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CWA Dues

If you haven't paid your 2009 CWA club dues by now you are **past due**. 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 ✉

CWA Google Groups

There is a new method for CWA membership to communicate! With a single email we can let you know what's happening. You can also view the currently posted CWA newsletter here.

You Can Join This Group on Your Own!

To join paste the entire line below in your web browser (such as Internet Explorer) address bar:

- <http://groups.google.com/group/charlotte-woodworkers?hl=en>

- Hit enter, click the link "Join this group" on the right.

- Create a Google account if necessary (all they want is a email address and password).

- Once "signed in" select the radio button "Email" at the bottom and enter a nickname.

- Send an email out to the group to introduce yourself!

- Use "charlotte-woodworkers@googlegroups.com" as the "send to" in any email.

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Preparing Project Lumber

A highly informative presentation on dimensioning rough lumber was given by Dave Powles. Some of the tips he provided us are as follows:

Develop a system to ensure success!

- You are going to have to buy lumber in the rough to get the sizes that you want.
- Tape measures are not accurate enough for the work we do. Fold-up rulers are more accurate.
- When you start a project, use the same ruler from beginning to end. The slight differences between the rules compound as you get deeper and deeper into the project. Even better, don't measure, use a story stick. It will be dead on the money without measuring anything!
- Get a good, dependable combination square. Go with the name brands: Brown & Sharp, Starrett, Mititoyo, etc. It costs a little cash to be accurate. A 12" Starrett is \$70 but worth it. On Starrett squares the head and the ruler are hardened.
- Check that your framing square is actually square. Take a long jointed board and lay the framing square against the edge. Draw the line with a fine pencil or knife. Flip the framing square 180 degrees and draw the line again. If the lines are parallel the square is accurate.
- Use Winding Sticks to check a boards "level". They are made from wood, so check them for square and true and flat once in a while. Lee Valley has an aluminum pair that is very nice. Place them on each end of the board. Look across the sticks to really see the twist, or cup
- Cupped boards: Two schools of thought: Plane the back a little (the rounded part sticking up) Joint the front (The rounded part up)
 - Note: 8/4 boards can planed flat because the down-pressure of the planer won't be enough to flatten the board typically.
 - If you rip the board down the center, the arc of the cup is reduced in half. Then run the smaller board on the jointer

Handling Wide boards:

- Most woodworkers only have a 6" jointer in their home shops. For boards wider than your jointer you can't just flip it around and run it the other way to take the remaining strip left behind on the first pass. Some alternatives include:
 - Joint the board 6" then work remaining two inches with hand tools.
 - Use a hand-held power planer.
 - Make a planer support jig to support the board to keep it flexing. Then flatten it with a surface planer.
- Making it Square:
 - Establish working face (mark with chalk)
 - Square an edge to the working face
 - If the edge isn't square after you run it through the machine, either the working face isn't true or the machine is out of alignment.
- Check your planer:
 - Get a board that fills your planer to width then run it through checking for a taper from side to side.
- A "Spring Joint" is used when you are gluing two boards together edge to edge to close the gap. To make it:
 - Get two edges jointed
 - Come back with a hand plane and put a little dish in the middle of both boards. Only a couple of thousands are needed, so that you can see a sliver of daylight down the middle when you put it together
 - Clamp the joint together to get rid of the sliver of light
 - Pressure on the outside ends prevents the outside of the boards from opening up over time.
- Moral of the story: Go home and get yourself setup so that you are working with stock that is "true" and "square".



Shaker Table Build Project

A small Shaker table build workshop is being held on several Saturday and Monday night build sessions.

Fred Miller, Dave Powles & John Goodson are the designated instructors for this project build.

Fred Miller has made a "dry fit" sample shaker table from quarter sawn white oak, that can be broken down for viewing.

Participants are encouraged to work at home or team with another member and work outside this schedule. For those who may lack tools or machinery, the "Monday Night Team" will be at the JPM shop on Monday evenings after work, so you can stop by and do your work then.

See the Calendar of Events for scheduled build times.



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!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JUNE 13 CWA SHAKER TABLE BUILD WORKSHOP – 9:00AM – till? AT THE JPM SHOP.

JUNE 20 CWA SHAKER TABLE BUILD WORKSHOP – 9:00AM – till? AT THE JPM SHOP.

JULY 13 CWA SHAKER TABLE BUILD WORKSHOP 5:30pm – 8:00pm AT THE JPM SHOP.

JUNE 16 CHARLOTTE WOODWORKERS MEETING – DIMENSIONING LUMBER PRESENTATION BY DAVE POWLES.

JULY 21 CHARLOTTE WOODWORKERS MEETING – INLAY PRESENTATION BY ROGER GOLDMAN. Note: this presentation has been rescheduled to this date.

JULY 25 CWA SHAKER TABLE BUILD WORKSHOP – 9am – till? AT THE JPM SHOP.

AUGUST 10 CWA SHAKER TABLE BUILD WORKSHOP 5:30pm – 8:00pm AT THE JPM SHOP.



Other Items from the Woodpile

The Cross for JPM is now finished! Z Spar Varnish was used to provide a hopefully lasting finish. Nice work Bruce and Bob!

Mark Willingham did a short **dulcimer building presentation follow up** by bringing in his newly finished apple wood dulcimer. He noted that although Apple is a beautiful wood it is difficult to find and wide pieces are rare.

The Woodworking Show is not planning on coming back to Charlotte next year. They *are* planning on going to Asheville though. The question: Is Asheville too far to man a booth? We will consider going as a club if enough members are interested. Volunteering to help man the booth gets you into the show for free.



Lee Neilson Tools Presentation

A highly informative Lee Nielson tools presentation was hosted by the Greenville club recently. Several CWA members attended and reported back that it was a worthwhile event. Lie Nelson brings all of their tools and permits attendees to try many of them out. Additionally they have 3 or 4 different woodworking demonstrations. They also offer a 10% discount with no shipping or sales tax.

It has been proposed that CWA might partner with the York Club try to have a similar event here the Charlotte area.

If you know of a suitable space to hold this event please let Bruce know at bbogust@carolina.rr.com.



SHOP TOURS

Mike Smith has been organizing our shop tours that are held periodically. The goal is to have shop tours scheduled that are in the same generally area to reduce the distances travelled and permit time to adequately tour several shops.

If you would like to put your shop on the shop tour list, please let Mike know (please provide him your name address and phone number).

Note: all shop tours are for active CWA members only. Please refrain from bringing guests, family members, friends, dogs etc...

Once enough shops are signed up a date will be set for the tour.



What CWA Members are Currently Working On

At the February CWA meeting we 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
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: 5/1/09 thru 5/29/09

Opening balance	1956.29
Deposits	244.00
Checks	73.17
Closing balance	2127.12



Quote of the Month

"Remember: A planer is a "board thinknesser"; a jointer is a "board straightener"

Dave Powles

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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

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



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).

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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...

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THE WOODWORKING SHOP OF CHARLOTTE

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(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
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Wayne Manahan
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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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