

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 taking notes at meetings and Mike Smith and Tony Profera for the photos they provided. Much appreciated.

Roger Callahan (roger_callahan@bellsouth.net) - Secretary



A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to All



CWA Annual Christmas Dinner

Following a very successful year, the CWA annual dinner was held at Jonathan's Restaurant in Matthews on the evening of December 13th. Forty-eight members, spouses and guest were in attendance for good socializing, a meal of choice, dulcimer music by Mark Willingham, a gift exchange and the attendance tickets raffle. Mike Smith in his Santa's elf hat expressed his thanks to all the CWA members for an outstanding year and noted the membership is now 72 members.



A thank you to Kurt Stubenhofer for making the arrangements with Jonathan's, the room and service was excellent.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 17, 2012: CHARLOTTE WOODWORKERS ASSOCIATION, INC. MEETING - 6:30pm. Bruce Bogust will be doing a presentation on "Veneering with Hide Glue"
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 . See Woodcraft of Charlotte Website at for January classes:

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

Kaleidoscope	Saturday, January 07
	9:30 AM - 4:30 PM
Sharpening Hand Tools	Thursday, January 12
	6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Table Saw Use & Safety	Saturday, January 14
	9:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Working With Veneer	Saturday, January 21
	9:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Lumber Preparation	Saturday, January 21
	1:30 PM - 4:30 PM
Bowl Turning	Sunday, January 22
	12:30 PM - 4:30 PM
Carve a Welsh Love Spoon-Heart Design	Thursday, January 26
	6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Pen Turning Basics	Saturday, January 28
	9:30 AM - 12:30 PM



Treasurer's Report: as of 11/30/11

Opening balance	2899.83
Deposits	220.00
Checks	510.37
Closing balance	2609.46



December Items from the Woodpile

Hello Everybody,

I want to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Just a few words from your President. I think the CWA had a pretty good 2011, I believe we ended 2010 with a little over 50 members and now we are ending with 72 members. Our Monday night gatherings are getting more and more popular, not only for the "build" projects and Jackson Park work but also just the camaraderie of fellow woodworkers.

What happens in CWA doesn't happen without the assistance of many people. Not just your Board members but lots of other volunteers. I probably don't thank you guys enough, but I want you to know that I do appreciate every bit of your help for this club. Not everything the club does works for every person every month but over the year my hope is the club makes you a better woodworker. I don't see any major changes to the club next year, just more great build projects, more great demonstrations, and lots of things to keep your interest.

Blessings to you and your families throughout the year.

*Mike Smith
 President Charlotte Woodworkers Association*

- **Ball caps with Embroidered CWA Logo:** John Seaman has 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.
- **CWA participates in "One Special Christmas"** (see page 5)



CWA Annual Christmas Dinner

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Mark Willingham provided renditions of many excellent classic Christmas songs with his electronic dulcimer. His fifteen years of experience playing the instrument was most evident. Thanks Mark.



Following the dinner, the drawing from the monthly member attendance tickets was held with Bob Molby taking the top prize of a \$100 dollar gift certificate to Woodcraft. Thank you to Woodcraft, The Woodworking Source and Irwin Tools for their donation of door prizes. We very much appreciate each company's support of our programs throughout the year.



Members brought an array of packaged gifts that were exchanged through a raffle. As spouses and participants tickets were drawn, they selected and opened a gift to the 'oohs and aahs' of the members. Members who made or brought the gift were then recognized. All thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated the efforts everyone made to make this part of the dinner a great success.



See page 4 for pictures of some of the gifts our photographers took that evening.

All those in attendance received one of Mike Smith's laminated plywood "push sticks" – (a terrific safety gift I use all the time.), a ¼" ratchet handle, and a bottle of "Gorilla Glue" sent as samples to CWA by the manufacturer.

Thanks to all that organized, assisted, attended and made for a terrific evening.

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Pictures of some of the items from the gift exchange.



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One Special Christmas

The annual fundraising Banquet and Auction for the “One Special Christmas” charity auction was held in the evening of Thursday, December 1, 2011, at Oehler’s BBQ Barn.

A vast majority of the woodworking and craft projects were donated by CWA members. Bruce Bogust, Bob Fields and Jeff Dieker assisted the auctioneer placing the items up for auction. Emily Valenti estimated the auction and other donations raised \$12,000 (\$3600 was from CWA donated items.) and definitely everyone’s efforts made it one special Christmas for some needy children.

Some of the CWA member donated items are in the pictures that follow:

- ❖ Cherry Chest by Howell Peterson



- ❖ Wood Animal Puzzles by Mike Smith



- ❖ Stool by Bruce Bogust
- ❖ Dulcimer by Bob Molby



- ❖ Gun Box by Bob Fields



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Best Quote of Last Few Months (Years!)

“Before we use any power tools, let’s take a moment to talk about shop safety. Be sure to read, understand, and follow all the safety rules that come with your power tools. Knowing how to use your power tools properly will greatly reduce the risk of personal injury. And remember this: there is no more important safety rule than to wear these — safety glasses.” Norm Abram – The New Yankee Workshop

One Special Christmas

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- ❖ Game table by Bob Fields



- ❖ Doll bed by Jeff Dieker and bedding covers by Robin Dieker
- ❖ Bench by Bob Fields



- ❖ Birdhouse by Roger Callahan



- ❖ Checkerboard and storage by Mike Smith
- ❖ Table by Mike Smith



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- ❖ Music Stand by Scott Coble



- ❖ Mirror by Fred Miller and John Goodson



- ❖ Shaker style Table by Fred Miller



- ❖ Coffee Table by Scott Coble



- ❖ Wood edge box by Jeff Dieker



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
- Product Development Presentation (by Stanley Black & Decker)

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!



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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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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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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