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## OFFICER ELECTION RESULTS

Congratulations to the existing officers who won re-election to the board for another year! Roger Callahan is our new secretary

If anyone would like to help with the newsletter please let us know. We need to make this a group effort.



## One Special Christmas

One Special Christmas is the official charity of the CWA. Brendon Chapman. (son of Don Chapman – former CWA member) is the founder of One Special Christmas. Some Details:

- Fundraising Banquet & Auction – Tue. Dec. 3, 2009
- Silent Auction, fellowship and Dinner at 6:30 pm. Dinner and live auction 7:30 – 9:00 pm
- Try to raise \$200 per child that they sponsor.
- They pick children that have NEVER had that opportunity for a great Christmas. A school councilor who sees the children everyday recommends the needy kids. Without One Special Christmas these children would not have a Christmas at ALL.
- Some history: Wooden toys were built until 1989. After that, members built furniture, sold it and used the money to buy toys.
- Over the years, \$900,000 has been raised. Even with the bad economy OSC raised \$20,000 and bought toys for over 100 kids.
- Toys are bought for all the kids in the household, not just the child that came to the attention of OSC.
- There probably won't be a log cabin to auction this year, but hope to have the furniture and art.
- A "Thank you" goes out to all who has volunteered in the past.
- Please call or e-mail OSC if you would like to attend the auction. Dinner is free! Register by November 21<sup>st</sup> please. We will squeeze you in if you don't RSVP, but please try to make a reservation.



## CARVING PRESENTATION

We were treated to a carving presentation by Mr. Bill Wilson. Bill is a retired dentist from Rock Hill and accomplished carver of birds of prey.

### Some of the details from that presentation included:

- Carving Rosettes.
- Carving tools can be bought from Commet USA.
- Sells Rotary cutting tool bits.
- You have to just start carving. Once you get going you will get better and better.
- You can insert a rosette into a table leg.
- Turn a bead in the outer edge.
- Glue the rosette into a hold cut with a fostner bit.
- Master Carver Chisels: Bill recommends them as they are inexpensive and hold an edge.

### To Carve a Rosette:

- First decide what size you want.
- Turn the blank to the outside dimension.
  - o The wood is glued to a base stock with paper in between.
  - o Easy to knock the finished piece off.
- Decide how much relief to the flower petals.
  - o A flower in full bloom, or a flower just opening up.
- Measure the circumference of the disk.
  - o Use metric system, Divide it in half, Use a center finder and a compass.
  - o Draw the inner circle which is the outer edge of the petals.
- Divide the lines again [Diagram 3]
  - o This is where you start with the chisel.
  - o Try not to get lost in the lines.
  - o The arrows drawn on the alternating lines are important. The arrow is the tip of the flower petal.
    - The 20 degree chisel carves in the top left and right half of the leaf .

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DECEMBER 3 -- 6:30-9:00 pm **ONE SPECIAL CHRISTMAS -- DINNER AND SILENT AUCTION**

DECEMBER 8 – 6:30 pm **CWA CHRISTMAS DINNER AT THE OLD SMOKEHOUSE**

DECEMBER 19 – 9:00 am - noon **EXPLORER POST MEETING**

JANUARY ? **CWA PLANNING MEETING**

JANUARY 9 – 9:00am **JPM CAMPUS TOUR**

JANUARY 19th – 6:30pm **CHARLOTTE WOODWORKERS ASSOCIATION MEETING**

JANUARY 23rd – 9:00 am - noon **EXPLORER POST MEETING**

JANUARY 30th – 8:30 am – 1:00 pm **BOY SCOUT WOODWORKING MERIT BADGE CLASS**

FEBRUARY 13th – 8:30 am – 1:00 pm **BOY SCOUT WOODWORKING MERIT BADGE CLASS**

### Ride To Meetings Requested

Arnold Miller can't drive after dark any more and would like to catch a ride with any members coming from his direction. Arnold lives off of Carson's Pond near Cavalry Church (at the intersection of Rt. 51 and Rey Road).

