Spring

Here we are at the anonymous season, spring. It is our shortest season as most often winter turns into summer in the blink of an eye. We will have some brief respite from the humidity and mosquitoes in our garage/shop evenings. I encourage you all to take full advantage of the comfort while it lasts.

You could hurry up and finish that 2 x 4 contest entry before next week’s meeting! I’ve got some pretty cool prizes lined up and I’ve heard a little scuttlebutt about a couple creative elves sneaking in a project.

Come join us. It is bound to be an interesting and exciting evening. Our program after the 2 x 4 judging will be a sharpening workshop where you will have the opportunity to put an edge on a chisel or blade, so bring one or two with you and see if you can put a burr on it. Also bring a guest and a show & tell item. This is my favorite part of our meetings! I can stop talking and see what you’ve been doing or what you have to share. I love the stories behind the items.

Coming up in May is our annual picnic, May 17 at Lake Seminole Park. We always have a great time and lots of good food. The guild provides the main course (burgers & dogs) along with buns, condiments and drinks. We ask that you bring a side dish or desert. There will be a sign up sheet at the meeting to help us coordinate the affair and to prevent having 12 pots of baked beans and no cole slaw. So please sign up and let us know you are coming so we know how much to provide.

There is a little SNAFU in our day and maybe we can come up with a solution or compromise so that almost everyone is happy. Woodcraft has scheduled their first ever swap meet and sale for the same day. I really want to support them as they support us. There is another article in this newsletter giving more detail on the swap meet and you could also contact them if you have any questions.

It would be great to have a table there to promote the guild as well. Being as our picnic is scheduled for 10 am til 2 pm and the swap meet hours go beyond this then there should be a way to coordinate a couple shifts so everyone who wants to can do both events. We will have both a meeting and a board meeting before these events to help develop a plan. We are open to your ideas.

Moving on to other subjects. As we progress through the year and our membership is growing, so is our treasury. I am going to request a vote for approval of the purchase of an iPad for the guild. It will help tremendously to produce and edit better video and audio of our programs and events. Tom, Gary, Joe and some others of you who have a good understanding of the
technical advantages of this purchase will have an opportunity to expound before the vote. 
So as spring brings renewed life to living creatures, let’s go forth with renewed enthusiasm to 
learn, share and promote our craft and our love of wood to others, especially the younger gen-
erations!!

See you at the meeting!

Dale Neff

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**Food For Thought**

From Gary White

Coat Hangar

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**Silent auction at the meetings.**

Do you have tools that you are no longer using and would like to donate to the club? Bring them to the meeting and we will have a silent auction. The proceeds will go for the Christmas party. This is a good way to recycle the tools that you no longer use.

Bring your donations, and bring a few bucks for that rare find. One man’s trash is another’s treasure!

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Your annual membership dues are due now. See Chris Rau, Treasurer.

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We teach what we know and learn what we don’t.
The St. Petersburg Woodcrafters Guild is about 9 years old. (Ed. We celebrate our 20th Anniversary this year.) Several of our founders are still members. Through the efforts of Ernie Barta and some input from Don Montgomery, we have a history of our Guild. If any other members have anything to add, please let Bob Bistor know and we will expand upon our History.

The first meeting of the St. Petersburg Woodcrafters Guild was held in the fall of 1994 at Dale Neff’s shop. The club was the brainchild of Don Montgomery and we all owe him a debt of gratitude. It all started with one woodworker telling another and enough interest was generated to have our first meeting. In attendance at the first meeting were, Ernie Barta, Wally Howard, Don Montgomery, Dale Neff, Matthew “Doc” Nunkovich, Kevin Thompson, Bob Vinas, and Charlie Webster. Don Montgomery ran the meeting and it was decided that Ernie Barta would be the founding President as he had experience with both the Tampa and Sarasota clubs.

I remember the very beginnings, to my surprise that St. Pete, (a fairly old city) had no woodworking guild, or club. My dismay at the thoughts of driving to Tampa to attend the closest club meeting place. Tampa, that scary place that you have to drive thru to get to the airport. The place of crime, and crazy drivers. I complained to all that would listen that we must have our own club somewhere and nobody would, or could tell me where it was. Every wood person I spoke to liked the idea of our own club and promised they would love to attend, and told me to be sure to let them know when it was formed. Several of the regulars that dropped by H&D Hardwoods (to talk, to learn, but mainly to enjoy the smell and sight of wood being worked) said let’s start our own club. I, too, mouthed these words. Then one day a note on H&D’s bulletin board appeared.

