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## DECEMBER MEETING

The next meeting of the Valley Woodworkers will be held at 6:30 PM on December 9, at the **club's meeting place at 302 12th Street, Dunbar.**

## NOVEMBER MEETING

There were 45 people present at the November meeting with two guests. Welcome Don Barnett from Charleston and Todd West from Scott Depot.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The catered Christmas dinner will be held on Saturday, December 11, at 6:00 PM, at our club house. Reservations and entree choice were due by November 30. If you're attending please bring something you've made this year to display during the dinner. Arrive in time to look at the items displayed and to socialize.

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The toys for The Salvation Army are complete and will be presented to them on Sunday, December 12, at 2:00 PM at 3710 Venable Ave. in Kanawha City. We'll meet at the club house at 1:00 PM to start loading. Help is needed in loading and unloading. There are at least 350 doll cradles with blanket sets, 50 or 60 alphabet block wagons, and 15 toy trains at the club house, so pick-up trucks are also needed for their transport. Final toy counts will be taken at the presentation.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Steve Boster reports that there is \$8,762.34 in the club treasury.

**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.

### **FROM THE PRESIDENT**

As I write this, I am busily trying to finish the Christmas presents I am making. I have one set of Christmas presents that I started four years ago. I have another I started last year. Then there is the chest I started about three years ago. I am going to try real hard to get at least one set finished. I hope that you are doing better on completing your presents and don't follow my bad example.

This has been a good year for the club. Membership is slowly growing. I hope that means that we are doing something right. If you ever have any suggestions on what we can do better, please let me, or any officer, know. Although I think that there are still a few Sheraton Tables that have not been finished, the project overall was a great success. We all learned new woodworking techniques and/or improved our existing skills. If you still need to complete your table, please let me know and I will try to help you finish before Christmas. The upcoming band saw box project will be very interesting. There are no mortise and tenon joints and no dovetails, but you get to be very creative in your design. You will use an existing pattern, modify an existing pattern, or create your own pattern.

Thanks to all who helped with the Salvation Army Christmas toy project. Once again we have produced hundreds of heirloom quality toys for underprivileged children that would otherwise have a meager Christmas.

We recently had a demonstration on how to cut dovetails for a drawer by hand. In February, we will have a demonstration on how to cut dovetails using a table saw. At the December meeting we will have a demonstration on how to cut dovetails using a router and dovetail jig. We have also had demonstrations in previous years on cutting dovetails by hand and with a router and jig. Why all of this attention on dovetails? Dovetails are the ultimate means for constructing drawers. They are much stronger and more durable than any other method. Dovetails are also used in construction of carcasses for all chests, boxes and all sort of case goods. As you may recall, the Sheraton Table used a dovetail joint for the upper rail. This is a joint that can help you improve the quality of your woodworking and is well worth learning.

Peter Howell

## **OFFICER NOMINATIONS**

The nominating committee (Tom Liberatore and Tom McClellan) reported that all of the current officers (with the exception of treasurer, Steve Boster) have agreed to be nominated for their offices for the 2011 election. Maureen Helvey was nominated from the floor for treasurer and she accepted. The slate of officers nominated for the election at the December meeting is:

- President - Peter Howell
- 1st Vice President - Rick Chandler
- Vice President/Membership - Lloyd McIntyre
- Vice President/Toy Committee - Andy Sheetz
- Secretary/Newsletter Editor - Dan Pleska
- Treasurer - Maureen Helvey
- Librarian - Mark Fowler

Nominations from the floor will also be accepted at the December meeting before the election.

## **REFRESHMENTS**

Thanks to Rick Chandler for furnishing the refreshments for the November meeting. Diana Jeffries volunteered to bring the refreshments to the December meeting.

## **RAFFLE**

The raffle for November was two multi-tools and some walnut edge banking donated by Don Barnett. The raffle was won by Dan Pleska.

## **UPCOMING DEMONSTRATIONS**

- January - Sharpening chisels and plane irons by David Conley
- February - Cutting dovetails using a table saw by Eric Matson

## **DEMONSTRATION**

Club members demonstrated "Tips, Tricks, and Techniques."

- Dan Pleska showed a one inch thick block he camps to his table saw fence when making repetitive cuts. Being one inch thick makes calculating where to set the fence easy.
- Allan McNeel showed the method he uses to determine if his miter fence is 90 degrees (square) to his table saw blade. He cuts a piece of plywood on

four sides, then makes a fifth cut to check for “square.”

- Bob Aronson discussed the technique he uses to cut the slots for the quarters in display cases.
- Tom Schottle showed the jig he uses to weave thin wood strips to make place mats.

## 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

Andy Sheetz showed the Sheraton Table he made for the club project. The table is made of cherry with a clear lacquer finish.



Doug Kemp showed two bowls. One was made from a bowl blank someone brought in and gave away to be finished. The other was made of juniper and has a natural design in the bottom that looks like a crab.

Bob Aronson showed a series of coin display cases that hold quarters. The cases are his own design and are being marketed at Tamarack.



# Valley Woodworkers of West Virginia, Inc.

## December Agenda

### Announcements

Welcome new members and guests  
Raffle  
Refreshment volunteer  
Items for sale

### Committee Reports

Treasurer – Steve Boster  
Toy Committee – Andy Sheetz

### Old Business

Christmas Dinner

### New business

Officer Elections  
Next Workshop - Bandsaw Box

### Show and Tell

### Break

### Demonstration

Peter Howell - Cutting dovetails with a router and a dovetail jig

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**The Valley Woodcarvers Newsletter was not available this month.**