

# 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](mailto:roger_callahan@bellsouth.net)) - Secretary



**REMEMBER TO BRING A PROJECT FOR  
SHOW AND TELL TO NEXT MONTH'S  
MEETING**



## Share information with other CWA members

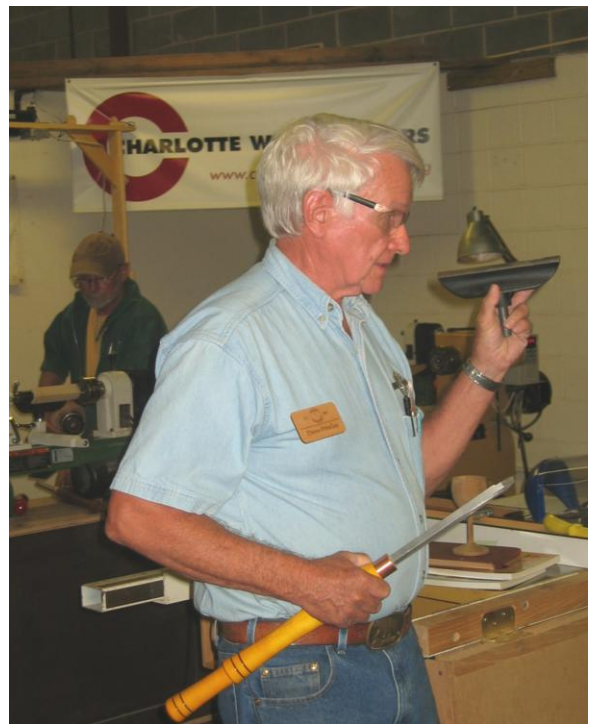
Take time and write an article for the SAWDUST. Might be you learned something new while doing a recent project, found a neat tool, took a good class, found a useful and informative website, forum or a reference book.

Just draft an article and sent it to [roger\\_callahan@bellsouth.net](mailto:roger_callahan@bellsouth.net) for inclusion in the CWA Newsletter.



## "Easy Wood Tools" for Woodturning

Dave Powles, Fred Miller and Easy Wood Tool Representative, Cathy Marks, discussed and demonstrated how the wood turning tools created by Craig Jackson of Lexington, KY can make turning wood on a lathe a more straight forward process.



Craig was a machinist-fabricator for 25 years and is a Master Craftsman and an Artisan. In pursuing woodturning he found extensive complex information on required presentation of the tools and sharpening. Craig search for tools but found no methods or tools that addressed his most important concerns; namely, ease of use, safety and sharpening.

As a result Easy Wood Tools (EWT) was started by Craig and Donna Jackson in 2008 and is the culmination of a lifetime of experience in design, metalworking and cutting knowledge.

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### September 20: **CHARLOTTE WOODWORKERS ASSOCIATION, INC. MEETING** - 6:30pm .

September presentation will be a roundtable discussion of "small shops"

**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.)

**September 3 thru 5: Mathews Alive Event.** CWA will have a display and demonstration area at this annual event in Mathews, NC. Bruce Bogust is coordinating our participation. (see more information in the adjacent column.)

### October 18: **CHARLOTTE WOODWORKERS ASSOCIATION, INC. MEETING** - 6:30pm .

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### WOODCRAFT STORE IN CHARLOTTE UPCOMING CLASSES - See: Woodcraft of Charlotte Website at:

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

Carve a Caricature Head	Thursday, Sept. 08, 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Basic Lathe	Sunday, Sept. 11, 12:30 PM - 4:30 PM
Basic Finishing	Thursday, Sept. 15, 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Router II - Make A Hinged Box	Saturday, Sept. 17, 9:30 AM - 4:30 PM
Beginning Scroll Saw: Fretwork Cross	Thursday, Sept. 22, 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Finishing Your Hinged Box	Saturday, Sept. 24, 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Lidded Bowl	Sunday, Sept. 25, 12:30 PM - 4:30 PM
Pen Turning Basics	Thursday, Sept. 29, 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM



### Treasurer's Report: as of 7/31/11

Opening balance	2805.82
Deposits	103.00
Checks	50.00
Closing balance	2858.82



## August Meeting Kickoff and Other Items from the Woodpile

- Mike Smith called our August meeting to order at 6:30pm.
- He thanked new member, Warren Johnson, for bringing some very delicious barbeque and trimmings to the meeting. Warren appreciated and wanted to thank CWA members, Bruce Bogust, Jeff Dieker and Dave Powles, who assisted him last Saturday moving his wood into his shop. His shop had been hit by lightning, caught fire and had to be rebuilt. (See photo below moving wood into the second story.)



