



MARCH MEETING

The next meeting of the Valley Woodworkers will be held at 6:30 PM on March 10, at the club's meeting place at 302 12th Street, Dunbar.

FEBRUARY MEETING

There were 40 present at the February meeting including our guest demonstrator from the University of Rio Grande, Eric Matson.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We're going to start providing an attendance sheet at the meetings. It will be located on the table with the name tags. Please put a checkmark beside your name and verify that your contact information is correct. If you're not there, don't check your name. ☺

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We are going to have another rummage sale sometime in April. Start putting back stuff for the sale. Clothes don't seem to sell very well, but household items and tools do.

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If you haven't paid your dues yet, please do so.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

This month, Ian Moir will be demonstrating how to make a stool from a tree trunk or large branch. This should be interesting.

The band saw box club project is going well for most participants. This seemingly "simple" project has turned out to be a good learning experience for all. Most have learned: the type of band saw blade used makes a big difference; if the band saw blade is not perfectly square to the table, the drawers will not fit; using the wrong type of glue results in the box falling apart; and the flap sander can be your best friend or worst enemy.

Suggestions for the next club project will be presented at this meeting and you get to choose the winner.

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.

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.

BUDGET FOR 2011

Treasurer, Maureen Helvey, presented a proposed budget for 2011 to the membership present at the February meeting. After a discussion, Jerill Vance made a motion to accept the budget as presented. Eli Rouse seconded the motion and a voice vote was taken. The vote passed and the budget was accepted.

REFRESHMENTS

Thanks to Larry Kirkhart for furnishing the refreshments for the February meeting. Dan Pleska volunteered to bring the refreshments to the March meeting.

RAFFLE

The raffle prize for February was a T-Handle Driver Set. Tom Liberatore won the raffle.

DEMONSTRATION

Eric Matson demonstrated how to cut dovetails using the table saw. He started with a discussion on laying out the pins and tails that included the often controversial opinion of which to cut first: the pins or tails.

Upcoming demonstrations:

April – Sharpening chisels and plane blades by David Conley

May – Carving a lamb's tongue by Jerill Vance



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

Clyde Drake showed the bandsaw box he made at the workshop. He thinks the wood is either pecan or butternut. It's finished with two coats of polyurethane and wax.



Bob Shingleton showed several of the toy cars he makes for the Salvation Army. They all have a painted finish.



Andy Sheetz showed two new tools he bought with a gift card he got for Christmas. His new tools are a Stanley low angle block plane and a Worksharp sharpening machine.



Bill Smith showed his bandsaw box also. His box was made from sycamore. The finish is equal parts spar varnish, tung oil, and linseed oil.



Jerill Vance showed a jig he made and uses to make cove molding on the table saw. The jig fits into the miter slots in front and back of the work piece.



Valley Woodworkers of West Virginia, Inc.

March Agenda

Announcements

Welcome new members and guests
Raffle
Refreshment volunteer
Items for sale

Committee Reports

Treasurer – Maureen Helvey
Toy Committee – Andy Sheetz

Old Business

Workshop - Bandsaw Box

New business

Next Club Project

Show and Tell

Break

Demonstration

Ian Moir – How to make a stool from a tree trunk or large branch

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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 6:00pm 'til 8:00 pm.

1. The next meeting will be on March 15th at (address above). **We will be working on something a little different. Don will be helping us with carving a Santa from a Sweet potato. (Yep, you heard that right) So you need to bring a sweet potato with you to the next meeting. If you have a potato peeler, bring it also. We will need to skin them before carving.** Hope to see you all there.

2. MEETING AND ACTIVITIES:

Meetings as of now:

Shows: Canton OH- March 26th -27th,

3. Five members attended the February meeting. Maybe the new date is better. This was an open carving meeting:
Marshall carved on a shelf dragon that he has been working on for a while. It's almost finished.
Don brought in lots of show and tells: a couple of carved apples. He carved one while we were sitting around talking; a few different versions of a twisted knot that looked as if they were separate but they were from the same piece of wood????; a fine looking walking stick that had vines with leaves. There were faces, birds, etc. carved within the leaves; a rolling pin that he found at a yard sale, with lots of carving work on it; and several Santas carved from a sweet potato that had dried and been painted.
Paul was working on a small bird. He is now into burning in the feathers and they are looking good. I think he has sparked some interest in wood burning. Several people were asking him about it.
Chalmer was carving on a bird with pointers from Paul.
Jim was still working on a Santa tree ornament.

4. THINGS OF INTEREST:

- a. If you haven't paid your dues to the Woodworkers, please pay them by the next meeting.
- b. I would like a volunteer to step up and take over doing the newsletter for a while. **Paul has been having trouble with the Word program on his computer. He can't get it to operate any more. The computer didn't come with a reloading disk etc. If there is someone that knows how to restore this, please let him know.**
- 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.
- e. Don has been under the weather. That is why he's in the snow, etc. and not in Florida this winter as normal. We need to keep him in our thoughts and prayers.

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