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## NOVEMBER MEETING

The next meeting of the Valley Woodworkers will be held at 6:30 PM on November 11, at the **club's meeting place at 302 12th Street, Dunbar.**

## OCTOBER MEETING

There were 42 in attendance at the October meeting, with two guests. Welcome to Mark Wageman and Lewis Angus from Hurricane.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thanks to Glen Jewell for acquiring and installing name plaques for Roy Reveal and Carl Mercer for the Memorial Library.

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From Klingspor Woodworking Shop for club members: Receive FREE SHIPPING (\$7.99 value) on orders over \$50 with coupon code FSCLUB. Offer good until 12/31/10.

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Salvation Army Christmas toy project is progressing nicely. Our elves are nearing completion of about 350 doll cradles and work is well underway on 60 sets of alphabet blocks and wagons. Numerous puzzle rocking chairs, cars, and trucks have also been completed. Your help is still needed, however. Please contact Andy Sheetz (304 549-4929) or Bob Shingleton (304) 727-2527) to see how you can help.

Are you planning on making any gifts for Christmas? Please share your ideas and plans with the rest of us at the next meeting during show & tell.

Our next meeting topic is Tips, Tricks and Techniques. This is an opportunity for you to show the rest of us methods of work and jigs and fixtures that you use to perform various tasks more easily, more accurately or safer. One of the major benefits of our club is the opportunity to learn from others and to teach others what we have learned. I encourage each of you to give some thought

**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.

to this and determine what method of work, jig or fixture you would like to briefly discuss at the next meeting. Please try to hold your presentation to less than 5 minutes. If you need more time, please let me know and we will schedule your presentation into a future meeting.

Our next club project will be to construct a band-sawn box. A sampling of plans will be provided, you can provide your own plans, or you can create your own design. The boxes will be made by laminating boards together to form a block at least 5" thick, 6" wide and 12" long. The actual size of the block will be dependent on the size of the box you plan to make. Start gathering together the wood needed to make your block for the box. Walnut, cherry and maple are good choices. The block needs to be made from wood that is free of cracks, splits, knots and rotten areas. The first workshop will be to prepare the blocks and will be on the third Saturday of January (the 15th) at 8:00 AM for the morning session and 1:00 PM for the afternoon session. Please let me know which session you prefer to attend. We will continue to meet on the third Saturday of subsequent months until we finish the boxes.

Peter Howell

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Steve Boster reports that there is \$9,540.28 in the club treasury.

### **CHRISTMAS DINNER**

Our annual Christmas Dinner will be held on December 11, at 6:00 PM. As we've done for the last few years, we'll have it catered at our clubhouse. The menu will also be the same: Baked steak or baked chicken, choice not both. Mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, rolls, and mixed deserts. The caterer will provide tea and we'll make coffee. The cost will be \$12.50 per person. We'll need all those that plan to attend to make their choice of steak or chicken and pay at the November meeting. If you can't attend the meeting, try to send your choice and payment with someone else or contact Steve Boster (304-380-7340) ASAP. We need to get the count to the caterer by the first of December.

### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

The election of officers will be held at the December meeting. In preparation for that, a nominating committee has been formed. Tom Liberatore and Tom McClellan will present a slate of officers for nomination at the November meeting. If you would like to run for an office, contact Tom Liberatore at 304-757-3182. If you want to nominate someone, (with their permission) nominations will also be taken from the floor at the November meeting.

## RAFFLE

The raffle for October was a level and was won by Tom Schottle.

## DEMONSTRATION

Dan Pleska presented a demonstration and discussion on the table mounted router. He started his discussion with router types and sizes then touched on safety, methods of work and bit selection. He finished with a demonstration of the jig he uses to make the hidden spline slots in the mitered corners of the boxes that he makes.

## 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 a work in progress. He had a leaf from a dining room table made from wormy chestnut. The double pedestal table will be six feet long and 40" wide, with two 18" leaves.



Debbie Amos showed a mantle she's making. The six foot mantle, made of basswood, depicts a bear coming out of a hole in a log.



Allan McNeel showed one of three baby cradles he made for in-laws. The cradles are made of cherry with a golden brown trans-tint dye and a water based satin finish. Each cradle has 30 spindles which he turned on the lathe.



# Valley Woodworkers of West Virginia, Inc.

## November 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 Nominations  
Next Workshop - Bandsaw Box

### Show and Tell

### Break

### Demonstration

Club members - Tips, Tricks and Techniques

**VALLEY WOODWORKERS  
OF WEST VIRGINIA, INC.  
302 12th Street.  
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# Valley Woodcarvers

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

1. The next meeting will be on Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> , at (address above). This will be an open carving. Bring anything you want. Hope to see you all there.

## 2. MEETING AND ACTIVITIES:

**Meetings:** As of now: Jan. 4th, Feb. 1st, March 1st, April 5th, and May 3rd  
As proposed: Jan 25th, Feb. 22nd, Mar 25th, Apr. 26th, and May 24<sup>th</sup>

**Shows:** Fort Charlotte FL - Jan. 15th, Melbourne FL - Jan. 29th, Canton OH - March 26th - 27th.

3. 5 members attended the November meeting. A 500% increase in attendance over last month. This was an open carving meeting with;

**Marshall** was carving on a walking stick of aspen. He also showed in a very nice wood burning of a lion, on a wood plate.

**Berry** displayed a caracal horse that turned out very nice.

**Jim** displayed a couple carved pumpkins in wood, and was working on a Santa tree ointment.

**Paul** was working on a small bird and a cowboy hat.

**Lance** had a brake in his touring the country in a RV with a band. He brought in several Santa's tree ointments that he was working on for Tamarack.

## 4. THINGS OF INTEREST:

- a. Several members are going to the Dayton Carving Show. There will be over 200 booths, displays and venders. A few pitchers will be taken and we will try to have a slide show at the December meeting.
- b. Paul will be demonstrating at Tamarack in December. He has some very nice birds ready to be delivered to Tamarack. Stop in and see his demonstration.
- c. The results of the question asked in the last newsletter are as follow: No one contacted me by E-Mail. There was a discussion at the November meeting of changing the meeting dates next year to the third Tuesday of the month. These are shown at the top of this newsletter.