- Jim Emery said that Boy Scouts would be here at JPM working on their woodworking merit badge on October 15 (Saturday) and Oct. 22nd, if necessary. He is seeking volunteers to help. Please note the date on your calendar. More info next month.
- Bruce Bogust discussed CWA's participation in "**Mathews Alive**" (see <http://matthewsalive.org/>) event during the Labor Day weekend. We will have a room for displaying projects and doing some "non-power" tool demonstrations. He will be providing assigned days for those who already have volunteered. CWA would like to fill our area with member's projects for display. You can drop off projects to JPM on Monday nights or setup day at Mathews Alive, which is Thursday at Mathews Community Center from 2-5pm. If you have a large project and need a truck to transport, let Mike or Bruce know you need it transported. CWA will be manning our area Saturday thru Monday (3-5 Sept). Saturday is 12 to 6; Sunday 1 to 6 and Monday 1 to 4. Those volunteering will get a parking pass, which will shorten your walk to the event. Talk with Bruce if you can assist.

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## SHOW & TELL

'Show & Tell' at the July meeting included:

### ❖ Floating Top Table \_Greg Smith

Greg discussed and showed the table, which is a CWA "learn and build" project he will be leading beginning on September 10 (9:30am - 12:30pm). (See additional details on page 4.)



### ❖ Small Box - Jeff Dieker

Jeff showed a small jewelry style box, which will also be a "learn and build" project he will be leading in the Fall. This box is made of hard maple and walnut. The felt in the box was done by flocking. (See additional details on page 4 about the learn and build project.)



## August Meeting Kickoff and Other Items from the Woodpile

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- The "Mathews Alive" demonstrations CWA is providing are:

### Saturday (Sept 3)

1:30pm - John Seaman - Sharpening Tools

3:00pm - Dave Powles - Hand Planes

### Sunday (Sept 4)

1:30pm - Fred Miller - Dovetails

3:00pm - Bruce Bogust - Cabriole Legs

### Monday (Sept 5)

1:30pm - Bob Fields - Antique Tools

3:00pm - Bruce Bogust - Mortise and Tenon Joints



## August Meeting at JPM



## Upcoming Learn & Build Projects

### Floating Top Table Greg Smith



We are planning to hold a hall table build workshop on several Saturday sessions and a couple of Monday nights; as needed. Saturday, September 10 at 9:30am-12:30pm will be the first session, and run every other week for several Saturdays. Kits of the lumber needed may still be available from the Woodworking Source, Mooresville, NC (Rick DiNardo). One kit is the base kit; either Maple (\$56) or Curly Maple (\$116) and another for the top: a two board or one board Sapele (\$50) or book matched Sapele (\$65), two board Walnut (\$70) or book matched (\$80). Or, you can bring your own wood using the following list (dark color for top and lighter color for base works best).

Legs (4): 1 7/8" square x 28" long, Aprons: (2) Front/back: 3/4" x 3 1/8" x 35 1/2", (2) Left/right sides: 3/4" x 3 1/8" x 11", (2) Cross braces: 3/4" x 3 3/8" x 11", Top (1): 3/4" x 14 1/4" x 39 1/2".

See or contact Greg Smith (email: [elgrego7@yahoo.com](mailto:elgrego7@yahoo.com)) to let him know that you want to participate in his project.

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(Editor: You can see the original Fine Woodworking plans by Don Kondra at <http://www.finewoodworking.com/item/19819/> or see his article in Issue #135 page 66 of Fine Woodworking Magazine.)



## Upcoming Learn & Build Projects

### Small Box Jeff Dieker



### Box Project Jeff Dieker

Jeff has made jewelry style boxes and will lead a class in the Fall. Look for more information on this learn and build project in subsequent newsletters. See or contact Jeff (email: [jdieker@windstream.net](mailto:jdieker@windstream.net)), if interested in the making this project.



