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## **Small Talk**

**Our regular meeting place has changed to the CHARLOTTE ART LEAGUE The address is:**

Charlotte Art League  
1517 Camden Road  
Charlotte, NC 28203  
Phone: 704.376.2787  
cal@charlotteartleague.org  
<http://www.charlotteartleague.org/>

Parking is available beside the CAL building and on the surrounding streets. I do have (2) maps to attach which were provided by a new member Mike Smith, thanks Mike!

As most of you know our President Bruce Bradford has resigned, we all owe a tremendous thanks to Kyle Edwards and Jaye Peterman for picking up the slack! I'm not certain of the by-laws, but I know we would all be glad to have someone volunteer to fill in for Bruce for the next few months. Also please check your schedules and we will certainly need to elect a new president for next year.

We will be making nominations this month for next year's officers. Please consider if you would like to hold a position next year. Also Next Month our presentation is you! Please bring a jig or the like you've made to use in your shop or past projects.

Please also think ahead to make items for the One Special Christmas auction to raise money for gifts for underprivileged children, Dwight Hartsell has all the details.

Sincerely,

Phil Ashley

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(704) 841-2001 x338 days

(704) 548-2851 evenings

## **October Program**

We will have a presentation by Kyle Edwards on preparing slabs for use in projects.

## Meeting Time

Meetings of the Charlotte Woodworker's Association are held the third Monday of each month, except for December **Each month we will meet at the CHARLOTTE ART LEAGUE** The address is:

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Following a social and refreshment time that starts at 5:30pm, our meetings start at 6:00pm. Get to the meeting early and get to know your fellow woodworking enthusiasts.

## \$\$\$ Save Money at the Woodworking Shop \$\$\$

As a member of the Charlotte Woodworkers Association you can save 10% off all your purchases from The Woodworking Shop, excluding wood and power tools. The Woodworking Shop extends 10% discount to CWA members.

## Write an article for Sawdust (thanks for all the help from those that have)

Please consider writing an article for The Sawdust, this is your newsletter. What do you want from it? What do you want to share with your fellow woodworkers? Everyone likes to share, share your successes, failures, mistakes, have fun with it and share with others at the same time! Contact Phil Ashley @ secretary@charlottewoodworkers.org or call (704) 841-2001 x 338 days or (704) 548-2851 evenings.

## 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.

### Name Area of Interest Phone Email

Wayne Cooper \*\*\* 704.409.1417 cooper@arconmfg.com  
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Alvin Tench any woodworking 704.824.7717 alvintench@netzero.com

## Where to find Machinery?

This month I will give a brief talk on Buying Equipment, rather than having a hand out at the meeting I'm going to put the information here in the newsletter. Buying machinery is like everything else in life "there is no such thing as a free lunch." There are pitfalls no matter which road you take in acquiring equipment and supplies. With new equipment you often pay as much for name and paint scheme as you do for the actual tool, but everyone knows you get what you pay for as well. Most often you have to find some middle ground that balances quality, price and dependability. I often refer to cars to describe the difference in quality to customers, for example a Bentley and a Corvair provide the same basic service to their owner. But without a doubt the Bentley is far superior in every way to the Kia! The same holds true with equipment. Ask anyone who saved a few bucks on paint only to have to repaint their porch the next fall!

Purchasing new machinery is the safest route when a need/aching desire arises in the shop. Whenever you buy a new machine be sure to fully understand the warranty they are offering. Warranties vary greatly and rarely include labor. Most only cover electrical parts for (6) months to a year. With the onslaught of imported equipment often the warranty offered is what distinguishes companies selling the same machine painted different colors. Also watch the electric parts on equipment, several companies now offer US made motors and switches on their equipment. This is very beneficial in the long run, because motors and switches wear out a lot quicker than castings. High end equipment is definitely worth the \$\$ if you are using it in a production environment.

