

THE SAWDUST

NEWSLETTER OF THE CHARLOTTE WOODWORKERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

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Newsletter

If anyone would like to contribute articles, information or provide suggestions for the newsletter, please send them to me. We need to make this a group effort.

Thanks also to Peter Stoffel, who assists with note taking at the meetings and to Tony Profera for the photos he provided - much appreciated.

Roger Callahan (roger_callahan@bellsouth.net) - Secretary



Product Development Presentation

We were very fortunate to have a presentation from two representatives of the Stanley Black & Decker product development organization at the November meeting.



Michael Boide (left), Senior Product Manager, and Dennis Kellagher, Product Manager, are focused on product research and development; understanding and evaluating what both the professional and hobbyist woodworkers and tradesmen need; and how they use specific types of tools. The feedback they receive is most important in the development process and often new features result. Mike said, "Woodworkers come up with some creative ideas".

In 2010 the Stanley and the Black & Decker companies merged and the official name for the corporation is now "Stanley Black & Decker". Some of the brands of tools we are familiar with that they produce are DeWalt, Porter Cable, Bostitch, Mac Tools, Stanley and Black & Decker products. The Delta machinery business was sold this year and is now the Delta Corporation located in Anderson, SC. Delta will focus on stationary tools.

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CWA Inc. Election Results for 2012

Elections for 2012 were held at the November CWA Inc. meeting. The results recorded were:

President: Mike Smith
Vice President Dave Powles
Treasurer: Fred Miller
Secretary: Vance Smith

Board Members at Large:
Tony Profera
John Seaman

Bruce Bogust as most recent past President also serves on the Board.

Volunteers for two important Committee leads were also announced. These are:

Joe Hattaway - **Communications Committee**

John Bregan - **Safety Committee**



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December 1: “One Special Christmas” Banquet and Auction – starts at 6:00pm. See page 4 for additional details.

December 13: CWA Christmas Dinner – 6:30pm at Jonathan’s in Mathews. (Gift exchange for spouses – please plan on making a gift or two for the exchange.) You will be able to order off a menu for your dinner this year (see page 5 for directions).

December 20: No Meeting on This Third Tuesday of the Month.

January 17, 2012: CHARLOTTE WOODWORKERS ASSOCIATION, INC. MEETING - 6:30pm

Note: Bring 'show and tell' - recent projects, items, etc. to share with members prior to the meeting. (Meet & Greet and social begins at 5:30 pm.)

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WOODCRAFT STORE IN CHARLOTTE UPCOMING CLASSES - Too numerous to list. See Woodcraft of Charlotte Website at for December classes:

<http://www.woodcraft.com/stores/store.aspx?id=507&page=classes>



Treasurer's Report: as of 10/31/11*

Opening balance	2746.07
Deposits	328.00
Checks	174.24
Closing balance	2899.83

* Note: for period 10/15 thru 10/31 following system conversions at our financial institution.



October Items from the Woodpile

- Mike Smith opened the November meeting reminding attendees that we would be voting on officers for 2012. Those running for office were introduced. Ballots were passed out to members and the results of the vote were announced and are posted on page 1.
- **CWA Dinner:** Mike announced the CWA Christmas dinner (which replaces our regular monthly meeting) will be December 13 at Jonathans. We will start at 6:30pm. We will be able to order off the menu and the dinner will cost \$10.00 per person. He reminded members to bring a wrapped gift or two (member made but no required) for spouses, who will draw a ticket and then select a gift. A Signup sheet was available and please call or email Mike if you were not able to sign the list.
- **One Special Christmas:** He discussed the One Special Christmas dinner and charity auction that will be held on Thursday, December 1 (reservations are required see information on page 4). CWA Members are encouraged to make an item for the auction or attend and purchase items to support the program. If you cannot attend and drop of your item on December 1st, you can drop it off before December 1st at JPM.
- **Ball caps with Embroidered CWA Logo:** John Seaman showed the two styles of ball caps that are now available. One is the flex fit cap (blue) for \$16, which is closed in the back with an elastic band. The other is the adjustable band pigmented dye denim in color for \$18. See John if interested.
- **A Learning Project:** Dave Powles, CWA program organizer/planner was thanked by the members for all his terrific work developing our programs. Dave inquired how many members would be interested in learning more about lathes. With the interest expressed, he plans on developing a variation of a “learn and build” project in conjunction with some members of the Charlotte Woodturners Club for next year’s program.