## New "Sketch Up" area on CWA Website

### Check it out.

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>.

Please share you plans for a project that you may have created using Google's "Sketch Up" software.

Currently on the website is a bookcase that Bob Meunier created.



## Best Quote of Last Few Months

*The 12- 3 Safety Rule for Table Saws*

*"Never cut a board smaller than 12" and keep hands at least 3" away from the blade guard."*

*Dave Powles*

## "Easy Wood Tools" for Woodturning

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- EWT tools use a carbide cutter insert on the ends of the turning tool, which has a square shaft.
  - tools come in 3 sizes; Big (1/2" x 8 1/2" with 16" or 20" handles); Medium (3/8" x 7" with 16" handles) and Small (3/8" x 4" with 12" handles);
  - the carbide cutter shape is square, round and diamond and are generally used as 'rougner', 'finisher' and 'detailer' respectively.
- Dave said you select the length of the tool with a rule of thumb that you want 5 times leverage; for example, if the distance of the wood will be as much as 3" from the tool rest, you should use a tool with 15" in length.
- The square shaft on the tool allows it to be used flat on the tool rest and parallel with the floor; providing good stability (see picture below). This is one of the main reasons it is an easier tool that traditional turning tools and can be used by all skill levels.



- You do not sharpen these tools. The carbide cutters can be replaced and also can be turned when some dulling is noticed; as they are held onto the end of the shaft by a hex socket screw. For example, with a square cutter you have four sides that can be used. (It was noted that EWT uses their tool to turn the hard maple handles and can make 1400 handles with just one carbide cutter.)
- Dave mentioned that it is also useful to have some regular lathe tools, for example, a diamond shaped parting tool for parting off a turning or cutoff tool. It can be used for sizing in, making beads, and feathering cuts.

- Cathy Marks provide data sheets and a FAQ sheet on the EWT tools. There are a number of videos available on the EWT website (<http://www.easywoodtools.com>) and much product and technical information. She also said a DVD is available and she will send one to those who request by emailing her at rogerlee970@aol.com.



Members had an opportunity to try the tools.



*Thank you to all for a very instructive presentation.*



## Boy Scouts of America

### *Woodworking Merit Badge:*

Scouts working on some merit badges at JPM will begin this Fall on October 15.

### *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](mailto:JimE@JacksonPark.Org)



**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](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.



## 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

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

## Boy Scout Woodworking Merit Badge

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

Jim Emery will be looking for volunteers from CWA membership to assist with Saturday workshops, as another session will be offered beginning on October 15th . 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.

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](mailto:fredmiller2@gmail.com) or Jim Emery at [jime@jacksonpark.org](mailto: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](http://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!

## *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!

Send your book review to Roger Callahan ([roger\\_callahan@bellsouth.net](mailto:roger_callahan@bellsouth.net))



## **The Classified Section**

No items.

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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 please contact: Roger Callahan ([roger\\_callahan@bellsouth.net](mailto:roger_callahan@bellsouth.net)) Include a complete description of the items(s) and a picture or 2 (if possible).

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



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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 FRIENDS AND SPONSORS

*Please thank them every time you use their services.*

### Woodcraft

1725 Windsor Square Drive  
Matthews, NC 28105  
(704) 847-8300

[Charlotte Store](#)

### WHOLESALE TOOLS

4200 Barringer Drive  
Charlotte NC 28217  
1-800-438-3580 (Service)

[www.wttool.com](http://www.wttool.com)

5% - 20% discount with current membership card.

### Klingspor's Woodworking Shop

[www.woodworkingshop.com](http://www.woodworkingshop.com)

800-288-0000

### Irwin Tools

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235 Foster Ave.  
Charlotte, NC 28203

[www.farrisbelt.com](http://www.farrisbelt.com)

704-527-6166

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Greenville, S.C.

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Local Charlotte Salesman Chad Mitchell, 704-401-6426

### The Woodworking Source

184 Azalea Road  
 Mooresville, NC

<http://www.thewoodworkingsource.com>

Phone: 704-662-9663

### Whiteside Machine Company

4506 Shook Road  
Claremont, NC

<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](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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