

MAY MEETING

The next meeting of the Valley Woodworkers will be held at 6:30 PM on May 14, at the **club's meeting place at 302 12th Street, Dunbar.**

APRIL MEETING

There were 50 people present at the April meeting with two guests. Welcome to Ralena Smith from Charleston and Jerry Perdew from Hurricane.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

If you are like me, this is the time of year that the shop work takes a backseat to the yard, school functions, and the many other things that require our time. I try to finish up that project that has been "done" for the last few months, do that odd job in shop maintenance, or try a new skill that I have read about. In any event, a few hours here and there keeps your shop time productive.

This month we have Steve Cassle from the Tamarack Foundation to discuss "Opportunities at Tamarack."

If you have something you would like to share as a demonstration, please come forward. I am constantly amazed at the level of woodworking topics out there in magazines, on the web and on TV. If someone has a knowledge of these articles or shows, I think that would be a great topic of discussion. Any takers?

Allan McNeel

TREASURER'S REPORT

Steve Boster reports that there is \$5,076.19 in the club treasury. As of April 9, we have 68 members.

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: Blue Ridge Machinery & Tool, Cabinet Supplier Inc., Coastal Lumber Company, Evans Lumber Company, J.C. Hamer Lumber Company, Nitro Hobby and Craft, Teays Valley Hardware, West Virginia Marine, Toyota Motor Manufacturing of WV Inc. & Woodcraft Supply.

REFRESHMENTS

Thanks to Doug Kemp for bringing the refreshments to the April meeting. Maureen Helvey volunteered to furnish the refreshments at the May meeting.

MINI-DEMO

Grain direction was the topic of Allan McNeel's Mini-Demo. Almost any time a cutting tool is put to a piece of wood, the grain direction needs to be considered. The grain "runs off" of almost all boards. Similar to petting a dog's back, if you go from head to tail, the fur will lay down. If you go from tail to head, the fur will stand up. When you plane or joint a board against the grain, the blade will catch the fibers and chip out. When you plane with the grain, your cut will be smooth. If you are jointing the edge of a board, you read the grain on the face of the board. If you're planning the face of the board, you read the grain direction on the edge.

DEMONSTRATION

Andy Sheetz showed how he made a set of coasters with inlayed leaves he cut of the wood the leaves were made of. He started with a sandwich of the wood (with double sided tape) for the leaf and the background wood. The leaf wood was on the bottom. After putting his pattern on the top, he drilled a **very** small hole with a #67 drill bit. He set up his scroll saw, tilting the table just 3 or 4 degrees. Using an equally small scroll saw blade, he cut out the pattern going in a clockwise direction. This made the bottom cutout a little smaller than the top cutout. The bottom leaf cutout then fit inside the top cutout as an inlay.

CLASSIFIEDS

For Sale: Porter Cable 12" dovetail jig Model 4212. NIB. \$125.00 Firm. DeWalt 12" sliding compound miter saw Model DW718 with mobile stand. Mobile stand still in box. Both for \$550.00. Contact Jerill Vance at 304-743-7264 or jerillv@aol.com.

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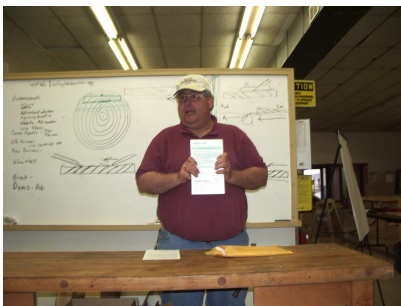
For Sale: Delta Model RC33, 13 inch, 2 HP, 220V Heavy Duty Planer. It is on a heavy duty stand with an infeed and a 4 foot outfeed roller table. It comes with an extra set of knives, a knife setting jig and the Operating Manual. \$600.00 Contact Glen Jewell at 304-346-9819 or Glenjewell1112@cs.com.

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

Art Boggs showed the night light he made for the club. For the one he made for himself he chose to age the cherry with a lye solution.



Andy Sheetz presented the club with the “Thank You” subscription offers from *Woodcraft Magazine*. The club entered a contest for clubs that make toys for donation to needy children. We didn’t win the \$250, but received the \$8.99 for one year’s subscription as a thank you from the magazine.

Bill Morris showed several small segmented bowls he turned on the lathe. He also made a bandsaw box in the shape of a duck. He also made an insert for a day planner that would hold a pistol and shells.





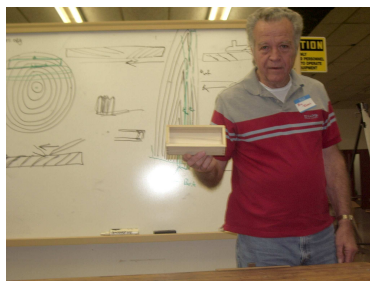
Bob Shingleton showed a toy box he made for a great grandchild. He also showed a collection of bandsaw boxes made of various types of wood.

Roy Reveal brought a jewelry box he made with hand cut dovetails of walnut, cherry and poplar. He also had a small bowl made of zebrawood and a set of wooden wheels he turned on a lathe.



Doug Kemp showed a turned box with a finial style top. He also showed an iron that he made a wooden body for.

Dan Pleska showed several boxes. The first was a mahogany jewelry box being made in the workshop. He also had three Asian style boxes that he made for jurying at Tamarack.



Ron Jones showed a small box he made with hand cut dovetails.

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**Valley Woodworkers of West Virginia, Inc.
May Agenda**

Announcements

Welcome new members and guests
Raffle
Refreshment volunteer
Items for sale

Committee Reports

Treasurer – Steve Boster
Toy Committee – Andy Sheetz

Old Business

Jewelry box workshop – update

New business

Show and Tell

Break

Demonstration

Steve Cassle - Opportunities at Tamarack