SHOW & TELL

'Show & Tell' at the November meeting included:

❖ Hotel Birdhouse – Roger Callahan

This multi-story birdhouse is made of pine with a bell-shaped copper sheet metal roof. Coppersmithing (or redsmithing) the roof was a new experience and very much a fun task. The house will be mounted on a six foot high 4" x 4" plastic pole in an attempt to keep the squirrels off the house.



❖ Dulcimer – Mark Willingham

Mark's latest dulcimer is made of monkey pod in a teardrop shape. Monkey pod is a hardwood from Central/South America and Pacific regions. The fret board is mahogany.



Tool Development Presentation

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Members attending the November meeting signed a non-disclosure agreement about certain details of the presentation and information, so this is a truncated general article of a very informative one hour presentation.

Mike reviewed the detail process steps used for developing new tools and the various engineering efforts required. As with all engineering process, the efforts include prototyping and evaluation.

An important tip he noted in getting quality finishes is to use the best quality of sandpaper (has consistent size of grit particles) and that the pressure applied to the sander is important. It noted that it is best in using certain types of sanders, for example, palm sanders to let the unit float or apply constant light pressure. Also, dust collection is important, i.e. get those particles out of there.

Feedback from users to their development process is most valuable, so do not hesitate commenting on issues you may experience.

In thanking CWA for their feedback members were provided, several DeWalt products for a door prize drawing. (See the lucky winners below and on Page 5.)

Thanks Mike and Dennis for a very informative presentation and the great door prizes.



Door Prize Winners



One Special Christmas

(www.OneSpecialChristmas.com)

Additional information on their Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/onespecialchristmas

Checkout the pictures, videos and some of the items up for auction.



Reminder: This year's date is December 1st

- The "One Special Christmas" auction raises money so the organization can buy that special gift a child wants at Christmas time. Deserving children that can benefit are identified by schools, community organizations, children agencies and churches. The children are asked what they want and the organization tries to fulfill that wish as closely as possible.
- Please consider donating an item to the auction. CWA has support this organizations for many years.
- The fundraising Banquet and Auction will be on **Thursday, December 1, 2011**. The Dinner is provided by the organization.

- Location:

Oehler's BBQ Barn, 403 Ridge Rd., Charlotte, NC

- Time:

6:00 pm - Silent Auction, Fellowship & Dinner

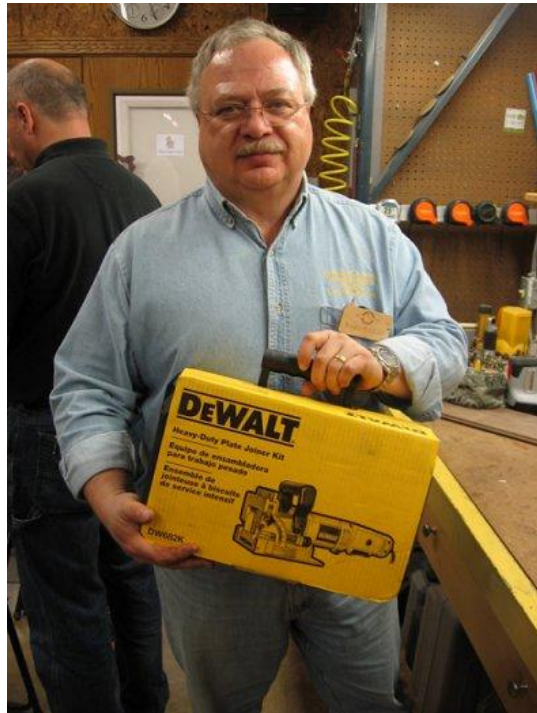
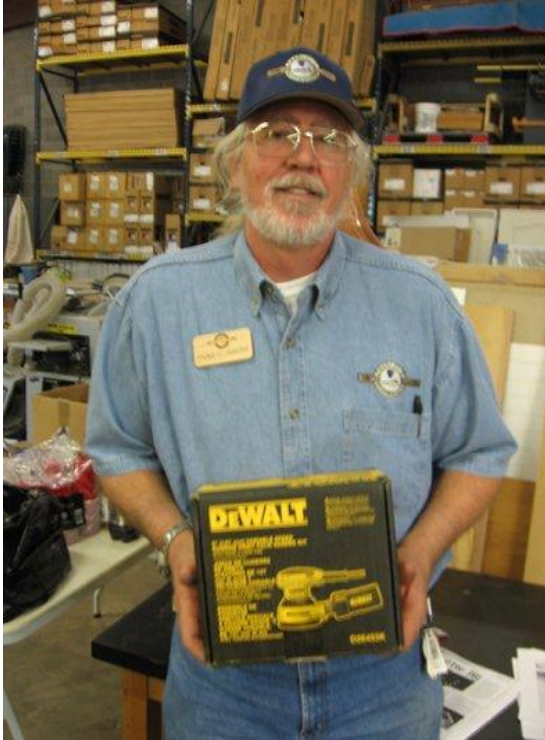
7:00 - 9:00 pm - Program & Live Auction

Reservations are required:

Call 704-663-5010 to claim your spot by November 21.



