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Upcoming Monthly Meeting – Saturday, July 2, 2016

July Meeting Agenda: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

- Greeting by President Rick Munzer.
- Introduction of Guests and New Members
- Demo/Presentation: Jerry Levissee – Revolving Bookcases.
- President's Notes
- Treasurer's Report
- Other Announcements
- Problems Looking for Solutions
- Show and Tell
- 50/50 Raffle -- All attendees may participate, with 50% of the proceeds going to the Florence Bain Senior Center woodshop.
- Monthly Door Prize Drawings: Only members are eligible, and they must wear their badges to be eligible, to win one of the monthly door prizes.

Minutes of the May Meeting

No notes were taken for the May meeting.

Guild Announcements

Dues are Now Due: HCWG dues for the next year are due by the July meeting. Dues are again a modest \$35 for the year, which includes participation in Guild events and use of the shop. See Membership Coordinator Gene Torrey if you have any questions about your membership status. Starting this year, the Guild Executive Committee has instituted a **monthly late fee** for unpaid dues – avoid the fee and renew your membership on time! If you have paid your dues, updated membership cards/name tags will be available at the monthly meeting.

Annual Guild Picnic: Guild President Rick Munzer announced that the 2016 Guild Annual Picnic will be the 20th of August, and once again he and Lisa will host the affair at their place of residence in Glenelg. We wanted to schedule so as not to conflict with the Howard County Fair, that way Ron Clements and all the members who staff the fair are able to attend this year. Please mark your calendars to save the date. Please go to the Guild website (<http://www.hcwg.org>) to sign up for a committee.

We hope you'll take a moment to confirm attendance with your family. It really is a great time, and with enough volunteers, not too hard on any one person. And, it is a great time to get to know each other even better. If you have any questions, please contact Gene Torrey.

Shop Hours Change: Effective immediately, the shop is closed on Thursday evenings. If you need to use it, call Shop Manager Don Sandruck by 5 PM the preceding Monday. He may be able to accommodate the shop

being open for use. That's his call. Be prepared to be there between 6 and 8 pm. Don is willing to open the shop earlier, but set this up with him.

Howard County Fair: 6-15 August, <http://howardcountyfair.org/>; Ron Clements is coordinator this year. Visit our Guild event homepage for additional details. Consider entering an item in the woodworking display.

Guild President and Vice President Elections: The following slate of events apply:

- At or before the July meeting, the current President appoints a nominating committee chairperson and two members.
- The Nomination Committee works during the month of July to establish a slate of two or more candidates for each position. They make their report at the August meeting.
- During the September meeting, the Nomination Committee conducts the election. The winners assume their duties then and are guided during a one month transition by their predecessors.

Bain Shop Rules:

- Users of the shop must be current members of the Guild. "Current member" means that your dues are paid for the current and previous years.
- Guild members must wear their current membership name tag to confirm that you are a current member in good standing.
- Only those on the shop monitor list maintained by the Bain Center will be allowed to open the shop. The shop monitor will wear a "Monitor" badge while in the shop. He is the boss in the shop while he is on duty!
- Power equipment will not be operated when only one person is in the shop.
- No children are allowed in the shop as workers or as observers.
- **If you don't follow the rules you will be asked to leave.**

Trash and Treasures: Do you have a piece of equipment, tool, etc. which you no longer use? The table at the back of the meeting room is a place where you can offer it for sale to a member who might need or want it. Bring it in and give it a try. Sometimes there are free items!

HCWG Who's Who: Check out the HCWG website. Members can see past issues of the Sawdust Chronicles, view want ads, access the membership directory, and learn about other members via the *Who's Who* section. In addition, there are many pictures from Guild meetings and events posted – typically between 40 and 70 per meeting – maybe you are in some of them!

Monthly Demonstrations: See the Guild website for up-to-date information about upcoming demonstrations.

In the past, a HCWG member who gave a demonstration was given a dues free membership for the following year. Effective July 2013, HCWG members will be reimbursed at the same rate as outside demonstrators: \$100.00. This is for a 45-60 minute demonstration. When multiple members join together to give in effect several mini demos, the reimbursement will be split among the individuals as agreed by the individuals concerned. This reimbursement **will not** be applicable to events such as "jig/fixture-arounds".

Scheduling these highlights of our monthly meetings is not an easy task. An elaborate machine-based demo is not the only way to go. The assembly of a project you have underway and explaining how you got the parts to their current size and shape is okay. An explanation of how and why various joints are used, which adhesives or fasteners work best in a particular application are of interest to all members. How about what you do? Do you have an interesting or different woodworking technique? Something that you know how to do well and think other members may be interested in learning? The way you approach a certain function may be an eye opener to everyone else. There is no single right way for most of our woodworking tasks and each of us can learn something new if given the opportunity. Or, do you know someone who does woodworking who might come as a guest and do a demonstration? The giant TV screen now available is a great method for presenting slide shows although some specific formatting rules must be used. Contact President Rick Munzer or any of the HGWG officers to schedule a demo for the rest of the members.

Guild Library Items: A list of the Guild's DVDs by title and number has been sent to all members by email, or you can check them out on the web site. If you want to check out an item, contact Bud Nuessle.

