



ATTENTION!

Different Meeting Place and Time.

The December meeting will be held at the old Mountain State Outfitters building in Dunbar.

Directions to follow in the newsletter.

DECEMBER MEETING

The next meeting of the Valley Woodworkers will be held at 6:30 PM on December 6, at the **old Mountain State Outfitters building in Dunbar. It is located across the plaza from the Dunbar City Library, where we had our meeting in November.**

From I-64 take Exit 53 (Dunbar). If coming from Charleston, bear right at the end of the ramp. If coming from Winfield, turn left at the light at the end of the ramp. Cross the tracks as if you are going toward the old Dunbar Toll Bridge. After crossing the tracks, go

one block to Myers Ave. and turn right. Go two blocks. The library is on the corner of Myers and 12th St. The city parking lot is behind the library. The parking places are marked reserved, but after hours it is OK to park there. Go around to the front of the library and our meeting room is across the small plaza. It looks like a store front with lots of glass.

NOVEMBER MEETING

There were 38 people in attendance at the November meeting with 2 guests. Welcome to Dee Butler and Bruce Bode of Charleston.

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 - 20% - They receive our member list.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you haven't paid yet for the Christmas Dinner, please bring it to the December meeting. The cost is \$28.50 each or \$57.00 per couple.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

We will be meeting in a different facility at the next meeting and focusing on several items we are required to discuss. It will be exciting to finally meet in a place where we will be able to have some "hands on" type demonstrations. Hopefully we will be able to use this facility at other times of the week and for many other woodworking activities.

The toy project is nearing completion, and the toys will soon be presented to the Salvation Army. Those that have participated this year should be proud of their accomplishments. This is a strong point of our nonprofit status and gives our organization some positive recognition.

In this last meeting of the year,

we will discuss and approve a proposed budget and elect new officers to lead the club for the year 2008.

So come prepared to see some exciting changes and watch as our club continues to present new opportunities to learn and grow. Enjoy your shop time!

Jerill Vance

TREASURER'S REPORT

Tom McClellan reports that there is \$4,527.60 in the club treasury which includes \$529.00 from the special projects fund and \$741.00 in advance payments for the Christmas Dinner.

CHRISTMAS DINNER

Our annual Christmas Dinner will be held on Thursday, December 13, at Wellington's of Scarlet Oaks Country Club, One Dairy Rd., Poca, WV. There will be a social time at 6:30 PM and we'll eat at 7:00 PM. The menu will be the same as last year. The price is \$28.50 each and \$57.00 per couple. Please bring your money to the December meeting as we need an

The following companies provided materials for last year's Salvation Army Christmas toy project. Please give them special consideration when you need materials for your projects: Blue Ridge Machinery & Tool, Cabinet Supplier Inc., Coastal Lumber Company, Evans Lumber Company, J.C. Hamer Lumber Company, McFeely's Square Drive Screw Company, Teays Valley Hardware, West Virginia Marine, Klingspor Woodworking Shop & Woodcraft Supply.

accurate count of those attending. If you can't be at the meeting, notify one of the officers so we can include you in the count.

As usual, this is an opportunity for every one to show what they have made this year. Please bring your club project or anything else you've completed this past year. There will be an area set aside for display.

TOY PROJECT

Andy Sheetz reported that the cradles were completed (about 160) and waiting on finish as well as his block wagons (about 40). Andy said he needs help with routing the recess on the blocks as well as gluing in the letters and applying finish. There are about 20 puzzle rockers and 160 toy cars finished.



108 Cradles stacked in Dan Pleska's shop, completed and waiting to have the finish applied.

SEARCH COMMITTEE

Glen Jewell reported on the progress of the search committee. At this time there are three options:

1. They are talking to the owner of the Mountain State Outfitters building about using that space.
2. The County Parks Commission is interested in talking to us about helping us with a place to meet.
3. They found a building on the west side of Charleston that may fit our needs. Glen went over some of the pros and cons of the building.

A discussion followed about rehabbing this property, the expertise of the club members, and the logistics of doing most of the work ourselves inside the city limits.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Bill Crist reported that a slate of officers had been identified. The slate identified by the nominating committee is:

- President - Allan McNeel
- Vice President - Claude Croteau
- Vice President / Membership - Glen Jewell
- Vice President / Toy Committee - Andy Sheetz
- Secretary - Mark Fowler
- Treasurer - Steve Boster
- Librarian - Steve Tracey

The election of officers will be held at the December meeting after additional nominations are called for from the floor.

SHOW AND TELL

- Bruce Davis - showed pictures of the dust collection system he made for his miter saw. His system used a box of sorts behind the saw with a curtain of heavy plastic strips along the front of the box to concentrate the suction to the inside of the box. He said it worked extremely well.

DEMONSTRATION

Claude Croteau completed his demonstration on building a Chippendale Mirror.

The next step he explained was the cutting of the veneered attachments. Even if you're good at scroll sawing, the edges still need to be sanded very smooth. To do this, he uses a chain saw file, a spark plug file, and an emery board. The edge of the attachments that are glued to the frame also need to be smooth and square.

He then demonstrated how he glues the attachments to the frame and adds glue blocks to the back of the attachments to reinforce them.

To assemble, he showed how he installs the mirror, which is followed by a paper towel that acts as a shock absorber, and then a piece of 1/8" plywood.

He explained his finishing process, that included using Watco Danish Oil to see what color the frame is going to be so he can match a stain to the edges of the veneer substrate. Shellac is used to seal the edges of the substrate that the veneer is attached to before staining.

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DECEMBER AGENDA

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Welcome new members and guests
- Facilities' layouts
- Refreshments – need volunteer for next meeting
- Future schedule
Christmas dinner - Dec 13th at Wellington's - \$28.50 single / \$57.00 couple
- Other announcements? (wood or tools for sale?)

OLD BUSINESS

- Report from Search Committee
Allan McNeel, Glen Jewell, Andy Sheetz, Steve Boster, Eli Rouse and Jerry Phelps
- Toy Project – Andy Sheetz
Toy count
Toy Workshops
Toy Presentation
- Treasurer's report
- Nominating committee – Bill Crist, David Pauley, Roy Reveal

NEW BUSINESS

- Proposed bylaw change
- Proposed budget for 2008
- Election of officers for 2008
- Shop Tip

BREAK

- Demonstration – reinforced wood joints – Jerill Vance