If you can offer Arnold a ride please call him at: (704) 541-3319



### Treasurer's Report: 10/30/09

Opening balance	2302.48
Deposits	57.00
Checks	118.81
Closing balance	2240.67



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- Once you get the hang of it, you can make a rosette in about an hour to 90 minutes.
- Once you complete the leaf and the petals
  - Back-cut them to make them stand proud.
  - Gives it much more dimension
  - Flat skew chisel is used for the back-cutting
  - The center of the flower is dimpled with a nail punch or a Dremel tool with a small round diamond bit.
- Once you stain them it really makes these pop. The low spots become deeper.
  - Brush the stain on. Wipe it off.
  - Sand the high spots. Glaze it.
- Key to success:
  - Keep your tools sharp! A sharp tool leaves a nice 'slick' finish.

### Flame Finial:

- Think: a candle stick with a spiral going up
- The key: to lay it out properly.
  - Once the spiral is laid out properly, it is easy to do.
- Turn the finial's blank down to size. Leave it in the lathe for the rest of the operations below.
- The more twists you want equals the number of sections you divide the space into. [see finial diagram, bullet 1].
- Use a jig to mark the lines on the side of the blank. The jig rests on the bed of the lathe and holds the pencil at the center of the lathe.
- Use a flexible measuring tape to help you divide the circumference into 1/4's.
- Use automotive decal tape to lay out a spiral that intersects the marks on the blank.
- Using a dovetail saw, cut along one side of the tape all the way up the spiral. Put tape on the saw blade to make sure the blade doesn't cut too short.
- Chisel out the saw cut with a V chisel making it wider and wider. Use a different chisel if you want a different look.
- Use a rasp to further widen the cut.
- Four spirals look more elegant than two.
- Sand smooth then cut it out of the lathe.



# Boy Scouts of America

The shop at JPM will be expanding to accommodate new programs.

Work will commence Saturday October 24<sup>th</sup> 8:30 am till 1:00 PM. On the agenda is building new signs, and lumber racks for the Boy Scout merit badge.

We are currently swamped by interest from area Scouts. Local Scout council wants to start an Explorer Post (A co-ed teenage division of Boy Scouts). This would be a career oriented Post.

First meeting on October 31 at 10:00 am.

We will to explore a wide variety of areas of wood working in the broadest sense including framing, cabinet making, furniture making, wood turning, etc.

As the host organization of the post, we need to pay some money: \$70 to register the club and our members.

Post members that want to also join CWA can at a student membership rate of \$15/ year.



## SHOP TOURS

Mike Smith organizes club membership shop tours. The goal is to have shop tours scheduled that are in the same general geographic area to reduce the distances traveled between shops and permit time to adequately tour several shops in a day.

Please sign up even if you don't have a fancy shop

If you would like to put your shop on the shop tour list, please contact Mike at: [mikececilsmith@carolina.rr.com](mailto:mikececilsmith@carolina.rr.com)

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

Once enough shops are committed a date will be set.



## Other Items from the Woodpile

A CWA club planning meeting will be held some time in early January 2010. That date is yet to be determined. Some agenda items include:

- Applying for a non-profit status (501c3)
- Plans for the 2010 upcoming year

**The CWA meeting raffle** could benefit from your donation. If you have any tools (old or new), or shop supplies you would like to donate to be raffled please bring them in to the meeting and let Mike Smith know.

### A Change in the Trend?

Mike Smith did not win the raffle tonight for the first time in what seems like years!

## Editorial

Assisting with community outreach programs (Boy Scouts, Explorer Post, etc) are what helped the Greenville Woodworkers grow to a 700 member club.

Please consider getting involved and volunteering your time. These are good causes, and you will be rewarded in many ways.



## Shaker Table Build Project

A club sponsored Shaker table project workshop is ongoing. 15 people signed up and 5 are near completion.

Fred Miller, Dave Powles & John Goodson are the designated instructors for this project build. If you would like to participate contact Fred Miller or Dave Powles for more information.



## CWA MEETING PRESENTERS

All members are asked to keep an eye out for anyone that might make be a suitable program presenter for our CWA club meetings. Who knows, it might even be you!