Anyone interested in forming a local Woodworker Club
Please meet on Saturday @ 12 Noon here at H&D
Signed Charlie Webster

This was IT. A new club being formed. That first Saturday approximately 10 people showed up. I can’t remember them all, but here are the ones I do remember: Charlie Webster, Dale Neff (H&D’s owner), Neil Brown, Ernie Barta, Matthew (“Doc”) Nunkovich, Kevin Thompson, and Don Montgomery. Ernie Barta was at the time a current member (and past officer) of the Tampa Woodworkers club and had a lot of information and knowledge about the formation of a guild. He graciously agreed to serve as interim president.

We started to meet at Don Montgomery’s shop and stayed there through the years until Don sold his business and moved out of town.

It was decided for everyone there to bring a buddy and meet again on the next Saturday. At that meeting I seem to remember that 10 or so people showed up. That was a pretty good start. The first meetings were in the evenings at H&D Hardwoods. After the first few meetings it was decided to move our meeting place to the Montgomery Electric building.

The official bylaws of the Guild were prepared by the Board of Directors on December 19, 1994 for submission to the membership at the next meeting. Board of Directors: President, Ernie Barta; Vice President, Don Montgomery; Secretary, Kevin Thompson; Treasurer, James Davis.

P.T.E.C. (Pinellas Technical Educational Center) became our next home as we continued to look for better quarters. Victor and Sharon Arigi, of Woodworks Warehouse, offered the Guild the use of their facility for our meetings, and it was a very satisfactory arrangement until the business closed in 2000. Our odyssey ended with our moving to Grace Lutheran Church School’s student cafeteria. The Guild is still growing and offering more and more varied programs to our members and guests.


The 2002 President when this article was published was Jim Nelson, VP was Mark Miller.
A Different Type of Box or Another Use for Raised Panel Router Bits

Bill Murphy

I got the inspiration for this project from an article in Wood Magazine, July 2013. I already had the bits, so I decided to give it a try and see how it turned out. Essentially, you simply run the raised panel bit down both sides of one face of a board and then rip the board down the center. Then you rotate the boards so that the thicker edges face away from the center and glue them back together. This gives an excellent opportunity to add a contrasting strip between the two. After the glue up you simply use the newly profiled board to produce the sides of your box and proceed as you normally would.

To carry the theme a bit further, I used the same bit to cut a profile around the panel in the top, and then used the cope and stick bit from the same set to produce a frame for the top panel. My bit set includes the panel bit, cope and stick bits, and another molding bit. I used the molding bit to produce the feet for the box. I reinforced the miters in the box and the top with dowels. The woods used are walnut, figured maple, and cherry for the feet. The finish is simple wipe on poly.
Minutes of the March 25, 2014 Meeting
by Gary White

Guild meeting started at 7:07 by president Dale Neff.

“A Guild is different from a club in that the members are dedicated to teaching what they know and learning what they don’t.”

The Wood Show in Tampa was a huge success for new contacts for our guild. When I worked on Friday, there were at least 15 people that expressed a sincere interest in coming to a guild meeting. There were also many good contacts on Saturday and Sunday. We have a yellow sheet full of names.

Dale welcomed everyone. Dale asked how many went to the show? Charlie Kested won first place for his wooden train and also the People's Choice award. It was a good show. Make certain that you put it on your calendar for next year. While our Guild table was stuck in the corner, our space was larger and we had a lot of visitors.

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Tom Iovino noted that for your information, there is a list of other wood guilds in our area of Florida on our guild web site.

Guests tonight:
- Gill Bickfield said that pen and bowl turning are his interests.
- Roland Sherman likes to make furniture and small stuff.
- Larry Rhue is from Wisconsin and is a beginner.
- Ron Eddinger is mostly into turning and is a former guild member.
- Tony Evansky is from Chicago and is a member of two clubs in Illinois, the Fox Valley woodworkers and the Lapage woodworkers. Just bought a house in Seminole that he will use for his winter quarters.
- Steve Stutts now belongs to the Alabama woodworkers guild and is a former member who was just visiting tonight. He bought a lathe yesterday and wants to learn how to use it. He was the former guild secretary who helped to develop our guild flyer.

Phil Noto reminded everyone about the 50-50. Get your tickets during the break. Proceeds will go to the Christmas Party.

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Dale also mentioned to everyone that you can put in your bids during break for the silent auction items. There is a large variety of items. The money supports guild activities and other stuff the guild gets involved in.

Also, remember that our 2 by 4 contest entries will be judged at our April meeting.

Our Guild picnic is April 17th at shelter #2 at the Lake Seminole Park.

Mike Fucile won Best of Show at the State Fair for a chair that took him a year to make.

