

# 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



**The CWA LLC Board Elections will be held at the November 15, 2011 CWA meeting.**

**(See those nominated on page 4)**

## Early History of CWA

(Article reprinted from April 2004 Sawdust)

### History of Charlotte Woodworker's Association

By Bill Skinner

Our association legally dates to January 20, 1986. That is when the first official meeting was convened, and officers elected. In reality, the genesis was 3 years earlier. An account of our history was published, and handed out at our 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary dinner at the Spaghetti Warehouse on December 11, 1995. The handout's content is reproduced here:

On February 28, 1983, at 12:40 p.m., a group of woodworkers at Duke Power Company, led by Michael Lascara, met informally to discuss their common interest. In October of 1983 their meetings began to be held at the old Charlotte Hardwoods Center on Graham Street. No records were kept, and no officers were elected. The group was to be known as The Charlotte Woodworkers Guild.

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## Finishing

Dave Powles plans to provide a series of presentations on 'finishing'. His initial presentation addressed 'preparation'.



### Finishing Series

- Part I - Preparation
- Part II - Coloring
- Part III - Enhancing
- Part IV - Film Application
- Part V - Rub Out

**Part I – Preparation:** At the beginning of a project good planning makes finishing much easier.

#### 1. Wood Selection

- a. Light Woods & Dark Woods
  - i. Don't use light wood and stain it dark. Start with dark wood.
- b. Open / Closed Grain
  - i. If you are using an open grain wood there are multiple options
  - ii. Sanding sealer is really grain filler. Not a sealer per se.
  - iii. If you don't want to fill grain, use a closed grain wood like cherry.

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**November 15: CHARLOTTE WOODWORKERS ASSOCIATION, INC. MEETING** - 6:30pm. Elections for 2012 CWA Board will be held, Mike Boie, Senior Product Manager from Dewalt/Porter Cable to speak and Dave Powles will continue discussions on "Finishing"

**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.)

**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.

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

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

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

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



## October Items from the Woodpile

- Mike Smith began the October meeting and Jim Emery thanked those who assisted with the "dust and clean" at JPM on Saturday October 8<sup>th</sup> and those who have been helping on Saturdays with the Boy Scouts, who are working on their wood working merit badge during October.
- **Clothing with CWA Logo:** John Seaman said that additional clothing options can be purchased with the embroidered CWA log. The options include, short sleeve shirt, a golf style shirt, micro-fleece vest, long and short sleeve T-shirt style. He will also have baseball hats for those interested at the November meeting.
- **Sketch Up:** If you have drawn any woodworking plans in "Sketch Up", please send them to our web master (Phil Ashley) for posting them on our website.
- **DeWalt / Porter Cable:** Michael Boie, Senior Product Manager Coming to the JPM shop on Monday November 14<sup>th</sup> and for our monthly meeting on Tuesday November 15<sup>th</sup>. They are developing a new random orbital sander and will do a small group break outs to get our member's feedback on the new tools.
- **Specialized Tool Jigs – Now in CWA Lending Library:** In addition to DVDs, CDs and books, we have now started to add tools that can be used to adjust woodworking machinery. Currently there is a tool for tuning a table saw blade and one for adjusting planer knives. You can check them out for \$5.00 for a month when you need to align/adjust your machinery. This is another valuable benefit of CWA membership.



## Treasurer's Report: as of 10/14/11\*

Opening balance	2845.89
Deposits	0.00
Checks	99.82
Closing balance	2746.07

\* Note: Partial statement due to Wells Fargo ongoing conversion.



## SHOW & TELL

'Show & Tell' at the October meeting included:

### ❖ **Replica of Thomas Jefferson Writing Desk - Bruce Bogust**

Made of ¼" plywood writing surface and veneered with mahogany using hide glue. Very small dovetails include on drawer (thickness of a saw blade). Shellac with a mahogany stain.



### ❖ **Rosette Jig – Scotty Coble**

The design follows the plans from Woodworkers Journal Jan/Feb 1996. (Copies of this article will be available at the November meeting.)



### ❖ **Casserole Racks – Stan Howell**

These are built of oak with hardwood dowels. It is a great gift and easy to make in various sizes. (Include a small card so recipient knows it was handmade by you.)



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## CWA Inc Board Elections

*From Mike Smith, President*

The nominations for the Board positions are closed and those present at our November 15 meeting will elect our new Board from the names shown below. The new Board Members will take office on January 1, 2012.