May Demonstration

Guild member David Knipfer provided a well-received demonstration on box making for the May demonstration. No notes were recorded for the presentation, but Dave was kind enough to provide his presentation notes in advance. They are provided below for members' reference. Dave will be happy to answer any questions. See also Dave's website at <http://finewoodcrafter.com/home> –Ed.

HCWG - Box Making Presentation May 7th, 2016, David Knipfer

Why Boxes?

- Boxes hide secrets ... as such they inspire curiosity ... impossible to not peek inside
- Great skill builder as a way to learn woodworking foundational skills
- Simple boxes do not require a lot of shop tools
- Lots of sources of inspiration and plans available
- Functional for personal use or as gifts
- Provide an elegant way to use small amounts of choice woods
- Nearly unlimited design possibilities



Can You can make a Box?

- You have the tools and skills to convert raw wood to S4S.
- You have the tools and skills to machine basic shapes in wood ... miters, angles and grooves.
- You know how to glue up wood and finish an item

Box Making Ideas - Plans or Personal Design

- Find a source of inspiration. Could be plans from a book or your own design.
- With some experience you may enjoy your own design ideas.
- Mention the various books on box making
- Mention my initial design journal.
- Proportion and relative size is a key ... both overall and for individual elements of the design. Lighter is better on element sizes for a box
- The golden mean is 1:1.618
- Must consider wood movement - smaller box size does not solve seasonal wood movement issues
- Multiple prototypes is the key to successful design - many of my designs have evolved over time to please my eye.
- Be cautious of using too many woods ... 2 wood combinations, at most 3, seem to work the best for my eye

Power Tools and Hand Tools

- I'm a modern WW with access to electricity ... and use power tools to do all the bulk work of sizing and shaping the wood
- Any elegant WW project requires some use of hand tools ... the hand tools are used to refine the project from rough to pristine.
- Show my most used hand tools ... sanding block, sand paper, Lie-Nielson planes, #10 cabinet rasp, mortise and finish chisels, dovetail saw, double sided tape, etc.



Overall Method of Work (all WW projects) - Rough to Pristine

- Machine all parts to final shape/size. They will be rough with plenty of tooling marks
- Use hand tools to refine the parts to 150 grit smooth
- Prior to glue up, pre-finish all parts that will be impossible to get to
- Find all the alignment errors from glue up correct with hand tools
- Fill all joint gaps and sand them smooth
- Apply finish
- Be proud of the work!

Boxes from Easy to Advanced

Rectangular box with lift off lid:

- Work in methodical, planned steps - same for any WW project
- Carcass is simply a length of machined timber
- Bottoms are fitted into 1/8" wide grooves. Use 3mm Baltic birch plywood.

- Pre-sand the carcass material
- Cut into 4 pieces with miters
- Use 'miter folding' technique to glue up with band clamps
- Machine a suitable lid and make its thickness proportional
- Pulls are strip pulls fit into 1/8" mortises
- Save an example of the carcass cut-off to set you up for the next run

Lessons for Rectangular Box:

- Laminated miter keys - must use rip blade (flat ground)
- Strip pulls
- Interior Lining

Hinged lid boxes

- Re-saw and sticker the stock until stable. Start oversize on thickness to allow for removal of wood movement issues.
- Joinery is 1/8" floating tenon. Tenon material is 3mm Baltic birch plywood.
- Can enhance with silver and inlays
- Mention "Build with David" series on the internet (<http://woodworkstuff.net/Knipfer.html> -Ed.)

Lessons for hinged lid boxes

- Brusso 5mm hinges and rear chamfer
- Use of silver as an accent (pull)
- Commercial inlays



Three door prizes were awarded to attending members at the May meeting. Less than \$50 were won in the 50/50 drawing.

From Our Members – Woodworking Podcasts

In this second article on woodworking podcasts, David describes his second-favorite audio podcast. For a general description of podcasts for woodworkers, see the first article in the April issue of the Sawdust Newsletter.

Shop Talk Live (<http://www.finewoodworking.com/blog/shop-talk-live>) is an audio podcast offered by the editors and staff of *Fine Woodworking* magazine. The podcast also has a video version, but I do not recommend the video version, it's just the guys talking into their microphones around a table, and it includes very little content with any visual interest, unless you like watching seated dad bods for an hour. Like the Wood Talk podcast discussed last month, Shop Talk Live provides lively banter among a group of skilled woodworkers, talking about tools, techniques, and funny incidents. Matt Kenny's snarky, sarcastic wit leads the show, with sage advice from Mike Pekovich and Tom McKenna. Matt and Tom are senior editors for the magazine, and Mike is the Art Director. This is my second favorite podcast because I find the snarky attitudes a bit much at times, and the chemistry between the participants seems a bit stilted compared to the easy humor on Wood Talk, but it is a very fine show, and I always learn some new woodworking tidbit each time I listen. Shop Talk Live is produced about every two weeks and is available from the FWW link above or via iTunes.

May Show and Tell Gallery



Safety Shavings

No article this month.

