

APRIL MEETING

The next meeting of the Valley Woodworkers will be held at 6:30 PM on April 14, at the **club's meeting place at 302 12th Street, Dunbar.**

MARCH MEETING

There were 44 people in attendance at the March meeting with four guests. Welcome to Jack Dosier and Mary Spreier from Charleston, Clifford Hagy from Pinch and Aaron Christian from Clendenin.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We've scheduled another Rummage sale for Friday and Saturday, April 8th and 9th. Please contact Maureen Helvey to donate anything and help out. She'll also needs help setting up on Thursday the 7th.

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If you know anyone that would like to sew cradle sets or knit or crochet coverlets for the cradles contact, Maureen Helvey at 304-744-7564.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Many woodworkers get frustrated when they use a hand plane or chisel. They don't feel that they have good control over the tool. The chisel cuts are not precise and the cuts are ragged. When planing, there is tear-out and the cuts are hit or miss. One common cause for these problems is a dull plane iron or chisel. Some woodworkers recognize that the dull plane iron is the problem, but are reluctant to take the time to sharpen it. Those that do sharpen the plane iron are

The following companies offer discounts to club members:

Woodcraft Supply Parkersburg, WV - 10% - Show membership card.

Klingspor Woodworking Shop - 10% - They receive our member list.

Hartville Tool - 15% - They receive our member list.

The following companies provided materials for last year's Salvation Army Christmas toy project. Please give them special consideration when you make a purchase or need materials for your projects: West Virginia Forestry Association, Blue Ridge Machinery & Tool, Coastal Lumber Company, Evans Lumber Company, J.C. Hamer Lumber Company, Home Depot of Teays Valley, West Virginia Hobby and Craft, Teays Valley Hardware, West Virginia Marine, Toyota Motor Manufacturing of WV Inc. & Woodcraft Supply.

frustrated because the plane still does not cut cleanly. A common cause of this frustration is not knowing how to properly sharpen a plane iron. Once you use a truly sharp plane, you will never settle for anything less. You will be amazed at how little effort is needed to make the cut and for it to be smooth. Our next demonstration will be done by David Conley on sharpening plane irons and chisels.

We finished the band saw box project a few Saturdays ago. With few exceptions, everyone has finished, or nearly finished their box. I hope that everyone that has finished their box will bring it the next show-and-tell so we can see how nice they look.

The next club project is to build an "American Wall Cupboard." We will start this project on the third Saturday of June. If you are interested, but haven't signed up, please do so at the next meeting. As a reminder, this club project is only available to club members. We are also accepting donations from the participants to help defray the costs. As in church, let your heart be your guide in how much, if any, to donate. Please submit your donations to Maureen Helvey.

Peter Howell

TREASURER'S REPORT

Maureen Helvey reported that there is \$7,933.00 in the club treasury.

REFRESHMENTS

Thanks to Dan Pleska for furnishing the refreshments at the March meeting, even though he had to run across the street to Rite Aid and get them. Dan Dooley has volunteered to bring the refreshments to the April meeting.

DEMONSTRATION

Ian Moir demonstrated how he made a stool from a log. He split the log with a froe to get the legs and stretchers from straight grained wood. He then roughed them out with a hatchet before taking them to the lathe. He also showed how he drilled the holes for the stretchers at a 90 degree angle.



Upcoming Demonstrations:

May Demonstration: Jerill Vance – Carving a lamb’s tongue

June Demonstration: Larry Loftis – Everyday uses for hand planes

SAFETY NOTE

Power tools will frequently be used while working on club projects and during demonstrations at club meetings. For your protection, safety glasses with side shields, and hearing protection will be required for members to participate in these activities. No exceptions will be made. Please bring your own safety glasses and hearing protection. The club has **some** of these items, but we can not provide this equipment for everyone, all the time. ***You are responsible for your own safety!*** Note: Turning off hearing aids is not considered to be hearing protection.

SHOW AND TELL

Dan Pleska showed pictures of a dining room table he made. The 72” x 40” wormy chestnut table has two 18” leaves that pull out from under each end.



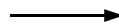
Jim Sapp showed his walnut bandsaw box with maple handles. It has one coat of Watco Dark Walnut Danish Oil, two coats of shellac, six coats of wipe-on poly, followed by mineral oil applied with 4/0 steel wool.

Jerill Vance showed an ice cream scoop he made. The scoop is made from figured ash.



Larry Loftis showed a taper jig he made. The jig is designed to be able to taper legs on all four sides without using shims.

Larry Kirkhart showed his bandsaw box. The box was laminated with walnut and butternut. It was finished with three coats of wipe-on poly and three coats of paste wax. The drawers are lined with felt.



Ed Connors showed some pieces of Osage Orange he cut up and was offering them for sale.

Ron Jones showed a pen he turned on his lathe.



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Valley Woodcarvers

Meeting at
302 12th Street Mall, Dunbar, West Virginia
Across the plaza from the Dunbar Library
We meet the third Tuesday of each month, from 6:00 pm 'til 8:00 pm.

1. The next meeting will be on Apr. 19th at (address above). Hope to see you all there.

2. MEETING AND ACTIVITIES:

Meetings: As of now: Apr. 19th, May 17th, June 21st, July 19th,

Shows:

3. A correction to the last newsletter. Don did not do the demonstration in March; it was Doug. Doug still needs our thoughts and prayers.
4. Four members and one guest attended the March meeting. Maybe the new date is better. Attending were Marshall, Paul, Doug, Jim, and a guest, Mary. If you missed this meeting, you missed a good learning experience and a fun time. Doug demonstrated carving a Santa from a Sweet Potato. Now we have to wait 26 days to see how they turn out. He also brought in blanks and we carved on an apple core.

5. THINGS OF INTEREST:

a. If you haven't paid your dues to the Woodworkers, please pay them by the next meeting. The Woodworkers were asking if all members of the carvers had paid their dues.

b. I would like a volunteer to step up and take over doing the newsletter for a while.

c. A plan is in the works to supply blanks and give instructions for simple projects for beginners. If each member (with more experience) would prepare a few blanks, etc. and be prepared to help anyone that drops in get started, this may help recruit and retain new members.

d. Please pass on any other ideas that you think will help this club.

If you would like to contact us, send E-Mails to Pop.3@frontier.com