In the area there are several outlets for new equipment:

- Klingsplor 704-521-8886 <http://www.woodworkingshop.com>  
Sell a full line of home/small shop equipment. Best source for sandpaper around! Also have a good selection of supply items. Will generally match current prices for equipment. Ask about the specifics at the store.
- Woodcraft 704-847-8300 <http://www.woodcraft.com>  
Sell a full line of home/small shop equipment. Best source for turning tools from what I hear, I don't turn though. They have a good selection of supply items as well.
- Diversified Equipment 704-573-1553  
These guys can get you anything you want if you'll pay them for it. They stock a full line of contractor grade small power tools and typically deal in large industrial equipment. They have a few used pieces on occasions.
- LeNeave Supply 704-376-7421 <http://www.leneavesupply.com>  
Walking in store is like going back in time, they've got if you can find it. They bring in the NORTHSTATE line of equipment directly from overseas. It is very similar to the SUNHILL line & older JET equipment.
- Harbor Freight 704-569-0182 <http://www.harborfreight.com>  
Not much to say here except they have great prices and occasionally you will buy something based on price when you've forgotten the cardinal rule I

mentioned earlier. All in all I certainly see the value in a lot of what they offer particularly for the hobbyist.

Places on the web to buy equipment:

- Amazon.com  
Whoever started this business in a genius, it is amazing how much they sell and for what prices. <http://www.amazon.com>
- Grizzly.com  
They are pioneers in Taiwanese imports, they sell the low-end price point models and the higher-end quality machines. <http://www.grizzly.com>
- eBay.com  
Marketplace for people to clean out their attics, but the dynamics are changing and people are offering a ton of new equipment on the site. Very little recourse and no assistance with problems from “eBay” so know up front who you are dealing with.
- Wilke Machinery  
Machinery importer & dealer in Pennsylvania. They import the Bridgewood Line and a lower end Yorkcraft line. <http://www.wilkemachinery.com>
- RedmondMachinery.com  
Dealer in Atlanta, GA. They turn a lot of volume and have competitive pricing on DELTA & POWERMATIC equipment. They are one of the largest dealers of “reconditioned” DELTA equipment. This equipment is a generally a great buy. <http://www.redmond-machinery.com>

Purchasing used equipment is like buying a used car. One view is you’re just buying someone else’s troubles and the other is someone else took the hit on depreciation. If you have the opportunity to buy a fairly new used piece of equipment at significant savings versus a new machine I think it’s a smart buy. But keep in mind I sell used equipment so I may be biased. Typically a machine is worth 75% of retail the day you take it home, whether you use it or not! A good solid used machine can typically be found for 50 – 70% of the replacement cost. You need to be able justify the risk of buying a used machine by saving money that can be used to make necessary repairs when it arrives or in the near future. When buying a used machine always ask the age, how long has it been out of service, how much did you use it, are there any problems with the machine, is there anything else I should know about the machine? People are generally honest and if you get them talking they will likely say too much!

I recommend you check our Woodweb an online forum for professional woodworkers. The site is directed to professionals, but their forums are good place to read and learn from questions others have. They also have a listing service for used machines. The website is <http://www.woodweb.com>.

Buying equipment is like any other major purchase the more you know the easier to make an informed decision. It’s always best to educate yourself before making any major purchase.

## **Classified Section**

**\$\$ For Sale \$\$**

**Please email [cwasecretary@aol.com](mailto:cwasecretary@aol.com) or call 704-519-5662 with any items you wish to buy or sell.**

### **H & S Lumber**

Members receive Contractor Pricing  
4115 Monroe Road  
Charlotte, NC 28205  
704.333.3130 (sponsor)

### **Woodcraft**

Mr. David Boyuka  
1725 Windsor Square Drive  
Matthews, NC 28105  
704.847.8300 (contributing)

### **Harbor Freight USA**

Mr. Martin Treadwell, Manager  
3852 E. Independence Blvd.  
Charlotte, NC 28205  
704.569.0182 (contributor)

### **The Woodworking Shop of Charlotte**

Mr. David Owens, Manager  
116M Freeland Lane  
Charlotte, NC 28217  
704.521.8886 (contributing/sponsor – except  
power tools and wood)

Show your CWA membership card at any of the listed places and receive benefits (except for Woodcraft and Harbor Freight USA, which are not able to provide sponsorship in the form of discounts).

## 2005 CWA Officers

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Next Meeting:  
October 17th, 2005  
At the Charlotte Art League

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