



MARCH MEETING

The next meeting of the Valley Woodworkers will be held at 6:30 PM on March 12, at the club's meeting place at 302 12th Street, Dunbar.

FEBRUARY MEETING

There were 62 people at the February meeting with five guests. Welcome to Rick Chandler from Clendenin, Betsy Tucker and Steve Cobb from Cross Lanes, Ernie Barger from South Charleston, and Tim Simmons from Nitro.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

We will begin our jewelry box workshop on March 21st. Those of you who signed up and gave me an email address will receive instructions before next week's monthly meeting. These instructions will include the plans for the box and machine instruction. Please try to print these instructions before the next meeting. If you can't print them, I will have copies. We are doing this to save on copying costs.

Thanks to Bob Shingleton for being the demonstrator at this meeting. He will show how to make a bandsaw box.

Allan McNeel

TREASURER'S REPORT

Steve Boster reported that there is \$5,549.24 in the club treasury. Dues for 2009 are due. We currently have 53 paid members.

TOY PROJECT

Andy Sheetz reported that he was compiling a wish list of lumber for this year's toy project. He also reported that because of the economy, many of the state lumber mills are laying off and cutting back production, which may impact the amount of lumber that is donated

The following companies offer discounts to club members:

Woodcraft Supply Parkersburg, WV - 10% - Show membership card.

Klingspor Woodworking Shop - 10% - They receive our member list.

Hartville Tool - 15% - They receive our member list.

The following companies provided materials for last year's Salvation Army Christmas toy project. Please give them special consideration when you make a purchase or need materials for your projects: Blue Ridge Machinery & Tool, Cabinet Supplier Inc., Coastal Lumber Company, Evans Lumber Company, J.C. Hamer Lumber Company, Nitro Hobby and Craft, Teays Valley Hardware, West Virginia Marine, Toyota Motor Manufacturing of WV Inc. & Woodcraft Supply.

for the toy project.

Peter Howell reported on new regulations from the Consumer Products Safety Commission (starting Feb. 10, 2009) on the lead content of toys for children under 12 years old. The regulations reduce the allowable lead content drastically and requires all components of the toys be tested for lead content. This may greatly impact our toy project. Exempt from this ruling are toys made from natural products such as wood or cotton. Organizations such as ours have also been given a one-year exemption on the testing of other toy components if we feel that the lead content is low.

With this exemption we can proceed as usual in making toys for this year.

REFRESHMENTS

Thanks to Jerill Vance for furnishing the refreshments for the February meeting. Allan McNeel volunteered to bring the refreshments for the March meeting.

MINI-DEMO

Glen Jewell demonstrated the proto-type of a piece of equipment he is developing that he calls the Jewell Model "T" Mortiser/Tenoner. The device uses a horizontally mounted router. Between the router and the table that the work piece is clamped to, the router bit is adjustable in the X, Y, and Z axis.

Glen cut the mortise in a work piece, then with just a few adjustments cut a matching tenon on another work piece. His goal is to try and put it on the market for about \$700.00.



SHOW AND TELL

Andy Sheetz brought the coaster set he had been working on. Each coaster has a leaf cutout of that wood inlayed in a contrasting wood.





RAFFLE

Tom Schottle showed a salad bowl set made from hickory. He finished them with mineral oil and buffed them out. He also made a salad utensil set (large fork and spoon).

Roy Reveal brought several boxes made in different ways. One was made from molding. Another used a small nail for a hinge and another had inlay in the lid. He also brought a small scroll-sawed thimble holder.



John Gregor showed a clock made from a Mayan calendar he got in Chichen Itza. The movement has a Westminster Chime on the quarter hour.



Jesse Lazear showed a cane. The head that resembles a duck was carved from an apple limb, where it comes off of a larger limb, so that there isn't any cross-grain. The shaft is walnut and the finish is polyurethane.



Ian Moir brought a table he had refinished. The table, made of mahogany veneer and poplar, had been painted white. After being stripped, he stained the poplar with aniline dyes to match the mahogany. The table top has 30 coats of French Polish Shellac.



Doug Kemp showed a turned lamp he made from scrap pieces of wood that included rosewood, cherry, wormy chestnut, walnut and others. It was finished with high-gloss polyurethane and featured a captured ring.





Ron Jones showed a hollow form turning. The vase has a smaller opening than the body and is turned with a special curved tool. It was finished with wipe-on polyurethane.

RAFFLE

The raffle prize this month was a Delta 10" table saw blade and was won by Larry Kirkhart.

CLASSIFIEDS

WANTED: Tom Hart is looking for a Radial Arm Saw. You can contact Tom at 304-541-3817.

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FOR SALE: Craftsman 6 1/8" Jointer (mint condition) original price \$549.99, asking price \$200.00. Jointer is approximately 1.5 years old. Please visit http://www.sears.com/shc/s/p_10153_12605_00921705000P for a picture. Great jointer for a starter. Contact Terrence Stuart at 304-685-3113 or email to tramonstuart@suddenlink.net

DEMONSTRATION

Jerill Vance brought several routers and accessories and lead a discussion on their uses. The pros and cons of the different router collets were discussed with many comments about how to insert a bit in the collets. Guide bushings and router bases were discussed and most agreed that the Porter Cable guide bushings were superior. Others were difficult to align or install. The uses and advantages of the plunge router as opposed to the fixed base router were also examined.

SAFETY NOTE

Power tools will frequently be used while working on club projects and during demonstrations at club meetings. For your protection, safety glasses with side shields, and hearing protection will be required for members to participate in these activities. No exceptions will be made. Please bring your own safety glasses and hearing protection. The club has **some** of these items, but we can not provide this equipment for everyone, all the time. ***You are responsible for your own safety!*** Note: Turning off hearing aids is not considered to be hearing protection.

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March Agenda

Announcements

Welcome new members and guests
Raffle
Refreshment volunteer
Items for sale

Committee Reports

Treasurer - Steve Boster
Toy Committee - Andy Sheetz

Old Business

Jewelry Box Workshop - Begins March 21st

New business

Show and Tell

Break

Demonstration

Bob Shingleton - Making a Bandsaw Box