few cross cuts, plus milling of the 5/4 Poplar to $\frac{3}{4}$ inch. Yes I could have done that but, I probably would not have been finished by now. In addition to the help from Cygnus, the conversations from the TWWWG (measure once cut twice, story sticks, planning) over the years and several visits to another workshop close to me (viewing John's finished cabinets, how he did some of the work and the suggestion and offer of ironed on edging pushed me to the finished project).

Simply put, it is five boxes, with enhancements. The key, planning and separating the project into many parts. First was the cut list. How much did I need and what sizes. A poorly detailed cut list provided me with more than enough lumber and a place to start.



Once getting it home, I had to sort the wood into “projects” (base cabinets, top, bookcases and trim). Base cabinets, two identical in width and the third almost identical in width was the first project. What can I say, I am working with an old house where walls, floor and ceiling are not plumb, nor level throughout the 8’ span (remember this part). Base cabinets came together well with pocket screws. Each cabinet has an adjustable shelf and the middle cabinet has a pull out tray for a printer. Top of the base cabinets are less than 1/8” off level over the 8” span. Not bad for first time project.

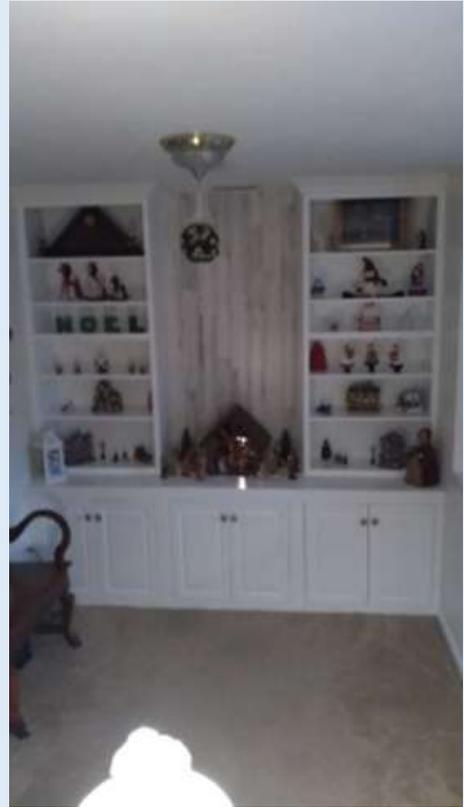
Next project, bookcases, both identical. The stationary shelf has a hand cut groove in each side, with the option of three adjustable shelves in the top and bottom section in each. Yes, for some reason they are all level. Did I mention that measuring and marking is not my strong suite? Tolerance between top of bookcase and ceiling is ¼ inch as the widest.



On both the base cabinets and bookcases, I had help from my wife getting them from the garage to the house. The one piece face trim rails on the base cabinets was somewhat of a challenge as the top and bottom width differ by a little more than a quarter of an inch. After sorting that out, I cut the middle stiles first to final length, allowing ¾ inch below the cabinet for the inset doors to close on. The end stiles are cut to final length and somewhat over width for tapering to the walls on each end. Joined by glue and pocket screws, installed with glue and nails, bottom cabinets are almost complete. Face trim on bookcases are fairly easy, (assembled as the face trim on base cabinets) but also contoured to the wall on each side.



Almost done, well almost done. This is where my wife said the center wall was to plain, which was a correct statement. Several trips to hardware stores found the correct item and here we are, all done but the doors. Long story short, raised panel doors with Roman Ogee trim are done with assistance of prototypes for each to make sure they fit. Pictures show doors in final finish stage. I did mention small shop. Yes, what you see is my “small shop. It is a one car garage with extras on one wall. Thanks to Mike at Woodcraft in helping me choose the correct hinges. Snap to install the soft close hinges with face frame on inset doors.



Bottom line, I am happy with the results, my customer (wife) is very happy. I have many days ahead to enjoy the change in decorations on most of the shelves. The top self on both sides are dedicated to my son, the others will change throughout the year. Christmas version.

Guild Member Projects

Charcuterie Boards by Chris Zuchristian

I made two charcuterie boards for my wife's college roommates, who came for a visit. The wood is spalted Maple. I used my CNC to cut the crescent moons. I created a template for the handles from 1/4" plywood to transferred the design on to the maple and cut it out with my band saw. The moons are filled with blue epoxy and I used Odie's oil for the finish.



Future Tool & Wood Sale

by Gary Stephens

The guild was contacted by Kevin Brooks, son of former guild member Don Brooks, to help him determine a fair market value for his father's tools and wood. Don Brooks was heavily into wood turning. On Sunday, July 16, 2023 I made the trek over to Kevin's place in western Suffolk to look at the tools and wood that he is going to sell. I will be assisting Kevin with putting a price on the tools and wood over the next several weeks but I thought I would give you a heads up on what he is going to sell.

