



APRIL MEETING

The next meeting of the Valley Woodworkers will be held at 6:30 PM on April 8, at the **club's meeting place at 302 12th Street, Dunbar.**

MARCH MEETING

There were 56 people in attendance at the March meeting with three guests. Welcome to Landon and Dianna Waugh from Hurricane and Matt Kyle from Charleston.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Maureen Helvey needs volunteers for the Rummage Sale on Saturday, June 5. Please sign up with Maureen at the April meeting. Volunteers are needed on Friday, June 4, at 4 PM for set up and for two hours shifts on Saturday at 8 AM, 10 AM, 12 noon, and 2 PM.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Do you have a list of things that you would like to make, but you don't have any plans? Plans are really helpful. They show the dimensions of all of the pieces and how the joints are to be constructed. This month's presentation will be on how to develop your own plans using a very simple computer program that is "Free." When you draw your own plans, you can make the item to suit the way you want it built and the size you want. It also allows you to work out any problems, such as joining methods, on paper, instead of after you have started construction and made critical cuts. You can easily erase what you have drawn and do it over. That is much harder to do after the wood has been cut. I used to make my plans using a drawing board,

The following companies offer discounts to club members:

Woodcraft Supply Parkersburg, WV - 10% - Show membership card.

Klingspor Woodworking Shop - 10% - They receive our member list.

Hartville Tool - 15% - They receive our member list.

The following companies provided materials for last year's Salvation Army Christmas toy project. Please give them special consideration when you make a purchase or need materials for your projects: West Virginia Forestry Association, Blue Ridge Machinery & Tool, Coastal Lumber Company, Evans Lumber Company, J.C. Hamer Lumber Company, Home Depot of Teays Valley, West Virginia Hobby and Craft, Teays Valley Hardware, West Virginia Marine, Toyota Motor Manufacturing of WV Inc. & Woodcraft Supply.

tee square and drawing triangles. This worked OK, but it was slow and changes were sometimes difficult without redrawing a large portion of the project. I have been using Computer-aided Design (CAD) for about 20 years now, and would never consider going back to the drawing board. As you will see at our next meeting, CAD makes preparing plans easy and accurate.

The next session of the Sheraton Table Project will be on Saturday, April 17, because due to Easter, we will not be able to have a makeup session for those that missed the last session. However, it will be easy to get everybody caught up. In addition to your safety gear, bring a 1/4" chisel (mortising type) if you have one. I will bring my grinder so that you can sharpen it, if necessary. We may also be able to glue up the tables and/or tops, so bring your 18" and 24" K-body clamps, if you have them. For those of you that are doing some work on the project at home, do not surface the boards for the top to final thickness. This will be done after the top has been glued together.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Steve Boster reported that there was \$6,917.35 in the club treasury. We have 68 members as of March 11. If you've forgotten to pay your dues, Steve Boster will be glad to take them at the April meeting.

REFRESHMENTS

Thanks to Tom Hart for furnishing the refreshments for the March meeting. Rick Chandler volunteered to bring the refreshments to the April meeting.

TOY PROJECT

Andy Sheetz reports that there are two grant requests pending. One with Toyota and the other with the Chad Pennington's 1st and 10 Foundation. Several members have already started on toys for this year. We have wood, so if you would like to make some toys, see Andy Sheetz.

DEMONSTRATION

Debbie Amos started her demonstration by showing several of her beginning projects and explained how she got started in carving. She also showed her collection of carving chisels and demonstrated the way she used them. Her handouts included an oak leaf and acorn pattern as well as information on power carving and hand carving equipment. The two mantels she brought were of a wooded scene with a deer and the oak leaf and acorn design.



SAFETY NOTE

Power tools will frequently be used while working on club projects and during demonstrations at club meetings. For your protection, safety glasses with side shields, and hearing protection will be required for members to participate in these activities. No exceptions will be made. Please bring your own safety glasses and hearing protection. The club has **some** of these items, but we can not provide this equipment for everyone, all the time. ***You are responsible for your own safety!*** Note: Turning off hearing aids is not considered to be hearing protection.

SHOW AND TELL

Tom Schottle showed a vase made from Bloodwood. It was finished with about ten coats of Waterlox. He sanded between coats starting at 220 and ending with 1000.





Bill Morris showed a recipe holder made from Holly.

Bob Shingleton showed several triangular puzzle cars. Each car comes apart to make three cars. He makes these out of different woods.



Roy Reveal showed pictures of a Shaker Rocker. His rocker has a woven seat and back. He also showed several boxes he makes using different moldings and a wine bottle stopper made from Zebrawood.



Andy Sheetz showed one of four shop carts he made for the club shop. He made the carts with the help of several other club members. The carts are made of Ash with a salad bowl finish.



Tom McClellan showed a doll cradle. The cradles are made from a few of the rejected parts from the toy project. Tom takes the extra time to make the parts usable and gives these cradles to children of friends and relatives.



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April Agenda

Announcements

Welcome new members and guests
Raffle
Refreshment volunteer
Items for sale

Committee Reports

Treasurer – Steve Boster
Toy Committee – Andy Sheetz

Old Business

Table Workshop

New business

Show and Tell

Break

Demonstration

Jim Sapp - Introduction to Google SketchUp