

The Hardwood Herald

The newsletter of the Florida West Coast Woodworkers Club, Inc.
An organization of men and women who are devoted to increasing their skills in woodworking.



There were 32 attending the Main Meeting at WoodCraft November 12th
Remember the meeting starts at 6 pm instead of 7 pm because of Woodcrafts hours.

President's Message

Our upcoming Holiday Party signals the end of another eventful year for the club. I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has contributed to its success. First and foremost let me extend our appreciation to our friends at Woodcraft for hosting our meetings. Next, I want to thank all who shared your knowledge and craftsmanship by presenting a program or participating in Show and Tell. Your activities exemplify the purpose for which the club was founded. I also want to thank the members and their spouses who hosted shop meets this year. .

For organizing the turning meetings Denny Wetter deserves special thanks, as do our Hardwood Herald editor Larry Simmons, webmaster Gene Mathes, librarian Terry Bair, and tailor extraordinaire Tony D'Alberto. Finally, I want to thank the other officers Brian Timmons, Adam Ross, and John Philips and Board members Floyd Yoder and John Slezak for their dedicated service this year. It has been an honor and a privilege to work with all of you! Holiday greetings to everyone and best wishes for a happy and prosperous 2010.

President's Message continued

Our one item of business at the party will be to elect club officers for next year. If you would like to volunteer or nominate someone, please contact Brian Timmons, who will serve as President in 2010.

Bob Eslinger
President

November 12th Main Presentation Jigs and Fixtures, show and Tell, and Tool Auction

Mike Swartz –
Dado jig used with
a top bearing
straight bit; just
insert the shelf
board into the jig
to set the width ,
clamp the jig to
the work piece
and rout the dado



Bob Eslinger
showed a Router
table fence with
various
adjustments



Larry Simmons brought an ordinary table saw zero clearance insert, but this one had a built in splitter to prevent kick backs

John Slezak brought the most jigs with a sander holder jig, door hinge jig, dado jig, down draft table. Keep up the good work John. Too bad there wasn't a prize for the most!



Tool Auction



Denny Wetter has been practicing the art of auctioneering for several years now and agreed once again to amaze us with his scope of knowledge of the tool market. He has a unique ability to convince the membership that every tool up for auction is a "Must Have". He has honed his skills to sets the prices right and the moves the tools out. It may be the only auction that you can buy a scroll saw for free, or a toolbox half full of rusty screwdrivers for \$20. The range of items that the membership are willing to sell or more accurately unload is wide reaching. You have a chance to buy routers that don't work, routers that do work, carving benches that fold up, full and half full tool boxes, soldering irons, hand tools, power tools, plumbing tools, and if you like even boxes of rusty tools. Denny know doubt will convince you it's a treasure and indeed the old adage "One Mans Trash is Another Mans Treasure" is the theme of the night.



Show & Tell



John Slezak – Showed his results from lamination strips and challenges with cutting.



Joe Mathis – Compound cuts used in holiday ornament.



Denny Wetter – Turned bowl, and turned Kaleidoscope.



Herb Osmussen- Pictures of Vanity he built.



Easy Chair



John Philips – Furniture parts he reproduced.

Prize winners



Raffle:
Martin Dwyer – won 1st door
prize.



Other door prize winners were Mike Swart, Joe Mathis, Bob Eslinger, and Brian Timmons.

Shop Meet



There were 7 at Jack Blair's Shop Meet tonight. John Slezak was unable to participate with his shop meet but was able to attend..

2009 HOLIDAY PARTY

Friday, December 11th
Social 6:30 Party 7:00-9:00
Colonial Oaks Park
5300 Colonial Oaks Blvd
Sarasota, FL 34232



From I-75 take exit 207 (Bee Ridge Rd)
Go west 0.3 miles
Turn right (north) onto Cattlemen Rd, go 0.9 miles
Turn Left (west) at Colonial Oaks Blvd (traffic light) go 0.8 miles
The Park and Bldg is on the Left just before Honore Ave

Members should bring two homemade items, one to be given to the ladies as a gift and one to be auctioned during the party

The club will provide the meats, drinks and rolls



Members should bring a dish as follows,
based on the first letter of your last name:
Salad: A-G Desert: H-O Vegetable: P-Z

Anouncements

After careful consideration of anticipated income and expenses for 2010, the Board of Directors has decided to raise the dues for 2010 to \$35, which will cover both individuals and their families. This increase is also matched with reductions in expenses in order to project a balanced budget for 2010. Members are encouraged to bring checks for their dues to the December 11 Holiday Party. A check will be drawn at random, and the lucky winner will have his/her check returned and receive free dues for 2010.

There will not be a December turning meeting. We will resume regular monthly turning meetings on January 18th.

Whadja learn this month

While searching the internet for a cabinet making product I found a reference about it in a discussion form on "woodweb.com". I had seen woodweb before but had failed to see the discussion area. Two hours later I was still reading as one discussion lead me to another. I'm still exploring the web site but it great to read how other more experienced wood worker do things.

Please don't let this be just a discussion of only my discoveries and mistakes. Send me an email with what you learned this month; shear your knowledge so others don't have to make the same mistakes.

Larry Simmons

Club Activities

Wood Club Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month at WoodCraft's Store, 4456 Bee Ridge Road, Sarasota, FL. Social time 5:30, meeting starts at 6pm. Guests are welcome.

Turners Meetings are held on the first Monday following the regular club meeting also at the WoodCraft's store.

Shop Meets are held on the second Monday following the regular club meet. They are informal gatherings to inspect (snoop) at a member's shop. Each month is a different location. The size of the host's shop - big or small - doesn't matter. Snacks or cookies and sodas are provided. Maps to these locations are available at the club website:

www.floridawoodworkers.com

Schedule of Events



December 11th -Friday Christmas party Colonial Oaks Park. See page 7 for details

No Turners meeting or Shop meet in December!

The Florida West Coast Woodworkers Club, Inc.

Membership Application

Date: ____ / ____ / ____

Name: _____ Spouse's Name: _____ Your Birth Month: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: ____ Zip: _____

Telephone Number: (____) _____ E-mail Address: _____

Occupation: (Present) _____ (Former) _____

Woodworking Experience: Beginner _____ Intermediate _____ Advanced _____

Mail Dues to: Florida West Coast Woodworkers Club, Inc.

% John Philips

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Dues are \$25 per year for single membership or \$30 per year for family membership.

This club is an organization of men and women who are devoted to increasing their skills in woodworking. If you have a desire to meet and talk to other woodworkers with experience at all levels, you are invited to attend these meetings. You will experience the common bond of friendship, the sharing of ideas and gain knowledge. These are precious tools that never wear out. We encourage you to experience the pleasure and satisfaction of adding these tools to your present skills. Meetings generally include a program that is of interest to all, including a guest speaker as well as a show and tell segment of our member's projects. Announcements of special interest to our hobby are welcomed and encouraged.

The monthly meeting is held at WoodCraft's Store, 4456 Bee Ridge Road, Sarasota, FL.
(From the Bee Ridge exit on I-75, go west on Bee Ridge and turn left into the shopping Plaza just before McIntosh Rd.)



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