



THE SAWDUST

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Time to Get Your Project Built for the “One Special Christmas” Auction

Emily Valenti of the One Special Christmas organization spoke to the CWA members at the September meeting. She thanked CWA for its annual support of their auction through the many items built and donated by members over the years.

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/project to the auction.

The fundraising BBQ dinner and auction will be on **Saturday, November 30, 2013**. The Dinner is provided free by the organization but a reservation is required. See details at <http://www.onespecialchristmas.com/> along with information and pictures of some items previously donated by CWA.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November 19, 2013: CHARLOTTE WOODWORKERS ASSOCIATION, INC. MEETING

- A social and refreshment time starts at 5:30pm; our meeting starts at 6:30pm. The program will focus on making curve parts with an emphasis on steam bending.

NOTE: Election of 2014 CWA Officers will occur at this meeting.



How to Fix Your Mistakes

(Part 2)

Bruce Bogust continued his discussion and demonstration of methods to fix flaws and mistakes in wood projects. “Part 2” focuses on repairing items that have a finish on them and before you put on a topcoat. In his Part 1, see the September SAWDUST, techniques for some common problems you can use before you finish the project were discussed.

One method of fixing a flaw or mistake, such as a crack, is to use **Fill Sticks**. These can be bought individually in a variety of colors. Rub it across the crack/opening and it will fill in. You can also heat it up using a burn-in iron and melt it into the opening. You can make the color match better by melting two colors together.



Another type of stick is **Wax Sticks**. They are similar to fill sticks but not as soft. You can buy them in kits with a variety of colors. They can be wiped across a crack to fill in or melted using a burn-in iron. When trying to match a color, use a slightly darker color versus a lighter shade.

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Treasurer's Report: as of 9/30/13

Opening balance	3275.67
Deposits	264.93
Checks	80.66
Closing balance	3459.94

Elections of CWA Officers for 2014 to be Held at November Monthly CWA Meeting

Nominations made at the October meeting:

President:

David Powles

Vice President (and program chairman):

Warren Johnson

Treasurer:

Fred Miller

Secretary:

Rob Andrews

Member at Large (2 positions)

John Seaman
Randy Hock

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THANK YOU TO SPONSORS AND FRIENDS

Please see Page 12 for a list of those companies that have supported CWA as friends and sponsors.

If you have a need of a service or product they provide, please use them, and let them know CWA appreciates their support.

October Items from the Woodpile

BOY SCOUTS: Boy scouts will be at the JPM shop on **November 2nd and 9th (Saturdays)** working on their woodworkers merit badge. **Volunteers from CWA are needed to assist and help the scouts**, who will be using hand tools. There will be a maximum of 20 boys, so we can use all the help we can get. Plan on starting about 8 am.

SAFETY TIP: Remember to use an appropriate respirator with the right type of cartridges when finishing with catalyzed lacquers and conversion varnishes. These cure chemically versus evaporation of most lacquers and varnishes purchased at Lowes or Home Depot. These use toxic solvents, including toluene, so breathing protection is needed when spraying.

CWA SHOP TOURS: Shop tours of CWA member shops are being planned for mid-November. This tour is 'for members only'. If you are willing to have your shop on a tour, please see or contact Mike Smith and have your shop added to the list.

DOVETAIL JIG: Thanks to the York Woodworkers Club for their donation of a Porter Cable dovetail jig and instructional video to CWA. It is available in the JPM shop for use.

BAND SAW MILL: A band saw mill has been purchased by Warren Johnson and it will be located at Dave Powles place. It can cut 36" diameter logs up to 20 foot long. A shed is being built to accommodate it and Dave and Warren can use help if you have time to assist.

CWA FACEBOOK PAGE: If you have not been to CWA's Facebook page, check it out at <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Charlotte-Woodworkers/244821488888300>

CA ADHESIVE: Mike Smith found a new CA (Cyanoacrylate) adhesive he liked and after calling FastCap (www.fastcap.com) to compliment them on the product, the company donated 50 bottles to CWA for members to try. Members at the meeting were provided these samples to try. Thank you FastCap.

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October Show & Tell

❖ Gun Box Table by Rob Andrews

Cherry wood with Dutch oil finish.



❖ Side Table by Mike Pleso

White oak. Used pocket screw joinery. English chestnut finish.



❖ Bandsaw Music Box by Jim Dunn

Made one of padauk and one of maple.



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October Show & Tell

❖ Clock by Bob Meunier

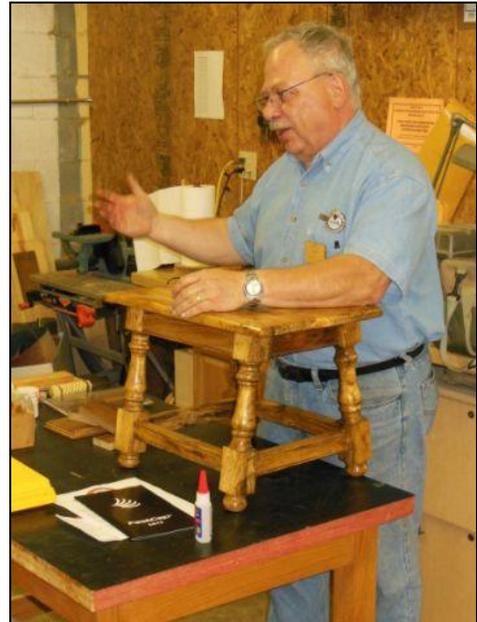
Red oak with wipe-on poly finish.



