

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 25 members and 5 guess in attendance on March 11th. A big crowd considering the rainy night and long drive.

President's Message



Our April general meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 14th, 7:00 pm, again in the future they will be held every 2nd Wednesday at 7:00 pm. We will be meeting at our new location at Bee Ridge Park, 4430 S Lockwood Ridge Rd. Sarasota. which has a lot to offer in the way of space, parking, climate control and the option of using power tools in our

programs. Our April program will be given by the very talented John Slezak on several different types of wood joinery. Also on April 18th from 5-8pm we have our annual picnic and 2x4 contest which will be held again at Twin Lakes Park.

Many thanks go out to everyone that stepped up and manned our booth at the Woodworking Tool Show, lots of our great works were on display and they certainly captured the interest of those passing by.

At our March meeting featured Vernon Blackadar demonstrating his box joint technique and hinge installation, it was an honor to have him and a huge success. We were also able to see many of his award winning pieces.

Brian

March meeting



Scott from the Fort Myers Woodcraft store and Chuck from the Clearwater store talked about the closing of the Sarasota store. Both stores will give us free shipping on orders called into their stores through April. They will also honor the sales flyers sent by the Sarasota store.

Announcements:

2010 Spring Picnic & 2 x 4 Contest

Date: April 18, 2010 5:00pm to 8:00pm

Location: Twin Lakes Park Pavilion, 6700 Clark Road, ¼ mile east of I-75

All members and their families are invited.

Come join us at the pavilion for a barbecue dinner, friendship, and our famous 2x4 contest, if you wish to compete. The club will provide meat, drinks and tableware. Members are asked to bring a pot-luck dish, assigned based upon their last name:

A-F: Veggie

G-O: Salad

P-Z: Dessert

Please feel free to also bring show and tell projects to share with our guests.

There will be sign-up sheets at the two preceding general meetings in March and April. In the event you will not be at the meetings to sign up, please email Paul Anderson at pander4266@aol.com or call me at 907-4293 to let me know that you are coming.

2 x4 Contest Rules

Using only one construction grade 2x4, 8 feet long, build anything you like.

At least 2/3 of the wood must be used; sawdust and shavings count towards the 2/3 used.

Any typical fastener or adhesive may be used for assembly

Typical hardware such as hinges, hasps and handles may be used. No extra credit given for fancy stuff.

You may leave the project unfinished or finish with any typical wood finish.

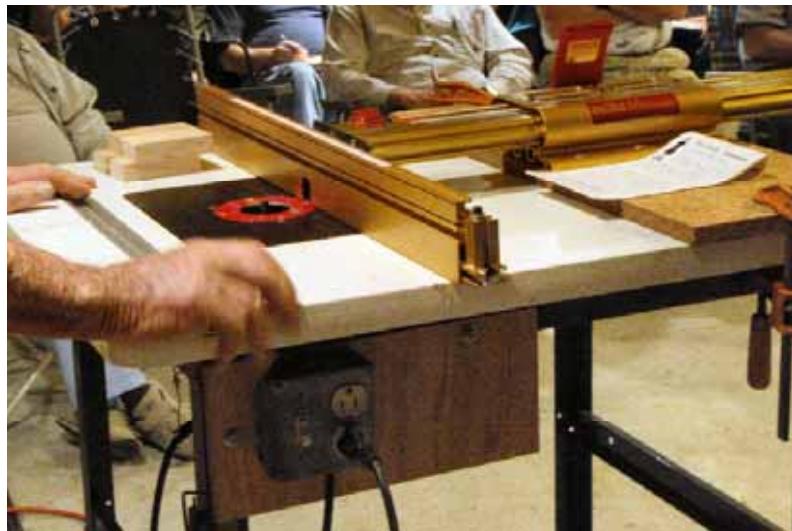
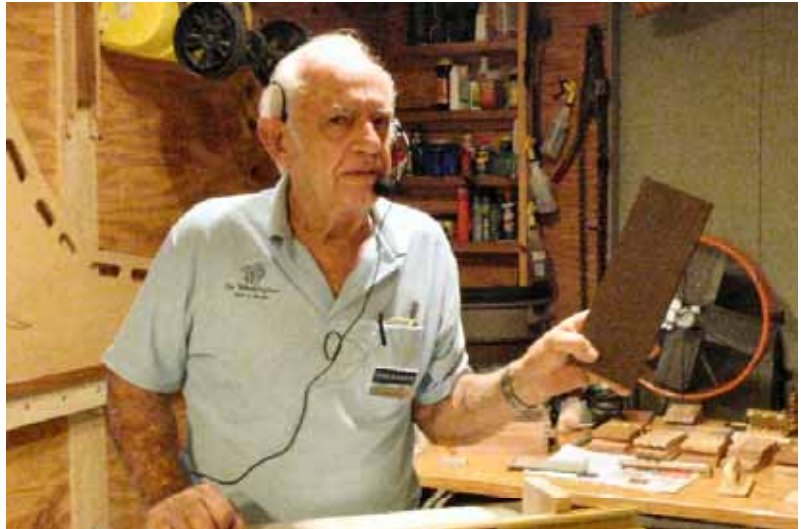
The project should be your original design; our club members have good memories.

The winning entry will be judged by members present at the picnic, in our typical good spirit of fostering friendship. Prizes will be awarded for first, second and third place.

Anyone suspected of cheating will be stripped to your undies, coated with Titebond III, rolled in sawdust and laid upon the nearest termite mound.

March Main Presentation

Vernon Blackadar of Tampa presented the main program. Vernon is an accomplished woodworker and very active in the State Fair wood working program.



He demonstrated how he makes double box joints for his jewelry boxes. He used a router table and Inkra Jig to cut the joints.

A double dovetail joint on one of his boxes.





Vernon brought several of his boxes for us to see. He showed the secret to the secret compartment on some of them.

March Main Meeting Show & Tell



Paul Anderson showed nine small lidded boxes he has turned. He used several different woods including Cyprus, Camphor, Purpleheart, and Maple.



Floyd Yoder brought a segmented bowl made of Maple and Mahogany with a feature ring of Butternut. The walls were turned very thin.



Larry Simmons is upgrading his bathroom cabinets. He brought one of the solid Walnut doors he is making for the cabinets.



Denny Wetter showed a bowl he turned out of a wood called Monkey Pod.

Prize winners



Rick Borovicka won the raffle drawing. He took home a new circular saw. Does that guy ever loose?

Door prize winners were Martin Dwyer, Terry Blair, and Tony D'Alberto.



Shop Meet



This month's shop meet was at Denny Wetter's shop. There were 8 of us there. Bob Eslinger conducted the auction of the wood that W.H. Powers has donated with the proceeds going to the club.

Woodworkers Tool Show



Here are a few shots of our booth at the Tampa Tool Show on March 19, 2010

Club Activities

Wood Club Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month.

Turners Meetings are held on the second Monday following the regular club meet.

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

April

April 14th Thursday 7pm – Main meeting
Bee Ridge Park, 4430 S Lockwood Ridge Rd.

Bring your own chair
(see web site for directions)

April 18th Spring picnic & 2x4 contest
5:00pm to 8:00pm
Location: Twin Lakes Park Pavilion,
6700 Clark Road

April 19th at 7:00 pm – Turners meet
Denny Wetter's Shop
4910 29th Lane East, Bradenton, Fl.

April 26th at 7:00 pm – Shop meet
Mike Swart's shop
4311 Maygog Road, Sarasota, 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 _____

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Dues are \$35 per year for single and 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.

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