A Nicholson style workbench is being built by Dale out of 2 by 4’s.

Get some donuts and coffee during the break, and Chris Rau would like members to pay their 2014 dues during the break, also.

Dale told us that Don Montgomery, one of the founders of our guild, wants to donate his entire shop to the guild. It will take about 3 weeks to transport all of his equipment to St. Pete and will require the help of a number of guild members. Don will move back to St. Pete after he sells his house in Brooksville. We want to become a 501c3 so we can open our own shop for members to work in.

Neil Engwall, a member of Grace Lutheran Church, our meeting place, recently purchased Weiss Hardwoods. Chris Rau, also a member of the church, will try to find out details from Neil as to how he is going to operate Weiss.

Ben Ferrell announced his bowl turning project (and pens). This Sunday at Lenny's Restaurant in Clearwater, there will be turning opportunities for anyone interested. Bowls turned will be sold so that the money goes to the charity "Feeding America." Time on Sunday is from 10 AM to 2 PM.

Al Richmond is trying to get kids involved in wood working. At his church the Boy Scouts have 2 woodworking badges that can be earned. Al gave his name to help out. Other guild members could check with their churches to see if any young people are interested in woodworking.

Bruce thanked Mike Fucile for his recent woodworking presentation at the Tampa Guild meeting.

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Infinity Tools is having an open house April 4th and 5th at their Oldsmar location. Time is from 9 AM to 6 PM. They also have a Router Table (with router) special sale that is available to anyone interested. Contact Andy at Infinity.

**Show-n-Tell**
Don Wooldridge Talked about and showed his “SandFlea” machine look-a-like that he made. He spent around $40 for all the parts.

Dave Hershman has been doing some turning and brought Bottle stoppers he made.

Tom Iovino made a bench from tiger maple and mahogany, put together with ebony plugs.

Dave Cherry made some clocks from Live oak from his yard. He called the wood “Recycled Urban Lumber”.

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**Wood of the Month - Apple**
April 1996 – Offcuts

Apple is one of those woods that, if requested, will often bring a puzzled look to a commercial wood dealer’s face. (Dale Neff resembles that remark.)

*Malus Syvestris* is available on a local and infrequent basis, (the guy who wrote this must not live in Florida) and is also a good wood to mill yourself. Apple is not a commercial wood but is grown or is found in most of North America. The tree is small, seldom over 30’ tall and the trunk diameters vary widely. The tree is often not shaped well, and trunks are misshapen. Apple is pale to medium pinkish brown in color, and has a fine, even texture. The wood weighs about the same as beech, and is hard to dry due to its tendency to warp and split badly. Though stable once dry, drying apple wood is a slow process that cannot be rushed. The wood is hard and strong, and machines well with sharp tools, but getting a good finish is a lot of work. Irregular grain can tear out. Apple is not a durable wood, though it works well for turning and accepts detail well. Apple wood is also good for carving. Most uses for apple wood are for inlay, small boxes, saw handles, and wooden screws.

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St. Petersburg Woodcrafters Guild
Membership Application

Date:_________

Name:________________________________________________________________

Spouses Name:___________________________________________________

Address:______________________________________________________________
City:_________________________________ State:__________ Zip:______________

Phone: (____)_______________ Business Phone: (____)________________________
Email: ________________________________________________________________

What types of woodworking interests you?
___Furniture Design ___ Carving ___ Crafts ___ Toys
___Furniture Kits ___ Turning ___ Fret Work ___ Fine Furniture
Other_________________________________________________________________

What Are you interested in learning about as a guild member?
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What type of presentations or demonstrations would you like to see at the monthly meetings?
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Would you be willing to help with Guild functions and committees? Yes / No
If yes, is there any specific committee that interests you? (See back) ____________________
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A guild differs from a club because its members are dedicated to learning, sharing and teaching.
We thank you for your interest and hope that you will join our guild on share your interest in woodworking.
Monthly meetings are held at Fellowship Hall, Grace Lutheran Church, 4301 16th Street North, St. Petersburg, Fl. They take place at 7:30 P.M. on the fourth Tuesday of each month. December is the exception.
Membership year is April to December. Dues paid during April through June are $35.00
Dues paid during July through November are $25.00. Dues of $35.00 paid in November or December will carry through to the end of the following year. Family memberships are $15.00 each additional family member. Please make payment to : Chris Rau

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TO:

The Guild meets every 4th Tuesday of the month (except December) at 7PM in the Grace Lutheran Meeting Hall. 4301 16th Street North on the corner of 16th Street N & Haines Rd.

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