



MARCH MEETING

The next meeting of the Valley Woodworkers will be held at 6:30 PM on March 13, at the **club's meeting place at 302 12th Street, Dunbar.**

FEBRUARY MEETING

There were about 50 people present at the February meeting with four guests. Welcome to Sharon Pearson from Dunbar, Connie Fout from Belle, Josh Kessler from Lost Creek and former member Greg Barringer from Culloden.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thanks to Maureen Helvey and Carol Cutlip for making the refreshments for the February meeting.

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Allan McNeel reviewed the results of the questionnaire he passed out at the January meeting:

- The #1 comment was to have less business and more woodworking in the meetings
- About 25% of the club members consider themselves beginner woodworkers, 65% intermediates, and 10% advanced
- Everyone seems to like the meeting format
- He received a lot of good suggestions for demonstrations and club projects
- The most subscribed to magazine by club members was *Wood Magazine*, followed by *Fine Woodworking*, *Woodworking Journal*, and *American Woodworker*. Many of the other woodworking magazines on the market rounded out the list

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Maureen Helvey and Carol Cutlip fabricated some display boxes for the front window of our meeting room. The fabric covered display boxes give us a very nice place to display our pieces. Right now there are several toys on display.

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.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

April - Violin maker Harold Hazlett will join us to discuss his craft.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Many thanks to all the participants in show and tell at the last meeting; let's keep it up! Glenn, as usual, did a great job on the demo on steam bending.

This month's demo will be a regional representative from Sherwin-Williams. He is a very knowledgeable individual who has graciously agreed to spend some time with us discussing wood finishes.

See you there,
Allan

TREASURER'S REPORT

Steve Boster reported that there was \$3,534.70 in the club treasury. If you're not sure if you've paid your dues, check with Steve.

As of the February meeting there were 57 paid members for 2008.

MINI DEMO

Claude Croteau discussed several of the more common clamps:

- Spring clamps - many sizes, but not much clamping pressure or bearing surface.
- "C" clamp - more of a metal working clamp, not quickly adjustable, small bearing surface, if used for wood a wooded caul should be used to protect the surface being clamped.
- Locking plier "C" clamp - easily adjustable, quick release, large shoes to protect the wood surface
- Hand screw clamp - made from wood, so they don't damage the surface, can be adjusted to odd shapes.
- Quick-grip clamps - one hand adjustment, light duty, not much gripping power.
- Bar or pipe clamp - overall the best and most popular clamps, lots of gripping power, available in many sizes.

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, Nitro Hobby and Crafts, Toyota Manufacturing of West Virginia, Klingspor Woodworking Shop & Woodcraft Supply.

SHOW AND TELL

Jerry Phelps - showed a Cherry box with mitered corners and a sliding lid.

Dan Pleska - brought a magnifying glass and letter opener set made from Zebrawood, a pen made from a man-made acrylic, and a pagoda box made from Curly Maple with a Cocobolo handle. The box was finished with *Watco Danish Oil* and paste wax.

Carl Mercer - showed lathe turned pepper mills and a bud vase. He also showed a piece of Persimmon that was turned green about ten years ago. It developed a crack and since then the crack has widened until it is about 1/4 of the circle.

Skip Cox - brought a box made from Cherry, Walnut and Maple. The box was designed for an Iraq veteran to hold his pistol and a flag. It also had a drawer for clips and shells.

Bill Morris - showed some off-cuts from turning a rolling pin that he made into ring holders.

Roy Reveal - brought a trivet he made for his wife. He also brought a scroll-sawed Potpourri Box and a curious thing he called a box in a box in a box. He wouldn't tell us exactly how it was made.

Allan McNeel - showed a certificate frame made from Ash with a Walnut spline.

Bill Smith - brought a rocking pony horse made from Red Oak with a Walnut mane and tail.



Bill Smith

Peter Howell - Discussed the lengthy process that was involved in doing the article on him and his shop that appeared in *Woodcraft Magazine*.

Jesse Lazear - brought several carved characters he carved from Basswood: a dog called Fleabitus, Horatio the Horn Blower, an elf, Mr. Chicken, and The Mole Walkers. The items are coated with gesso and painted with acrylics.

Glenn Pauley - showed a shop tip. He carries a remote to turn his dust collector on while he is in the shop. He often bumps into things with the remote and it turns on the dust collector. He solved this by gluing a thin piece of

wood on each side of the button.

Allan McNeel & Earl Williams - showed two Federal Style Demilune card table. They made these Mahogany tables together. The folding top measures about 36" when opened. The legs are tapered with inlay and banding applied. The veneered apron is made from "bricklaid" Poplar. The rear gate legs turn on knuckle joints.



Demilune Card Table

RAFFLE

The raffle prize for February was a four piece router bit set and was won by Mark Fowler.

DEMONSTRATION

Glen Jewell provided the demonstration for February on "Steam Bending." He started by identifying the reasons for bending wood. Strength and waste are the major reasons to bend wood.

Some of the other ways to bend

wood are laminate bending, bending green, boiling, and hot iron bending.

Woods best for bending are: ring porous hardwoods, like Ash, Beech, Birch, Oak, Elm, Hickory, Walnut, Hornbeam, Hackberry, Locust, and Cherry in that order and should be rived instead of cut. If it is cut, it should be quarter sawn.

Glen and Art King set up a steam box and bent a piece of Walnut to the shape of an Hourglass Dulcimer side.



Steam Box for Bending Wood

VALLEY WOODWORKERS OF WEST VIRGINIA, INC.

302 12th Street.

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**Valley Woodworker of West Virginia
March Agenda**

Announcements

Welcome new members and guests
Raffle – steel measuring set
Refreshment volunteer
Response on workshop – suggestions on next program

Committee Reports

Treasurer – Steve Boster
Building Committee – Glenn Jewell
Toy Committee – Andy

Old Business

Update on web site – Neil

New business

Request for caps

Mini demo

Tom Schottle – drill bits

Show and Tell

Break

Program

Sherwin Williams representative – Kelly Pinkerman, discussing finishing