A ballot will be used. It will list all the positions and allow you to vote on those choices. In the event of a tie for any specific position, we will immediately have a runoff election between those that are tied.

I hope to see all of you at our November meeting. I'll be sending out a reminder about next month's meeting around the 10<sup>th</sup> of November. Let me also say thanks to all you that were nominated, whether you get the position or not, you accepted the nomination and I thank you for doing that.

Here are the nominations:

<b>President:</b>	<b>Vice President</b>
Mike Smith	Dave Powles
Dave Powles	Allen Grayson

<b>Treasurer:</b>	<b>Secretary:</b>
Fred Miller	Vance Smith

### **Member at Large: (you will vote for two)**

John Seaman  
Tony Profera  
John Bregan  
Rob Andrews  
Warren Johnson

Just a couple of comments: We have some positions that are not Board member positions but for which we absolutely need a responsible person. One is the Librarian and that position is held by Maurice Blackburn; the other is our WEB master and that position is held by Phil Ashley. Just as a side note: Phil has asked for somebody to take over as the WEB master.

The Board has established two more positions for which volunteers are needed:

1. **CWA Communications person**, whose responsibilities will be to get the CWA organizations better recognized out in the Charlotte Area by getting information about our meetings out there on various public calendars, putting out press releases concerning CWA events and other communication duties as the Board desires.
2. **CWA Safety Chairman**, whose responsibilities will be to come up with safety procedures, safety documentation, safety tests in relation to CWA members and the use of equipment.

## One Special Christmas

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



### **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.

## Finishing

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- a) Sap vs. Heart Wood

### 2. Equipment Maintenance

- a) Sharp Blades & Cutters
- b) Burning
- c) Equipment Adjustment

Attention to the above can eliminate a lot of sanding!

### 3. Prepare the Wood

- a) Glue removal (Hide glue can eliminate some of these problems.)
- b) End grain – plan on how you are going to treat the end grain areas.
- c) Remove dents, fill imperfections.

### 4. Sanding

- a) Work up from 100 to 180
- b) Work up from 180 to 220
- c) Raise Grain as last step
  - i) Take a damp sponge and moisten your work. When it dries it will be rough.
  - ii) If you use a water based dye, the die won't bring up the grain as much. (May want to raise it twice before using water based dye.
- d) Don't get a fine polish on something that you want stain to get in to.
- e) Move your power sander SLOWLY.
- f) 3M Paper rated for better finish vs. longest life.
  - i) Best finish 415U. Shortest lasting: 415U
  - ii) Quality of finish midrange 236U; mid lasting 236U.
  - iii) Biggest bang for the buck on sandpaper – Klingspor VD900! (See Fine Woodworking Dec 2011 article.)
- g) Garnet Sandpaper
  - i) The points of the sand break off and re-sharpen the paper. Not rugged enough for power sanders. Hand sanding paper.
  - ii) Not for sanding finishes! Just bare wood.

- iii) Lasts a long time, especially good in the finer grits (180 to 220)
- iv) Weight of the paper
  - (1) 'A' weight -flexible
  - (2) 'C' weight –holds up a lot better.
  - (3) 'F' & 'J' cloth backed for power sanders.
- v) Two grading systems:
  - (1) P100 – European System
    - (a) P-grade is much more uniform particle size
  - (2) 100 – American
    - (a) Just the number
  - (3) Get a chart on the internet for side-by-side comparison of the different/equivalent grits.

### 5. No sanding

- a) Two ways to eliminate the need to sand:
  - i) A well tuned plane
    - (1) Especially a smoothing plane.
  - ii) Card scrapers
    - (1) Most difficult thing is getting them sharp. You are rolling a wire edge on the card. Can be tricky.
    - (2) But it will get you to finish quality!
    - (3) The danger is that you can put some dips in a table top with a scraper.

Next we will cover some tips on 'coloring' – sometimes referred to as staining.



## 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.

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



## Best Quote of Last Few Months

"Anybody can become a woodworker, but only a Craftsman can hide his mistakes!"

