
THE SAWDUST

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Irwin Saw Blade Testing

Thanks to everyone who tested saw blades. At the May meeting we will review the new blade distributed as replacements at the March meeting. Please be sure to get those blades installed and make some sawdust with them so we can provide meaningful feedback on the review.

As information: we are one of six test sites in the US for Irwin.

For any questions on the saw blade testing please contact Fred Miller at fredmiller2@gmail.com



Wall Lumber Presentation

Steve Wall of Wall Lumber gave an informative presentation on exotic hardwood, plywood, grading wood, and what they offer for sale. Also joining Steve for the presentation was Brad Plant. Brad is in charge of making outgoing orders and shipping.

They operate out of a 30K sq/ft warehouse/millwork shop located 35 miles NE of Winston-Salem. Hours of operation are 8-5 weekdays, 9-12 Saturdays. They ship all over the country with a 20-board foot minimum.

- Buying lumber:
 - o Most places add a 10% shrinkage fee! This may have consequences when you figure the needed bf for a project you are building
 - o Shrinkage charges are a hidden cost
 - o You can buy on a net tally and pay for what you get
 - o Wall Lumber does NOT charge a shrinkage fee
- Maximum thickness is 16/4:
 - o bass wood, mahogany
 - o After 16/4 you can't really dry it. You have to sit on 16/4 for a long time to dry it, kilns only do so much
- Width and length depends on species
 - o Large Walnut and Cherry trees have been cut down and are no longer readily available to us
 - o There is a premium for 10" widths or more
 - o In general: be prepared to glue up if you want wider boards
- Grading
 - o To save money: "Be happy without perfection after all it is wood!"
 - o Select
 - Best grade of lumber
 - o Common
 - Typically has more character
 - o #1 Common
 - Will save you 30% over select

CWA Dues are Due

Reminder: if you haven't paid your 2009 club dues by now you are past due. We will be sending the club membership list roster to Klingspors for a 10% club discount at their stores. Don't be left off that list!


Contact Fred Miller at: fredmiller2@gmail.com



CWA Meeting Time and Place

Meetings of the Charlotte Woodworker's Association are held the third Tuesday of each month, except for December. Meetings are held at Jackson Park Ministries Woodshop at Sentry Post Drive, Charlotte, NC. (Please check the web site for directions.)

Note: you may see construction on Sentry Post Drive as they have been working the area of late.

A social and refreshment time starts at 5:30pm; our meeting starts at 6:30pm. Come to the meeting early and get to know your fellow woodworking enthusiasts! 

- Can cut out rails, stiles, etc
- There is between 25% - 30% sap wood in walnut & cherry
 - Careful staining will cover sap wood
- Mineral Stains in Cherry:
 - Won't affect the grading
- Genuine Mahogany:
 - "Genuine" = seven species
 - African = Kia - most of what you can get today
 - Has a little more ribbon grain in it
 - Honduran Mahogany is not currently permitted to be exported out of Honduras
 - S. American
- Plywood:
 - All of Wall plywood (except Baltic Birch) is made in Beaufort, NC
 - Atlantic Veneers
 - Grading:
 - Consumers typically pay too much for an A face plywood
 - B grade plywood is typically a much better value. A grade is 30 – 40% more money
 - Number of Plys:
 - ¾" will be 7 core + 2 skin = 9 plys total. Can vary, but will be high quality
- Butternut:
 - Grain of wood similar to maple
 - Butternut has defects – leave them in for character
- Soft Maple – Ambrosia Maple:
 - Ambrosia beetle gets into the tree while it is growing
 - Inexpensive
 - Great for paneling
 - A Hidden Value in lumber in Steve's opinion
- Spalted Maple:
 - Dark black lines
 - Spalting is the beginning stage of rot
 - Tree is standing in a decayed process
 - Spalted Wood is not sold at Wall
- Dimensioned wood
 - Good for face frames and stuff like that
- Wall has a 25" planer and a 36" wide-belt sander for use by customers for a nominal fee

An Invitation from the Charlotte Woodturners

The CWA membership has been invited to the Charlotte Woodturners cookout on April 18 at Jackson Park Ministries.

There will be a tool swap meet and interactive lathe demonstrations throughout the day.

For more information:

<http://www.charlottewoodturners.org/> 📧

CWA Google Groups

There is a new method for CWA to communicate! With a single email we can let you know what is happening. For example: if there is inclement weather forecast this group email notifier can be used to inform the membership if a meeting is to be held. Invitations to join this group were sent out by Phil Ashley in January.

If you haven't received it be sure to look in your junk or spam email folders to see if the invitation might be there. Otherwise, please send Phil your email address so he can send you an invitation to join. phillipjashley@aol.com 📧

Quote of the Month

"I don't know what's gonna kill you, something is..."

Steve Wall

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAR 17 **CHARLOTTE WOODWORKERS MEETING – PRESENTER: STEVE WALL FROM WALL LUMBER.**

Note: Steve plans to have some nice wood for us to raffle off!

