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CWA OFFICER ELECTIONS

It's that time of year again! Nominations and voting for CWA club officer positions (Pres., V.P., Treasurer, and Secretary) will take place at the Nov. CWA meeting. Please be thinking of nominations for those posts.

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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.
- If you would like to help deliver the toys to needy children, please let us know. You will be changed by the experience.
- Please call or e-mail OSC if you would like to attend the auction. Dinner is free! Register by November 21st please. We will squeeze you in if you don't RSVP, but please try to make a reservation.

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How to Photograph Wood Projects

This month's meeting presentation was given by CWA member David Krehl on how to successfully photograph woodworking projects.

Dave's is originally from Buffalo, NY and is a self proclaimed "awful woodworker, but pretty good photographer". He's been a photographer for 11 years and has a studio in Matthews.

Shooting the Things that You Make:

- "Lighting is the key to success".
- Do not trust the camera to think for you.
- Photographing objects are tricky, especially things that are reflective (like the finish on many woodworking projects).

Backgrounds

- White bed sheet works well. Especially for large projects. Tape the sheet to the wall
- Iron the sheet first or you will see the wrinkles
- Seamless paper: 4' wide by 30' long. \$40 available at photo stores.
- Show the piece in action.
 - o Placed in the home where the furniture would normally go.
 - o Puts the piece in scale and perspective.

Camera:

- Always use a tripod.
- Use the self timer function so you don't shake the camera pressing the button.
- Turn the flash off.
 - o That pop-up flash is the worst thing ever.
- Use the most resolution that you have.
 - o Memory cards are cheap. Keep your camera on the highest setting. Be greedy.
- Use the lowest ISO that you can.
 - o 100 ISO is the best quality – bright sunshine.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OCTOBER 20 **CHARLOTTE WOODWORKERS MEETING** – CWA Member Dave Krehl will present on Wood Project Photography.

OCTOBER 24 **BOY SCOUT WOODWORKING MERIT BADGE SHOP DAY #2 AT JPM SHOP.**

OCTOBER 24 9:00--12:00 **WOOD PROJECT PHOTO SESSION** – Wood Projects to be Photographed.

OCTOBER 31 9:00 am till ? **PROSPECTIVE EXPLORER POST MEETING.**

NOVEMBER 7-8 **SOCIETY of AMERICAN PERIOD FURNITURE MAKERS -- MEETING AT JPM AND MEMBER SHOPS.**

NOVEMBER 14 **JPM SILENT AUCTION**

NOVEMBER 17 **CHARLOTTE WOODWORKERS MEETING** – Officer Nominations and Voting.

OCTOBER 24 **BOY SCOUT WOODWORKING MERIT BADGE SHOP DAY AT JPM SHOP.**

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**

Jackson Park Silent Auction

The JPM Silent Auction will be held the evening of Saturday November 14. If you have anything to donate, please let us know.



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- Try not to go past ISO 400.
- Fluorescent lights can be fine as long as you set the camera to the right settings
- A low “film speed” will give you better results in the shadows.
- Use the color setting that matches your light source.
- The color temperature of light is not consistent.
- You can mix different types of lights, but be careful when fluorescent is in the mix.
- You can use the camera screen to see the color imperfections and make corrections. But you have to look! Try out different camera settings.
- Position the lights and adjust the angles to suit YOU!
- Some people like backlighting to add depth to the project.

Composition

- Take a full shot of the piece, of course
- Close-ups of various design elements: zoom in on the hand cut dovetail...
- Show the thought and the effort that you put in to the project.
- Depth of field
 - o Set the camera in aperture priority mode. “AV” mode.
 - o If you want the entire thing in focus go to the higher numbers, F16 or F22.
 - o When you close down the aperture the shutter speed has to slow down to give a longer exposure, so the tripod is critical.
- Question: “Are you better to stand back and zoom or stand close?”
 - o Stand back and zoom in, so you get a narrower field of view. It is a matter of taste.
- Turn off your digital zoom.
- When you get to the telephoto end of the lens, you depth of field gets very shallow.
- You can get the background to get very fuzzy with a wide aperture.



Boy Scouts of America

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

Work will commence Saturday October 24th 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.

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

Are you interested in a group discount? If we order 10 items as a club we would get 50% off! Please let Fred Miller know if you are interested.

The CWA meeting raffle could benefit for 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.

The **Asheville Woodworks Show** originally scheduled for October has been cancelled!

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 some of your time. These are very 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:

- 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
- Mortise and Tenon Joinery

If you know of someone with a woodworking skill that could be of interest 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 treating to a delicious BBQ meal.

IMPORTANT: we need an accurate headcount of how many people are attending! They cook based on what we tell them.

Please think about it and let us know at the November meeting if you are attending, or e-mail Fred to let him know if you are planning to attend.

Society of American Period Furniture Makers

- Regional meeting Nov 7 and 8th here at JPM! Non members welcome to attend.
- Short presentation on making and fitting drawers.
- Afternoon presentation at John Leeke's shop.
- Sunday: visit John McCalister's house in Charlotte.
- Also Sunday: Mary May, European trained master wood carver, will be demonstrating/teaching wood carving.
- Charge to attend: Nope. **Free!**
- Contact Dave Powles to get on the e-mail list for information on this program.
- In the spring: Charleston meeting location. Fall 2010: High Point.

Irwin Product Testing

Irwin is offering to once again sponsoring tests of 2 of their products in cooperation with interested CWA members. If you would like to participate please e-mail Fred Miller.

Products for Testing:

Cordless Circular Saw Blades:

Saw blade sizes: 5-3/8, 6-1/2 and 7-1/4
No limit to the number of people.
7-1/4 blade would fit a corded blade.

Handy-Clamps:

Test is limited to five people.
Volunteers will get to keep the clamps used in the test (even the competitor's clamps).

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.

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!

Quote of Last Month

"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

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

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.

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

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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HORIZON FOREST PRODUCTS

...has left Charlotte. We look forward to their return in another year or two.

Chad Mitchell, Manager
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THE WOODWORKING SHOP OF CHARLOTTE

Jim Rivers, Manager
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Notice: this shop has **closed**.

WHOLESALE TOOLS

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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
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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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