Tools:

- Delta Midi Lathe With Extension
- Delta Drill Press # 17-990X
- Delta DC-380 15" Planer
- Dust Collection System
- Jet 20" Bandsaw # JWBS-20, 2 HP
- Delta Unisaw & Fence System
- Walker – Turner 16" Band Saw
- Craftsman 6" Jointer
- Delta 8" DJ-20 Jointer
- Jet Belt / Disk Sander #JSG-6DC

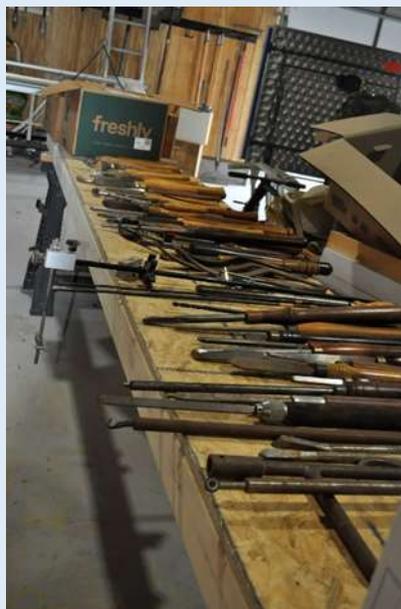


Delta Midi Lathe & Delta Unifence Table Saw



Delta Drill Press & Delta Surface Planer

Don also had a large collection of chisels used for wood turning. There is an extensive wood collection for turning pens (and pen hardware) plus lots of wood for turning.



Lathe Chisels

There are also boxes and boxes of wood. In these boxes are slabs, burls and you name it. The pile on the ground is probably the only collection of wood for non-turners.



Big Boxes Filled with Slabs, Mesquite Roots and Burls



Only Pile of Wood for Non-Turners and Mesquite Roots

The Bob Fenske Collection

by Karl Bogott

I guess I was fortunate at the Saturday sharing of Bob's shop. Before I even entered the back yard, I found that I had won the lottery for a Bosch 2.3HP plunge router and a variety of accessories. THAT is a nice machine.



During the sharing, I picked up a Wood River ULU knife kit, along with a Woodcraft Magazine article on making a jig to carve out a two-sided accessory board for the knife.

With these items in hand and some scrap lumber, I first created an 8" x 8" x 1.5" board blank from maple and black walnut. Next was the jig that would allow the router to sweep out a perfect circular bowl when the blank was rotated before each sweep. The big Bosch fitted with 1½" bowl bit made short work of the task.



Two scales of black walnut became the handle for the knife. The rest is a memory of a great project; one I will repeat soon with a block of quarter-sawn red oak.

Thanks, Bob, for your legacy of perpetuating wood working skills. I'm certain the Guild will do its best.

TWWWG Programs by Chris Zuchristian

UPCOMING GUILD PROGRAMS 2023		
24-Jul, 7:00 pm	28-Aug, 7:00 pm	25-Sep, 7:00 pm
Jeff O'Connor Purple Heart Project	Dennis Nahorney & Greg Guertin 3d Cutting Board	Tim Roach Tool Maintenance
Bret Lancaster Furniture Building		

The July's program will include door prize, silent auction, show & tell, tips & tricks, "Want to play a Game" Challenge presentations, Purple Heart Project presentation and furniture building discussion with Bret. Doors open at 6:30 PM. Upon arrival, drop off your challenge entry, ensure to pick up your member nametag from John Tirey and your door prize ticket from Chris Zuchristian before catching up with friends until the start of the program at 7:00 PM sharp. Cheryl will be available to register new members and collect dues. Also, we are to support a raffle this month, so bring in/donate to the guild your slightly used tools or items that you no longer need. The silent auction will be held during intermission. \$1 gets you one ticket; \$5 gets you six. Make sure you bring small \$ bills.

Before intermission, members who participated in the "Want to Play a Game" Challenge will present their entries to the members attending the meeting at Woodcraft and ZOOM. Each participant will provide a brief description of their project (e.g. wood type, other material, joinery, finish, challenges, etc.). Descriptions should be no longer than 2-3 mins. If your entry is too large to bring to the meeting, send pictures/videos to TWWWGUILD@GMAIL.COM by Saturday evening July 22, 2023. Ensure you include your name, cellphone number and email address, so we can contact you if we have issues downloading your presentation. Members will vote for their favorite entry during intermission.

We have two presenters for the program this month. Our first guest will be Jeff O'Connor, *O'Connor Woodworking* and participant of Rob Cosman's Purple Heart Project. Jeff will talk to us about his time at Rob Cosman's workshop and the impact it had on his life. The mission of Rob Cosman's Purple Heart Project (PHP) is to help physically and mentally Wounded Warriors, suffering the negative effects of combat, to find peace and joy through the therapy provided by traditional hand tool woodworking.

Following Jeff, Bret will present his current furniture projects and discuss the process he used to create these pieces. To conclude the meeting, we will announce the winners of the challenge, silent auction, and door prize. Look forward to seeing you at Woodcraft or ZOOM.