Please Bring in Your Recent Project or an Item of Interest to our next CWA Meeting for Show & Tell

❖ Joint Stool by Bruce Bogust

From an ash log all hand planed. Finished with Waco Oil with some walnut stain. Called a 'joint stool' because two people made the stool; a turner and a joiner.



❖ Smoothing white oak, red oak and cherry by John Seaman

Showed how hand planing can produce better surface than sandpaper.



Fixing Your Mistakes

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You can finish with a topcoat after wiping off off the excess wax with a 3M scrub pad.

There are Burn-in sticks and kits. A “Burn-in” set is available from Mohawk (see <https://www.mohawk-finishing.com/>). These require a burn-in balm to be rubbed on the surface to protect the finished surface.



In wood with a strong grain you really have two colors. Depending on the situation and the tightness of the grain, you have to pick which color you will use. You might pick a light background color then use a ‘graining pen’ to match the darker grain. The pens come in a variety of colors. Bruce also uses a very fine paint brush and a dye mixed with shellac to match a grain.

Most new fillers for use with these kits are a plastic. Plastic fillers can last longer and can fill larger holes or gouges.

A clear stick color can be used to fill a small ding. The plastic is shiny, so light sanding is required to break the surface. Once you put the topcoat finish on it won't show.

There are also **Epoxy sticks**, which can be mixed to get the proper color. Some epoxies are available for raw wood that will not be finished. They can be sanded but will not take a finish. Paints are available to try to match a stain.



A handy item to have for any color matching effort is a ‘color wheel’. These are available at Woodcraft and other places. The wheel helps you to determine which color to add to change a color to a different shade or color.

WOODCRAFT STORE IN CHARLOTTE UPCOMING CLASSES.

See Woodcraft of Charlotte Website for October classes at:

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



CWA LIBRARY

The Library Cabinet has been moved into the break room for members to peruse our collection during meetings.

CWA has a wide array of topics available. Please make use of this fabulous resource.

- When you return an item you need to mark the sign out book that you have returned it.
- We have a few pieces that are missing. Please look to see if you have anything to return at home.
- Books: no charge;
- Videos: \$1/video; Please only keep them one month.
- Setup Tool Rental: \$5.00 per month.



Classified Section” of THE SAWDUST

Do you have some woodworking related items to sell or items you are looking to obtain?

Send an email to the CWA Google Group

charlotte-woodworkers@googlegroups.com

or

Just email me at roger_callahan@bellsouth.net with a description of the item(s) 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.

Best Quote of Last Few Months

**“By All means read what the experts have to say. Just don't let it get in the way of your woodworking.”
John Brown (1932–2008), Welsh stick chairmaker”**

A quote seen in Woodworking Magazine Issue 1, 2004

Boy Scouts of America

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.



Monday Night Open JPM Shop Use

Any current CWA member who would like to use the shop is welcome to do so. CWA members are there on Monday nights at 5:30 pm if you need any advice or assistance with a project.

Ensure you have completed the CWA 'waiver form' before you use any of the tools and equipment and follow the "Shop Foreman's" directions and safety procedures.



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 periodically. 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

Communicate with other CWA colleagues on Google

With a single email you can let others know what's happening, share some information or get an answer to a question.

Note: You Can Join This Group on Your Own!

To join:

Create a Google account, if necessary (all they want is a name, email address and password). Please save your password in a secure place for future use.

Paste the entire line below in your web browser's address bar

<http://groups.google.com/group/charlotte-woodworkers>

- "Sign in" Click the link "Join this Group" (on the right).
- 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 an email to send a 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
- Product Development Presentation (by Stanley Black & Decker)
- Thomas Day Furniture Presentation
- Tool Sharpening
- Marquetry
- Wooden Flute Making
- Spoke Shavers
- All About Wood
- Inlay Stringing
- Fixing Your Mistakes

If you know of someone with a woodworking skill that would be of interest to CWA members please contact Bruce Bogust at:
(704) 506-0403 or bbogust@carolina.rr.com so we can see if they will make a presentation/demonstration at one of our CWA meetings.

Boy Scout Woodworking Merit Badge

JPM has held shop sessions for Boy Scouts working towards receiving a woodworking merit badge. Upcoming sessions are on November 2nd and 9th, starting about 8 am.

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

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.

See the map on page 13 or check the CWA web site www.charlottewoodworkers.org for directions.

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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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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Whiteside Machine Company

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Claremont, NC
<http://www.whitesiderouterbits.com>
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"I have a lightning hammer –never strikes the same place twice". John Leake

Please share your woodworking knowledge, interesting experience and/or a useful tip with your CWA colleagues by writing an article for the CWA Newsletter.

Send your article to

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