Additional Door Prizes Winners



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Jonathan's Restaurant December 13 CWA Dinner

Jonathan's is located at 10630 Independence Pointe Pkwy, Matthews, NC across the street from the Target Department Store.

Independence Point Parkway is just west of Route 74, Independence Blvd. Take Route 51, Matthews Township Parkway west and a left turn onto Independence Pointe Pkwy.

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John Seaman: This is a vest that is available with the CWA logo (see John).



New "Sketch Up" area on CWA Website

Phil Ashley (our webmaster) has added a "Sketch Up" area to our website. See left side of the website home page.

Website is at <http://www.charlottewoodworkers.org> .

Let's share more plans for projects that you may have created using Google's "Sketch Up" software. ✍

Best Quote of Last Few Months

"Use sandpaper to smooth wood not to remove wood."

A quotation Fred Miller had recently heard related to sanding.

Boy Scouts of America

Woodworking Merit Badge:

Scouts worked on merit badges at JPM this fall in October assisted by CWA members.

Explorers Post:

We have had keen interest from area Scouts. An Explorer Post (A co-ed teenage division of Boy Scouts for 14 - 21 year olds) has been exploring a variety of areas of wood working in the broadest sense including framing, cabinet making, furniture making, wood turning, etc. They' meet at JPM generally meet once a month on the 3rd Saturday of the month.

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



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!

To use the shop contact Jim Emery at:

JimE@JacksonPark.Org.

CWA members are there on Monday nights at 5:30 pm if you need any advice or assistance with a project.



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 to the meeting and let Mike Smith know.



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.



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>

- 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.



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:

- Dulcimer making
- Shaker Table Build Workshop
- Wheel making
- Windsor chair making
- Spoon Carving
- Fitting a Drawer
- Power Carving
- Bandsaw Boxes
- Hide Glue
- Tuning up a Wide Board
- Workbenches
- Intarsia Lidded Wood Boxes
- Turning a Peppermill
- Using SketchUp
- Log Cabin Building
- Cutting Ogee Style Feet on a Bandsaw
- Building a Mantle Clock
- Tools and Changes in the Industry
- Workshop Design
- Dust Collection 101
- Saw Blades 101, Freud Blades and Router Bits
- "Easy Wood Tools" for Woodturning
- Small Shops
- Finishing

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

"Items Wanted" section to be added to "The Classified Section" of THE SAWDUST

If you looking for a particular woodworking related item just email me (roger_callahan@bellsouth.net) a description of the item and an email address and/or phone number at which you can be contacted. I'll include that information in the monthly newsletter.

The newsletter is usually published within a week of our regular monthly meeting and emailed to members and the Google group.

Boy Scout Woodworking Merit Badge

JPM has been holding shop sessions for Boy Scouts working towards receiving a woodworking merit badge.

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.

If you would like to put your name on that list to help or would like to find out more please contact Fred Miller at:

fredmiller2@gmail.com or Jim Emery at jime@jacksonpark.org

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

Regular CWA Meeting Time and Place

Meetings of the Charlotte Woodworkers Association, Inc 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

(www.charlottewoodworkers.org) 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!

(Reminder: No December regular meeting. The annual CWA Dinner is on December 13.)

The CWA Library

Books, DVDs and Tools for adjusting machinery are available from the CWA library for small rental fee for 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!

Send your book review to Roger Callahan (roger_callahan@bellsouth.net)



The Classified Section

No items for sale or wanted.

This space is reserved for classified ads! If you have any woodworking or related items for sale that you think would be of interest to the membership or are looking for some specific woodworking item please contact: Roger Callahan (roger_callahan@bellsouth.net) Include a complete description of the items(s) and a picture or 2 (if possible).

Also, check the bulletin board at JPM as other items may be posted there.



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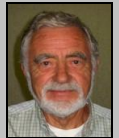
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Directions to Jackson Park Ministries



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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4506 Shook Road
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<http://www.whitesiderouterbits.com>

Phone: 828-459-2141

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

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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