MAR 20-22 THE WOODWORKING SHOW
Friday 12-6 • Saturday 10-6 • Sunday 10-4
Charlotte Merchandise Mart

APRIL 21 **CHARLOTTE WOODWORKERS MEETING – PRESENTER: MARK WILLINGHAM – Dulcimer making!**

MAY 19 **CHARLOTTE WOODWORKERS MEETING – PRESENTER: to be determined.**

CWA WORKSHOP

We are planning to hold a Shaker table build workshop on several Saturday sessions. It's anticipated there will be four sessions (6 to 8 hours long). John Goodson, Dave Powles & Fred Miller will make a sample shaker table and dry fit it, so that it can be broken down. Their table projects will be donated to JPM's Christmas auction.

Participants will have the opportunity to come in on a Saturday to mill the lumber. That date is not yet set.

Successive Saturdays will be used to build the table. After a number of Saturdays you will have built a small Shaker table
Lumber – available from Wall Lumber

- Bundled \$75 – rough sawn, includes UPS delivery
- \$100 depending on the wood you want to use such as Cherry.

At the May CWA meeting we will do a full review of the table build project. It is advised that you have your lumber in hand by then if you would like to participate.



- If you built a bench top, bring it back to Wall after gluing it up and run it through the sander for a modest cost

The Woodworking Show

<http://www.woodworkingshows.com/>

The Woodworking Show held Mar. 20-22 at the Charlotte Merchandise Mart offered CWA the opportunity to showcase the various skills of the membership. Several members volunteered their time to demonstrate skills and display projects.

- Bob Fields demonstrated antique hand planes
- Bruce Bogust demonstrated carving a cabriole leg
- Dave Powles demonstrated carving a ball and claw chair leg
- Tony Profera brought a router mortising jig
- There were other members that brought their projects, and demonstrated skills. We thank you for that as well

This presented CWA in a very positive light, and allowed many of us to attend the show for free! Please consider volunteering a little time and demonstrating one of your woodworking skills when the next Woodworking Show comes to town.

A "Big Thanks" to all who volunteered!

Treasurers Report

Beginning Balance	a/o 1/31/09	1914.89
Deposits		210.00
Checks (includes new brochures		379.32
Closing balance	a/o 2/27/09	1745.57

What CWA Members are Currently Working On

At the February CWA meeting we sent around a form and asked members to tell us what projects they have in the works. Below is a list of the responses. Quite impressive!

Bruce Bogust	Jefferson travel desk
Fred Miller	Lingerie Chest
Tony Profera	Office Bookcase
John Goodson	Floor Lamp and TV Stand
Bill Watson	Jewelry Box for LOML
Peter Stoffel	Built-in Filing cabinets and Office Bookcase
Maurice Blackburn	Squirrel Cage Swift
Dave Krehl	Coffee Table
Dawn Griggs	Cabinet for Bath
Greg Smith	Block front Chest
Harold Andersen	Cedar Chest
Bill Emge	Tongue Drum
Wayne Manahan	Blanket Chest
Nick Solimine	Rocking Horse
Mike Smith	Norm's Work Bench
Bob Fields	Hand truck, 18" Stool, Table & gun box

The CWA Library

Books and DVDs are available from the CWA library for a buck a month. Contact Maurice Blackburn at MBlackburn1@Carolina.RR.Com

Also, please help your fellow woodworker and make your club newsletter even better by contributing a short book review.

Remember, your review is redeemable for a free DVD rental from the CWA library!

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The Classified Section

This space is reserved for classified ads! If you have any woodworking items for sale that you think would be of interest to the membership please contact:

Tony Profera at tprofera@hotmail.com

Include a complete description of the items(s) and a picture or 2 (if possible).

Directions to Jackson Park Ministries



From the intersection of I-85 and Billy Graham Parkway:

- 1.) Take Billy Graham Parkway South.
- 2.) Turn Right on Paul Brown Blvd / West Blvd. (this will be after the main entrance to the airport)
- 3.) Turn Right on Airport Drive.
- 4.) First left on Sentry Post Drive.
- 5.) At the end of Sentry Post Drive there is driveway on the left. Enter here. Using the photo above, drive down the driveway and around to the warehouse with the "x" on the top.

From the intersection of South Tryon Street and Billy Graham Parkway (where Woodlawn turns in to Billy Graham. Also exit 6 from I-77.):

- 1.) Take Billy Graham Parkway North.
- 2.) Turn Left on Paul Brown Blvd / West Blvd. (this will be at the light after the Tyvola Road exit)
- 3.) Follow from Step 3 above...

CHARLOTTE WOODWORKERS ASSOCIATION SPONSORS

Please thank them every time you use their services.

HORIZON FOREST PRODUCTS

...has left Charlotte. We look forward to their return
in another year or two.

Chad Mitchell, Manager
704-369-0485

WOODCRAFT

Mr. David Boyuka
1725 Windsor Square Drive
Matthews, NC 28105
(704) 847-8300

THE WOODWORKING SHOP OF CHARLOTTE

Jim Rivers, Manager
4728 South Blvd.
Charlotte, NC 28217
(704) 521-8886

*Show your CWA membership card and receive benefits
(except power tools and wood)*

CWA MENTOR PROGRAM

The following members have offered their help to
anyone interested in learning skills or new techniques in their
area of interest. Contact each person to arrange times to get
together if interested.

Bill Golden
Shopsmith & Accessories
704.525.9691
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Wayne Manahan
Sharpening
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If you are willing to mentor new woodworkers
please let us know. Thank you!

*"I have a lightning hammer – never strikes the same place
twice.*

-John Leake

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