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# THE SAWDUST


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## Irwin Saw Blade Testing

Thanks to everyone who are participating in the blade test. We got all the Phase 1 blades and questionnaires returned to Irwin in time! At our May meeting, I will redistribute the questionnaires to the testors, to have them completed during the meeting. This will conclude the testing process, and the testors will be allowed to keep the blades they used in the Phase 2 test. Please plan to attend the meeting and complete the questionnaires. If you cannot attend the meeting, contact Fred Miller @ 704.650.8520 to make other arrangements. 

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## CWA Dues

Are you overdue? If you haven't paid your 2009 CWA 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! If not already paid please make arrangements to have your club dues paid by the May meeting.

To make payment please contact Fred Miller at:

[fredmiller2@gmail.com](mailto:fredmiller2@gmail.com)



## Dulcimer Making Presentation

Mark Willingham gave a highly informative presentation on the art of Dulcimer making. Below are some references for making these mountain musical works of wood art.

[www.everythingdulcimer.com](http://www.everythingdulcimer.com)

- Click on Discussion Tab
  - Click on "Making Dulcimers"
  - Lots of Archived Information available

Google "Dulcimer"

Library Books available through Mecklenburg Public Library:

- "Dulcimer Maker: the Craft of Homer Ledford" by Jerry Schureman
- "Constructing the Mountain Dulcimer" by Dean Kimball
- "Appalachian Dulcimer Traditions" by Ralph Lee Smith

Fretting Software:

- Fretcalc(dulcimer mode) available at [www.dougsparring.com](http://www.dougsparring.com)
- Wfret available at [pluto.spaceports.com](http://pluto.spaceports.com)


Luthier Supplies:

- [www.stewmac.com](http://www.stewmac.com) - tuners, frets, soundboards, nuts, etc.
- [www.elderly.com](http://www.elderly.com) - tuners, frets, nuts, etc.
- [www.folkcraft.com](http://www.folkcraft.com) - dulcimers, kits, specialized lumber, etc.
- [www.woodnshop.com](http://www.woodnshop.com) - 1/8" Baltic Birch plywood
- [www.ebay.com](http://www.ebay.com) - thin lumber, accessories

String Gauges:

- Melody(2) .010-.012"
- Middle .012-.014"
- Bass .022-.024" Wound

If you have any questions or need assistance with your dulcimer build give him a call:

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[mwillingham@bellsouth.net](mailto:mwillingham@bellsouth.net)
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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

MAY 19 **CHARLOTTE WOODWORKERS MEETING – Dave Powles, Jon Goodson, and Fred Miller will be reviewing the CWA SHAKER TABLE PROJECT.**  
2. We will have a **SCRAP WOOD PROJECTS display.** If you have any scrap wood projects we can take a look at please bring them in!

JUNE 16 **CHARLOTTE WOODWORKERS MEETING – To Be Determined.**



## CWA Google Groups

There is a new method for CWA membership 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 us your email address so we can send you an invitation to join. [tprofera@hotmail.com](mailto:tprofera@hotmail.com).

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### Charlotte Woodturners Event

On Saturday, April 18, the Charlotte Woodturners club had a meeting/swap meet/BBQ event. There were lots of bargains on woodturning tools and wood, including some very nice burl blocks. There were also live demonstrations and hands-on instruction, as well as a show-n-tell with some incredible turned pieces. The burgers and hot dogs were also a hit. There were also power carving tools and air brushing units set up for attendees to play with.

For any of our members interested in turning wood, they are encouraged to attend the CWT meetings, held at the JPM Shop on the third Thursdays at 7:00pm.

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### 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!



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### Quote of the Month

*"It don't take a lot of fancy joinery to make a dulcimer"* **Mark Willingham**

## Shaker Table Project

We are planning to hold a Shaker table build workshop on several Saturday sessions. We still have to do scheduling, but we anticipate the Saturday work sessions for participants will begin in June, and run for several Saturdays. 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. Meanwhile, you can use the "what to buy" list to purchase your lumber.

Lumber and kits for this build are available from Wall Lumber

- o Approximately Bundled \$75 – \$ 125 includes UPS delivery (dependent on the wood selected).

At the May meeting a review of the table build project will be done. You can bring your lumber to the meeting to review its suitability for this project if so desire.

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## 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!

|                   |  |
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| 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       |

### Treasurer's Report: 2/28 thru 3/31

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|-----------------|---|
| Opening balance | 1745.57                                 |
| Checks          | 75.84                                   |
| Closing balance | 1669.73                                 |
|                 | (deposit missed this accounting period) |

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## 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](mailto: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!

Contact Tony Profera at [tprofera@hotmail.com](mailto:tprofera@hotmail.com)



## 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](mailto:tprofera@hotmail.com)*

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

## 2009 CWA Officers



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# 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  
[popstoysshop@yahoo.com](mailto:popstoysshop@yahoo.com)

Wayne Manahan  
Sharpening  
704.786.0768  
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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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