### Recent presentations have included:

- Carving
- Woodworking Project Photography
- Bandsaw Setup and Bandsaw Blades
- Turning an Offset Padfoot Table Leg
- Marquetry
- Sharpening
- Dulcimer making
- Shaker Table Build Workshop
- Wheel making
- Windsor chair making

If you know of someone with a woodworking skill that could be of interest please contact Dave Powles at: (704) 506-0403.



## CWA CHRISTMAS PARTY

The annual CWA Christmas Party will be held on Tuesday December 8th at 6:30 PM at the Old Smokehouse restaurant on Montfort Drive.

The cost is \$5.00 per person (the club pays the rest). If you attend you will be treated to a delicious BBQ meal.

There will be a gift exchange for significant others. Please bring a small hand made wrapped wooden gift for exchange at the party.

**IMPORTANT: Fred Miller needs an accurate headcount of how many people are attending the party! Please let him know if you are planning to attend at: [fredmiller2@gmail.com](mailto:fredmiller2@gmail.com)**



## JPM Auction

The JPM Charity Auction is now history. CWA had four items to auction.

In the past corporate sponsors would buy a table for the auction, but didn't actually attend. Those tickets were used for area churches that support the JPM. With the state of the current economy bidding was noted as being very low. Fortunately the costs were covered.

Thanks go out to those that donated items!



## JPM Shop Use

Any current CWA member who would like to use the shop is welcome to do so! All that is needed is to schedule the time! If you have something specific you need to do and you need our tools or a bigger shop to work in, please do so!

JPM has plans to expand again by adding 3-phase power. Additionally a large classroom will be added. It is planned to accommodate groups of up to 25 people!

CWA will be looking into the acquisition of assorted "Big Iron" (3 phase) shop equipment such as Jointers, Planers, and Table saws. A wide belt thickness sander was noted as good piece of equipment for CWA to have.

To use the shop contact Jim Emory at:

[jimE@JacksonPark.Org](mailto:jimE@JacksonPark.Org).



## 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 all the 2009 published club newsletters.

**Note: You Can Join This Group on Your Own!**

To join:

Paste the entire line below in your web browser's 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 an email address and password). Please save your password in a secure place for future use.
- 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 communication to all members of the group.



## Boy Scout Wood Working Merit Badge

JPM is holding shop sessions for 20 Boy Scouts to work towards receiving a woodworking merit badge.

Jim Emery is seeking volunteers from CWA membership to assist with Saturday workshops. Workshop sessions are anticipated to be held as morning and afternoon sessions.

This is an outstanding way to introduce young people to woodworking. With many school shop programs being phased out this may be the only contact our youth have to a woodshop and the craft of woodworking.

A signup sheet of those interested in finding out more was passed around at the Sept. CWA meeting. If you did not get a chance put your name on that list and would like to find out more please contact Fred Miller at: [fredmiller2@gmail.com](mailto:fredmiller2@gmail.com).

Watch for additional information to be published to the CWA Google group.



## 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!



## Best Quote of Last Few Months

*"Everyone wants to get it done fast. That's fine if you don't mind a lot of sanding."*

**Gordon Combest**

## 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

There are some tools available for sale including small shop compressor and a Dewalt scroll saw. Any tools remaining are listed on a sheet posted at the JPM shop bulletin board. If interested in these contact Fred Miller at: [fredmiller2@gmail.com](mailto:fredmiller2@gmail.com).

We have received word that a member of the Greenville club has unfortunately passed. Tools from that shop are expected to be listed here soon.

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).



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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...

## CWA 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  
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### **THE WOODWORKING SHOP OF CHARLOTTE**

Jim Rivers, Manager  
4728 South Blvd.  
Charlotte, NC 28217  
(704) 521-8886  
Notice: this shop has **closed**.

### **WHOLESALE TOOLS**

4200 Barringer Drive  
Charlotte NC 28217  
**1-800-438-3580 (Service)**  
Web link: <http://www.wttool.com/>  
5% - 20% discount with current membership card.

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## 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.

Wayne Manahan  
Sharpening  
704.786.0768  
[wmanahan@vnet.net](mailto:wmanahan@vnet.net)

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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