



MAY MEETING

The next meeting of the Valley Woodworkers will be held at 6:30 PM on May 13, at the **club's meeting place at 302 12th Street, Dunbar.**

APRIL MEETING

There were 42 people in attendance at the April meeting. There were no guests, but we did pick up five new members. Welcome to the club: Dianna and Landon Waugh, Ken Swiger and Bill Higginbotham from Hurricane and David Caldwell from Charleston. We now have 74 members.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A discussion among the club members about the upcoming auction was held during the April meeting. It was decided that if anyone wanted to sell an item through our auction, rather than donate it to the club, a 20% commission would be charged.

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The next Sheraton Table workshop will be held on May 15, the third Saturday of the month.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

As some of you may know, I have worked in the chemical industry for over 40 years. Chemical plants, refineries, pulp and paper mills, all of these are places that have numerous hazards that can injure or kill the personnel that work there. Did you know that there are more injuries in woodworking facilities than in these chemical plants? According to the National Bureau of Labor Statistics, three times as many people are injured making products from wood as are injured in a chemical plant. One of my jobs in the chemical industry was, and still is, is to evaluate and recommend Personal Protective

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.

Equipment (PPE) such as hearing protection, eye protection and respiratory protection. This same PPE is also needed in many cases while doing woodworking. The same hazards of flying objects, loud noises and cancer causing dusts exist in your workshop. Several of you have asked for my recommendations for PPE. Others have reported that they are having trouble finding the PPE that I recommend. One point I would like to make is that Lowe's and Home Depot are just what they claim to be – home improvement centers. If you want to build or remodel a house, they probably have what you need. However, if you want to do woodworking, you need to look to stores like Woodcraft, Klingspore, Rockler, McFeelys, Woodworkers Supply and Hartville Tools. Don't go to the home improvement centers and expect to find a good selection of PPE, chisels, planes, clamps, squares and the like.

As a service to you, I am going to stock some good PPE that I will sell to you at my cost.

- Pelator Model H10A earmuff hearing protectors with a noise reduction rating of 30. These are very good at blocking noise and are comfortable to wear.
- UVEX Astro Over the Glasses Safety Glasses. These are made to wear over prescription glasses and are strong and comfortable to wear.
- 3M Model 6200 half-mask respirator. This respirator is made of silicon rubber and conforms well to your face. It is light-weight and is comfortable to wear. It does not include cartridges, which are sold separately.
- For the respirator, P100 dust cartridges are small, very light and remove 99.97% of respiratory size dust. This cartridge is recommended when performing any operation that creates dust.
- Also for the respirator, use a combination organic vapor/P-100 dust cartridge. This cartridge is recommended when you are applying stains and finishes.

The cost of these items is dependent on what it costs me to buy them. In most cases, I get a quantity discount and lower shipping costs. For the items I currently have the costs are as follows:

- Earmuffs - \$20
- Safety glasses (OTG) - \$12
- Respirator body - \$12

- Dust cartridge - \$12
- Organic vapor/dust cartridge - \$25

If you are interested, please contact me by phone or email. I will deliver them to you at the meeting.

Peter Howell

TREASURER'S REPORT

Steve Boster reported that there was \$6,684.25 in the club treasury.

REFRESHMENTS

Thanks to Rick Chandler for furnishing the refreshments at the April meeting. Tom Schottle has volunteered to bring the refreshments to the May meeting.

DEMONSTRATION

Jim Sapp gave a real time demonstration on the basics of Google SketchUp. SketchUp is a 3D drawing program that has a free version available. It is best used to visualize a final project, verify construction methods, check dimensions, evaluate alternative designs, and to have access to models by others through the 3D Warehouse.



Jim went through a lot of the tools used to draw the objects. He also provided several hand-outs and quick reference guides. The program is fairly easy to use and there are many tutorials available online.

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 professionally taken photos of some of his projects. The photos were taken by club member Ed Connors. He also had some literature from the John C. Campbell Folk School in North Carolina.

Andy Sheetz showed a star jigsaw puzzle made from maple and cherry. It was cut out on the scrollsaw and finished with lacquer.



Bill Morris showed an oriental styled box with beveled sides. He also showed a cane made with a hammer head shaped handle.



Bill Higginbotham showed a number of his scroll sawn projects.



Lloyd McIntyre showed a wooden Gilbert Toy box made in the 1920's. In it was a set of antique toy carpenter tools. The tools were originally in a metal box that had rusted. He restored the wooden box and the tools and put them together.

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May 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

Allan McNeel - Making a drawer