

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 31 members and three guests present at our new meeting location on April 14th. Hopefully the later hour, 7pm, will be more convenient for all.

President's Message



Many thanks go out to our V.P. Paul Anderson and Lauren for putting on a fantastic picnic at Twin Lakes Park. Neither weather, a locked gate or an initial lack of tables will stand in their way of throwing a great party. We had some extremely creative 2x4 entries in our annual contest, what a great way to highlight our club talent. For those that participated, please feel free to bring them to our April meeting for show and tell.

Denny Wetter again deserves a shout out for his many contributions, latest being the host of another auction to benefit our club with wood donated by W.H. Powers. Thanks also to auctioneer Bob Eslinger.

Thanks to Gene and his great map links, it seemed as if everyone found their way to our new general meeting location. Our presenter John Slezak gave yet another excellent program, this one highlighting the many different tools and techniques available for use in wood joinery. Great job once again John. Next month we can look forward to Professional Furniture Designer and Builder, David Hannah explaining to us what is involved in cutting dovetails by hand. Its sure to be an interesting and informative program.

April Main Presentation

Club member John Slezak presented the main program on tools to woodworking joints.



John brought several tools with that he demonstrated and fielded questions on. He also showed us several samples joints made with the tools.

Among the tools demonstrated were the Festool Domino, Incra Jig, Liegh mortising fixture, biscuit joiner, pocket hole fixture, and a bench top mortiser.



April Main Meeting Show & Tell



John Phillips and Duke Clancy brought in a pie crust table they had repaired. One of the pie crust edge sections had to be replaced and John showed the fixture he made to hold the section so he could turn it on his lathe. After Duke refinished the table the repair looked as good as the original.



John Petti has started work on next years state fair entry. He showed us some parts he has developed for a new Labyrinth game. It looks like it will be as hard to play as it will be to make.



Joe Mathis showed a framed burlap bag that was too pretty to use.



Larry Simmons brought in his plastic Inkra jig. This was the first model made by Inkra and it sold at a much lower price than the current model.



Denny Wetter brought in a lidded box made from an unknown burl. The open segment goblet is great way to keep from drinking too much.

April Main Meeting Show & Tell cont.



A friend gave Floyd Yoder a piece of Chinaberry that he turned into a lidded bowl. The finished piece was very nice but Floyd said the wood was terrible to work with.



Gordon Cook showed a very intricate segmented vase that he had turned.



Dan Harle brought in pictures of a pantry he made for his wife. That's one more item checked off the honey-do list.



Jay Oyster has finished a small jewelry box for his wife. He's not off the hook yet though, she wants a bigger one. If it looks as good as this one, it should be worth a lot of points.



Reuel Detweiler brought in several pieces of intarsia and a puzzle he has completed.

Prize winners



The raffle prize was a set of Wood River Forstner bits. John Slezak's name was drawn but he donated it back to the club and Marty Dwyer took home

Gordon Cook donated several woodworking books to be given as door prizes. With those added to the regular prizes, we had a lot of winners this month. From the left: Terry Blair, Joe Mathis, Dan Harle, Larry Simmons, Robert Martin, John Slezak, Adam Ross, and John



Shop Meet



There were 13 of us noising around at Mike Swart's shop. Mike not only has a great shop, but he has another one on wheels. Very impressive Mike.

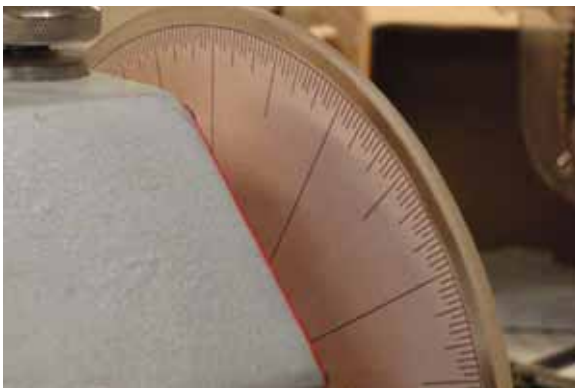
Turners Meet



Thirteen showed up at Denny Wetter's shop on April 19th. Denny's presentation was on making open segmented bowls. As you can see the results are spactular.



Denny uses software and several special fixtures to locate each segment in exactly the correct position.



Once all the pieces are in glued in place he is ready to start turning. Cutting the segments and gluing them in place takes most of the time, but it's worth it.

Picnic and 2x4 contest



President Brian Timmons welcomed the group of 40 members and guests to the Annual picnic and 2x4 contest held at Twin Lakes Park April 18th. Here are all of the participants with their projects, and the 16 guests at the picnic. It rained most of the time and was cool but the great shelter made everything comfortable.

Club Activities

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

Turners Meetings are held on the first Monday following the regular club meet at Denny Wetter's shop.

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



May

May 12th Wednesday 7:00pm – Main meeting
Bee Ridge Park, 4430 S Lockwood Ridge Rd.
Program: Hand cut dovetails.

Bring your own chair
(see web site for directions)

May 17th Monday at 7:00 pm – Turners meet

Denny Wetter's Shop
Program: turned Cabriole legs
4910 29th Lane East,
Bradenton, Fl.



May 24th Monday at 7:00 pm
Woody Trefrey's shop

Location: 6011 Dartmouth Dr, 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 _____

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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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