Walter Blodgett Bink's Father-in-law see: [www.binkyswoodworking.com](http://www.binkyswoodworking.com)

# History of Charlotte Woodworker's Association

By Bill Skinner

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In the fall of 1985, Richard McCulloch believed a change was needed to redirect efforts toward expansion to a more open association of both hobby and professional woodworkers. The idea took shape as The Charlotte Woodworker's Association. An announcement was made of this new organization under date of November 7, 1985. Application was made for non-profit status, and a sign-up sheet was circulated at the Woodworker's Show held at the Charlotte Convention Center on November 15-17, 1985. It was at this time that McCulloch designed The Charlotte Woodworker's Association Logo.

At the first meeting on January 20, 1986, Richard McCulloch was elected President; Richard Harris, Vice President; Bob Waldrop, Secretary; and Mike Sanford, Treasurer. The first membership list was published in March of 1986 consisting of 43 members. Of those charter members, eleven are active in 1995. These are:

Paul Barton	Charles Kirkpatrick	Jack Stewart
Larry Gramzow	Ralph Lombard	Stan Suter
Richard Harris	John McAllister	George Westerfield
Steve Hooper	Bill Skinner	

Announcements of meetings were sent to members in letter form until 1990 when a newsletter format was adopted. The meeting place was changed in December of 1987 to the Incarnation Lutheran Church at 6400 Old Reid Road, in Charlotte. Officers for each subsequent year are as follows:

1987	Richard Harris, President Jack Stewart, Vice President Mike Leake, Secretary Bruce Bonner, Treasurer	1988	Bruce Bonner, President Jack Stewart, Vice President Steve Hooper, Secretary Stan Suter, Treasurer
1989	John Wilson, President John McAllister, Vice President Henry Steinitz, Secretary Stan Suter, Treasurer	1990	Jack Stewart, President Steve Liebert, Vice President Steve Hooper, Secretary Ray Dobelstein, Treasurer
1991	Henry Steinitz, President Willie Royal, Vice President Steve Hooper, Secretary Ray Dobelstein, Treasurer	1992	Henry Steinitz, President Jack Stewart, Vice President Steve Hooper, Secretary Ray Dobelstein, Treasurer
1993	Bob Tillitt, President Dick Neilson, Vice President Steve Hooper, Secretary Ray Dobelstein, Treasurer	1994	Bob Tillitt, President Dick Neilson, Vice President Steve Hooper, Secretary Ray Dobelstein, Treasurer
1995	Dave Lewis, President Jack Stewart, Vice President Steve Hooper, Secretary Ray Dobelstein, Treasurer	1996	Mike Barfield, President Bob Harbage, Vice President Dave Lewis, Secretary Dave Terpening, Treasurer Mike Barfield became ill and Bob Harbage filled out the office.

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# History of Charlotte Woodworker's Association

By Bill Skinner

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1997 Bob Harbage, President  
Bob Reading, Vice President  
John Graham, Secretary  
Dave Terpening, Treasurer

Moved meetings to The Woodworkers Store. Established our first web page. By-laws were revised and sent to all members Oct. 12 1997.

1998 Bob Harbage, President  
Bob Reading, Vice President  
John Graham, Secretary  
Dave Terpening, Treasurer

1999 John Graham, President  
Dave Waters, Vice President  
Jeffrey Hollis, Secretary  
Dave Terpening, Treasurer

New expanded web site and server.

2000 John Graham, President  
Don Ogden, Vice President  
Maxine Pennell, Secretary  
Brent Richardson, Treasurer

2001 Don Ogden, President  
Michael Rosenberg, Vice President  
Maxine Pennell, Secretary  
Brent Richardson, Treasurer

2002 Michael Rosenberg, President  
Mike McCabe, Vice President  
Wayne Manahan, Secretary  
Neil Brunck, Treasurer

2003 Wayne Manahan, President  
Bruce P. Bradford, Vice President  
John W. Cahill Jr., Secretary  
Jaye Peterman, Treasurer

Membership in 2003 reached 75. Of the 43 original charter members, 3 remain, Ralph Lombard, John McAllister, and Bill Skinner.



## Boy Scouts of America

### *Woodworking Merit Badge:*

Scouts have been working on some merit badges at JPM this Fall on October 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### *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).

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](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
- "Easy Wood Tools" for Woodturning
- Small Shops

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](mailto: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](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, 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](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 for sale or wanted.

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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 or are looking for some specific woodworking item 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.*

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Matthews, NC 28105  
(704) 847-8300

[Charlotte Store](#)

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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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### 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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