

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 27 attending the Main Meeting at WoodCraft September 10th
Starting in July the meeting will start at 6 pm instead of 7 pm because of Woodcrafts new hours.

President's Message

First of all I want to thank Joe Mathis for his presentation on intarsia at our September meeting. After admiring Joe's work at Show and Tell over the years, it was nice to learn more about how he created these beautiful works of art.

Since our regular meeting on October 8 marks the 18th anniversary of the club's founding, our program for the meeting will be a Founders Day celebration. Ed Goldberg will give a brief history of the club and Floyd Yoder, one of the club's founders, will describe its early days.

I invite all past and present members, especially founding members and those who served as club officers, to join us for this celebration and share their recollections about the club's history. It should be a great way to launch the next 18 years with a renewed appreciation for the club's purpose and the service of those who perpetuated it. Finally, let me remind everyone that for the November program members are asked to bring their homemade jigs and fixtures to show the group. Also, please set aside items for our tool auction to be held at the same meeting.

President's Message continued

And it's not too early to start working on your gifts for the holiday party in December. Members are requested to bring two items, some of which will be given as gifts for our guests and the remainder will be auctioned off with proceeds going to the club.

Keep making good sawdust!

Bob Eslinger
President

Announcements:

John Philips is looking for the clubs blue banner/sign.

Terry Bair announced that the club library items are now listed on the web. He has also put some steps in place to track the videos and short forms to evaluated quality of discs.

Steve Kandel informed the members that discounts are available on purchases to veterans at several stores in the area.

Bylaws changes pass:

Bylaw summery of changes were announced to membership by Bob Eslinger. A summery of changes and new bylaw proposed by the board were placed on the club webpage for members to review prior to the monthly meeting (Attachment 2&3). An open discussion followed for the membership to voice opinions and concerns. A vote was taken for the motion to pass the proposed bylaws from the board. Vote results were 25 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstain. The motion passed.

September 10th Main Presentation

Over the years we have seen Joe Mathis turn out some incredible intarsia pieces and he agreed to share some of his secrets and knowledge he has gained. In his presentation he covered a brief history of intarsia,



how to work with patterns, and how to apply the patterns to a backer board. Joe has learned through trial and error as well as having formal training from his mentor Judy Gail Roberts. He explained how the initial set up of patterns, following sequence of steps, and overall accuracy of cuts are the building blocks to success. He discussed selecting wood, securing it, contouring pieces, and finishes he likes to use.



Then he even decided to show us how well the pieces were secured to the backer by pushing a finished intarsia project off the workbench. It held up fairly well but will need to be reglued in several places. Great presentation and very informative.

September 10th Main Meeting Show & Tell



Floyd Yoder – Made his own moulding to restore a chair he is working on. Moulding was made using a custom made scratch stock held by wooden handle. Floyd finally found a use for his bent sawsall blades.



John Slezak – Display case for American flag.



Joe Mathis – Intarsia piece “Smell the Flowers”



Denny Wetter – Turned spalted orange bowl, turned mystery shape Denny called “Weird” of Norfolk Pine blank from John Slezak, also turned very fine and delicate one piece goblet



Terry Bair – Portable router table



Daryl Walters – Desk plaque, “Come Celebrate Jesus” made from poplar

Show and tell continued

Jerry Peterson –
Announcement of start of
turkey intarsia



Prize winners



Quarterly Show and Tell Winner:
Denny Wetter \$25 gift certificate
to Woodcraft



Door prize winners were Jerry
Peterson, Felix Troiano, Lisa
Walters, Mike Swart and Gene
Mathes.

Shop Meet



There were 10 present at
tonight's shop meet in Ed
Goldberg's shop. Ed started
with an old garage with a
broken floor and stud walls
and has been improving it for
several years adding
insulation, walls, lighting and
AC. He tried to fatten us all
up and take the leftovers with
us. Thanks Ed.

The Library is open !



The club's new librarian Terry Bair informed the club about the conversion of the old VHS library to the new DVD library. He has painstakingly converted, viewed, re-cataloged, and agreed to maintain the library from this point forward. A new index of all the videos can be found on the club web site. Terry will bring the library to the regular club meetings. With over 100 videos and well over 300 hours he has dedicated a considerable amount of time and hard work to make this knowledge base available to the membership. The cabinet to hold the new library was made by our own Floyd Yoder.

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

On hold till more of our snow birds return.

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

October 2009

October 8th Thursday – Main Meeting at Wood Crafts

Turners Meet Canceled till further notice

October 19th Monday – Shop Meet

Richard Borovicka's
408 65th St.Ct.NW., Bradenton, Fl.



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.

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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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