For Sale/Wanted by HCWG Members

Note: Ads will appear for 3 months unless cancelled sooner or an extension is requested. Number in () indicates the number of times your ad has appeared.

Nice black walnut stalk soon available in Catonsville See Craigslist posting. <http://baltimore.craigslist.org/for/5650373912.html> Tree is healthy, but a nuisance over small yard. Would like someone to benefit from what looks to be good timber. Contact the provider via the Craigslist ad. (1)

A 'neighbor' of Manny's has an older Craftsman Radial Arm Saw to give away to anyone who can get it out of his home (garage). Members, please contact Roy Wallace directly via contact information available on the Guild website. Thanks – Manny (1)

Guild member Manny Flecker updated his table saw and wants to sell his old one with accessories. He is asking \$125.00. This is an older, cast steel Craftsman table saw, good condition with one extension, wing on a stand for sale. He has about 13 blades (one is carbide; the others, all Craftsman, are in good condition) and the usual accessories. The miter gauge in heavy duty as is the rip fence, which has a precision geared guide. Interested parties, please contact Manny Flecker by telephone or email (contact info available to members via Guild website). (2)

Guild Vice-President Tim Jackson is offering for sale medium to large blocks of East Indian Rosewood and Camphor, grown and harvested in Florida. He has a trailer load at his house. He requests you to contact him directly to get any answers and to arrange to visit and make your selections. Please contact Tim by phone or email (contact info available to members via Guild website). (2)

Zen Modern / <http://kireiusa.com/kirei-board/> Kirei Board is a strong, lightweight, durable, environmentally friendly substitute for wood – great for a unique finish in furniture, cabinetry, casework, and interior design elements. Manufactured from reclaimed sorghum straw and no-added-formaldehyde adhesive, Kirei Board brings a beautiful new element to modern interior design. This product may help qualify for LEED and other green building certifications. Available Sizes: 6mm: 1'x6' | 10mm, 20mm, 30mm: 3'x6'. Note: Kirei Board panels come unfinished. Members, please contact David Meh directly for more information (contact information on the Guild website). (3)

Guild Classified

Exotic Lumber Inc. (Frederick), 329 East 2nd Street, Frederick, MD (Formerly in Gaithersburg) has over 110 species of lumber in stock as well as cabinet plywood, veneers, Amana router bits, pen and turning blanks. Complete millwork shop. Present your HCWG membership card at time of purchase for a 10% discount. 410-349-1705

Exotic Lumber, Inc. (Annapolis) has moved to Whitehall Rd, Exit 31B on US-50. This is about 2 miles from the Bay Bridge. Do not take Exit 31-A; use Exit 31-B, just past a shopping center. Turn Right off US-50 and go to the first building on the right. 301-695-1271

Freestate Timbers, 9572 Deereco Rd, Timonium, MD, is now offering a 10% discount when you show your membership card. 410-561-9444

Hicksville Planing Mill 14464 Hicksville Road, Clear Spring, MD 21722. Robert Miller 301-842-3474 Open Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri, 7:30-5:00 Sat 7:30-12:00 Closed Thurs, Sun. Inventory of domestic and tropical rough, dried woods; planing, molding, and milling services.

Millwork Outlet, 2200 Severn Street, Baltimore City, has surplus molding, railing, columns, and miscellaneous wood products at inexpensive prices. (near Route 95 & Washington Blvd.) 410-355-3426

Chesapeake Promotional Products, 1430 Progress Way, Suite 106 in Eldersburg, MD 21784. They have the HCWG logo on file that can be used on hats or shirts. Phone (410) 552-6667, email: chesproproducts@aol.com.

World of Hardwood, 809 Barkwood Court, Linthicum, MD gives all HCWG members a 10% discount on purchases up to \$100 and 20% for orders over \$100. You need to present your HCWG membership card at the time of purchase. 410-636-3755

Timberline Farm Sawmill 13000 Old Frederick Rd, Sykesville, MD Hardwoods: Cherry, Oak, Walnut, Hickory, Elm, Poplar and others. 410-707-0158.

Executive Committee	
<p>President: Rick Munzer (410) 489-6723 Vice President: Tim Jackson (443) 223-6396 Treasurer: Manny Flecker (410) 997-0879 Secretary: David Hickson (240) 401-8964 Webmaster: Gene Torrey (443) 535-8873</p>	<p>Committee Chairs: Membership - Gene Torrey (443) 535-8873 Program Coordinator - (vacant) Rick Munzer, acting Shop Coordinator - Don Sandruck Education Coord. - (vacant) Show Coordinator - (vacant) Sawdust Editor - David Hickson (240) 401-8964</p>

Committee purposes are as follows:

Membership – maintains a Guild membership manual of all active members.

Program – coordinates programs for the monthly meetings, special programs and seminars.

Education – puts together information for the how-to manual and coordinates classes.

Show – coordinates setting up a booth at shows and fairs.

Sawdust Editor – assembles, writes and distributes HCWG monthly newsletter

Shop Coordinator – oversees overall activities in the shop, qualifies and schedules shop monitors and serves as the point of contact with the Bain Center Staff for shop related matters.

