

April's Meeting

“Charlotte Hardwood Center”

by Guy Bradford

April's meeting will be a presentation sponsored by and held at the Charlotte Hardwood Center, located at 4250 Golf Acres Drive in Charlotte. Although it hasn't been long since we met there last, this promises to be a more in-depth presentation. With the Association's increased membership, there are many who may not be familiar with this fine facility. CHC supplies not only domestic woods, but also a wide variety of imported rare and exotic woods, plywoods, veneers, plastic laminates, and other woodworker's needs.

CHC will provide refreshments and prizes for our raffle. We will meet at 6:00 as usual (5:30 social). Come early and look around. If you are not familiar with the store's location, a map is provided here, or you can contact Ron Davis (CWA representative at CHC) at (704) 394-9479.



Last Month's Meeting

“Hand-Cut Dovetails”

by David Waters

We would like to thank Jack Coobs for March's presentation on cutting dovetails by hand. About 65 members and guests attended. Jack demonstrated the steps required for producing through dovetails and half-blind dovetails.

For through dovetails, begin with the pin board and scribe the thickness of the tail board along the end. Set the dovetail angle (usually 80°) with a T-bevel and protractor, then mark two half pins from the edges of the board. Using a 1/4" chisel, mark two spots of chisel-width, spaced in the center. Use a Japanese saw to cut along the marks, then cut the end pieces. Chisel out the center pieces to form the pins. Clean up the joints with the chisel.

To make the tail board, begin by lining up the inside corners with the pin board, then mark the pins on the tail board. Be sure to scribe the thickness of the pin board across the tail board. Cut the tails with the saw, leaving the line visible. Chisel out the waste, working halfway through then flipping the board over to complete the cuts from the other side. This will prevent tear-out. Clean up the joints with the chisel.

In making a half-blind dovetail, first use the pin board to lay out lines on the drawer front. Cut along the side lines at a 45° angle. Use a chisel to chip out the edges of each tail, then chip out the middle of the tails. This will prevent tear-out.

As for the proper chisel technique, Jack says to use what is best suited for you. The joints should be tight enough to tap into place. Then use a brush to spread the glue. When producing case goods, Jack uses alder woods for secondary and drawer parts.



Classified Section



For Sale: Over 420 board feet of various species of hardwood (mahogany, walnut, white oak, maple, zebrawood, red oak, quartersawn oak). Ted Sellers is closing up shop and needs to liquidate. Must purchase entire lot. Complete listing available. \$1330.95. (828) 465-1497. Ted also has tools available, but would like to give preference to whoever buys the wood.

Wanted: The Charlotte Woodworkers Association is *still* looking for a librarian. This position needs to be filled *soon*. Please see any of the officers at the next meeting if you are at all interested. Your help would be greatly appreciated by your organization!

Wanted: Ted & Alice Genest are looking for a 10" Table Saw. A cabinet saw of good quality (any age) is preferred. Contact them at (704) 597-2952.

Wanted: John Graham and Carl Hedberg are looking for use of a portable saw mill. See John at Monday's meeting.

Help Wanted: Maxine Pennell is having a problem with a Shopsmith she just recently purchased. If anybody has one (or used to) and can help, please call her at (704) 541-0805. Her trial period is almost up and she needs help fast!

The Classified Section welcomes your ads in these four departments:

for sale, wanted, help wanted, for trade. Please send your request to the editor by the 5th day of the month for inclusion in the next newsletter.

Members' Gallery

by Dave Lewis and Jeffrey Hollis

A note of thanks to Don Ligon for contributing photographs of some recent projects (Walnut Corner Hutch and a Bald Cypress Armoire) to the Member's Gallery Notebook and the Web Page Gallery. Check them out at the next meeting or on the web at:

www.charlottewoodworkers.org.

Your fellow members are doing some very interesting work. Take a look for ideas and share photos of your projects with us.

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Storage Space Rental Defeated

by Jeffrey Hollis

The CWA was approached back in January with the idea of renting a storage space to store bulk quantities of lumber, allowing the membership to acquire large volumes of lumber at a significant cost savings. Following a brief discussion at March's meeting, the motion to proceed with the rental was defeated.

Welcome!

by Jeffrey Hollis

Since the beginning of March, the CWA has attracted an additional three new members. We'd like to welcome Andy Brafford, Joel Patterson, and William Studley.

Please stop by the secretary's table before or after the next meeting if you have not filled out an application. This will allow us to better know your interests and skills, which helps us to plan a better schedule of programs for you. In addition, you'll need your membership card to receive sponsors' benefits. Please see Dave Terpening, CWA Treasurer, for your card.

Looking for Artists & Craftsmen

by Robert Reading

In March, there was a meeting held by some North Carolina craftsmen who are interested in setting up a co-op to sell their products. The idea is to sell their products directly to the consumer through their own outlet. The store

or gallery would be in the Charlotte area but the craftsmen could be from anywhere in the area. There is a successful co-op in the Seattle, Washington area, and the idea is to follow their lead. They have been doing this for 15 to 20 years and now have three galleries. This is not close to happening in the Charlotte area but the talks will be ongoing. The products would be anything from furniture to cutting boards, but your items will have to be judged by the directors before they can be placed in the gallery. Anyone who thinks they would have an interest in selling their products this way are requested to please call Bob Reading at (704) 821-7868.

Shop Sharing

by Jack Coobs and Jeffrey Hollis

Have you ever been frustrated by your equipment's lack of capacity when you need it most? Many of us who work in a small shop occasionally have the need of a larger and better equipped shop to handle certain tasks. Coobs, Inc. has opened their workshop doors for several days and nights every month for woodworkers to rent space and equipment. In addition to the use of the workshop and machines, an instructor will always be on hand for safety, answering questions, and giving advice when wanted.

Scheduling allows for five renters per month of intermediate to advanced skill levels. The cost is \$150, with an average of 75 hours of shop time available per month. (That's only about \$2.00 an hour!) Available equipment includes: a 10" (5 hp) tablesaw, 20" planer, lathe, 8' stroke sander, 30" bandsaw, 8" joiner, a pin router, veneer press, spraybooth, and a Legacy ornamental mill.

The available schedule for April and May is as follows:

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Jack's shop is located at 3656 Smith Farm Road in Matthews, NC. For scheduling information and other questions, call (704) 821-9737.

Remember – April's meeting will be at Charlotte Hardwood Center!

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a Complete Listing

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Show your CWA membership card at any of the listed places to receive benefits (except for Woodcraft, which is unable to provide sponsorship in the form of discounts).

Remember to support our supporters!

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