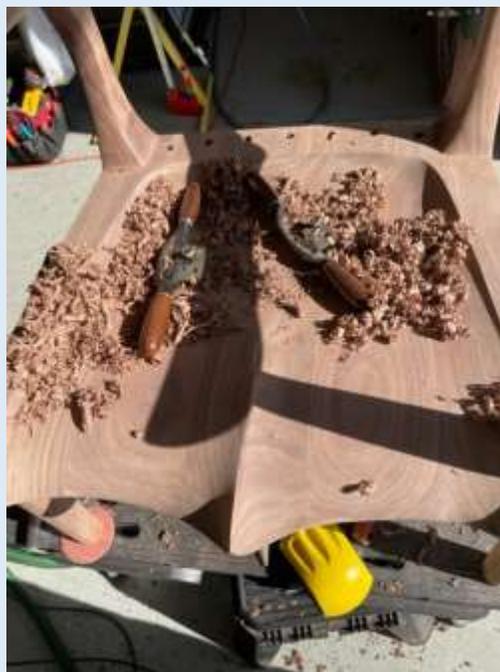
Building a Sam Maloof Inspired Rocker Chair – Part 6

By Scott Paris

When is enough, enough? That is a question I keep asking myself. I have enjoyed painting now and then. Not like painting the house, although I have done my fair share of that, but like artwork painting with watercolor etc. Have attended a couple of classes over the years and one of the questions I like to ask the instructor is when do you know your painting is done? I have been asking myself the same question as I sculpt various pieces of the rocker. It seems like every time I look at it, I see an area where I think I need to take a little bit more off here or there. Maybe extend that curve a little more, or harden this edge or soften that edge.

To the right is a picture of shavings I took off of one arm after I thought I was done last month. So you can see, I took off a fair bit more. Am I done, probably not.

Well for the time being I have moved on. I am now working on the headrest and getting it blended to the upper rear legs. You can see where I am at in the picture below. Still have a lot of work to go in working the transitions. Again it is a bit of a process where I take a little bit then step back see what needs to be removed, then I mark that area with a red pencil and remove that area. Then it is rinse and repeat until I am happy. However, I feel like even when I am finished, I won't be finished. I think I will always find some spot that just needs a little more attention.



Speaking of moving on, the seat, front legs, and lower portion (from the arms down) of the rear legs have been sanded to 320. That is about as far as I will go one section at a time until the rocker is completed and ready for finish. Then I will go over the entire rocker again with 320 and then 400.

How To Sell Products Online: What You Need To Know To Start Making Sales

Forbes Advisor: [Julia Rittenberg](#), [Kelly Main](#) & [Rob Watts](#) Updated: May 16, 2023, 11:54pm

Starting an online business can be as simple as starting a website with the right service. If you're looking to sell products online, there are many platforms and services that can facilitate it for you. It's a great way to earn extra income on the side or pursue an entirely new entrepreneurship opportunity. Picking a way to sell products online involves assessing your business requirements and finding a platform scaled for what you need.

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For the complete article: <https://www.forbes.com/advisor/business/how-to-sell-products-online/>

Tidewater Woodworkers Guild Meeting Minutes

6/26/2023

- The meeting was called to order at 7 pm by Terry Nienaber.
- Committee Reports: Treasurer and Membership Committee reports were provided.
- Old Business:
 - Social Media: Terry provided Newsletter and Website Developments Updates
 - Outreach:
 - Chris provided the Ron Cosman Purple Heart Project “Bench Brigade” Update
 - Challenge Project information and reminder discussed.
 - Ron Fenske Tool Giveaway completed. Ryan provided the outcome report.
 - Hampton Streetcar Project. Jim Francis provided the update. Doors nearing completion and the construction of 20 windows will be next.
- New Business:
 - Committee: Dennis Nahorney was introduced as the new Membership Chair.
 - Outreach: Help is being solicited for a mentor to teach a 10 year old how to whittle.
 - Community:
 - Discussed possibly having TWWWG stations at the Tidewater Turners’ Turn-a-thon scheduled for November.
 - Plans have begun for a TWWWG Christmas Potluck.
- Show and Tell:
 - Greg Guertin showed the Ambrosia Wood Charcuterie Boards he is making for a golf course restaurant.
 - Dennis Nahorney discussed how to use a trim router to correct epoxy knot filler overpour
- Intermission
- Main Program - Tips and Tricks:
 - Gary Stephens demonstrated how to clamp to hold workpiece on miter gauge
 - Bob Smith demonstrated how to align and secure a Power Strip by marking the holes using painters tape to accurately transfer marks to the surface for accuracy and showed how baking Soda and Super Glue used together gives a stronger bond and dries fast. Bob also gave a challenge: - router collet bit groove - balance 10 nails on the nail
 - Tim Roach gave tips on Basic Measuring to include using a 10” buffer vs 1,” replacing the clips with heavy duty clip, quality (i.e., Japanese brand is more stout), to make sure you use the same tape measure or verify both tapes measure the same before working in tandem, how two sticks work also and gave digital caliper use ideas for the workshop.
 - Larry Stricklen demonstrated how to use his Bird House Jig
 - Jim Francis gave tips on how to use a mortise and tenon jig, veneer saw for plugs and several other useful tips.
 - Terry discussed how to cut a strip to put against the fence to line up a 7” skill saw for a perfect line and added that superglue is not to be stored near eye drops.
- A Raffle for Door Prizes was completed.
- Meeting adjourned at 9 pm.
- There were 38 members and guest in attendance.