

Newsletter

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MEETING NOTICE

DATE: SATURDAY FEBRUARY 14, 2015

TIME: 10:00AM

The meeting will start at 10:00AM and the doors will open at 9:30 AM

NOTE: All members and guests must have a signed liability waiver on file to enter the building. (Waivers will be available at the meeting if you have not already completed a waiver)

Location: The shop of Bill James (James Wood Works) & Craig Marcus (Marcus Studio)
(The shop is at 6545 Hamilton Ave., please see the website for detailed directions.)

MONTHLY MEETING: FINISHES

Mike Silverman will be talking about General Finishes Arm R Seal. He will discuss the surface prep, means of application, drying times and rubbing out the finish.

Felix Pirozzi will be talking about and demonstrating a polyurethane gel finish. He will discuss the application, proper sanding techniques and the properties of the finish. He will bring in samples of the finish in the steps taking to arrive at the end result. – Ben Abate

MEETING REPORT: CARVING WOODEN WARE FROM GREEN WOOD

Regis Will showed how he carves wooden ware (spoons, spatulas, etc.) from wood.

Regis offered some additional information after the meeting:

Thanks to everyone that came out to the spoon carving presentation at the Western Pennsylvania Woodworkers monthly meeting. I had a great time doing it and I hope everyone enjoyed themselves. As usual I have some thoughts after the fact that I'd like to share.

Apparently I totally neglected the finishing aspects of the project so I'll say a little about that. The most popular finishes among those I follow on the 'net are Raw Flaxseed (Linseed) Oil, this is food grade oil available at health food stores and better supermarkets. Also popular is Walnut Oil, again food grade but you have to be careful with people with tree nut allergies. Bee's Wax can also be used. These oils will polymerize over time into a film, just like Boiled Linseed Oil, but they take a few months to do so. You should not be tempted to use Boiled Linseed Oil since it contains chemical drying agents that are not good for you.

I also wanted to say a bit about finding inspiration. Here the internet is super helpful and if you are on Facebook there are several good groups to join where people share what they do and are super helpful with questions and ideas. Also I find a lot of ideas following people on Instagram. There's a very nice bunch of people sharing woodworking on Instagram and I get a ton of ideas there as well.

There are also some knives left. If you're interested in one I'll have what remains available at the next WPW meeting.--Regis Will www.thenewyinzersworkshop.com



Making a spoon is a simple process: Start with a piece of a log and remove all the wood that does not look like a spoon



Examples of spoons, knives, and spreaders made by removing the excess wood.



2:10 PM, Saturday, January 10, 2015, Bill James's kitchen: Chicken salad on a sesame bagel, hand-carved ginkgo spreader. (photo courtesy Bill James)

NOT ENOUGH INTEREST FOR FINE WOODWORKING SUBSCRIPTIONS

Taunton Press requires ten or more subscriptions to receive the discount and unfortunately, we did not have enough people interested to meet this minimum. We will try again next year, so please keep that in mind as your subscriptions come up for renewal.

For those who gave me checks, I will have them with me to return at the next meeting or I can shred them if you prefer. Some members mentioned receiving better offers directly from Taunton and hopefully you will also. In any event, you will need to renew your subscription on your own this year.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The publication deadline for the next newsletter is **February 27, 2015**. Submissions received after this date may be published in the newsletter for the following month if requested.

The content of this newsletter is written by club members just like you. If you have an interesting story, tip, plan, or idea, please contribute it to the newsletter. We particularly need shorter articles that would be a paragraph or two. **PLEASE let us know if you see a news article or otherwise have news about club members or woodworking activity in the area.** Newsletter contributions and information about news and events may be emailed to wpwweditor@yahoo.com. Contributions can be submitted as either a word document or as a text file with no returns between lines in a paragraph.

NAME BADGES

Anybody that is in the need of a name badge, please contact Ed Kardell at ekardell2@gmail.com or leave a message 724-832-2265.

SPLINTER GROUPS

Our club currently has two active splinter groups, informal groups that meet between club meetings.

East End Splinter Group: Alex Botkin alexbotkin@hotmail.com Every other Wednesday.

Murrysville Area Splinter Group: ejstacey@aol.com 10:00 AM Fridays, currently working on a Walnut Laptop Desk

WPW PRIVACY STATEMENT

WPW Privacy Statement: Since the WPW now uses email as the primary means of communicating with our members, we want to make our members aware of our privacy policy. Quite simply, we will not rent, sell, give, or otherwise disseminate our members' contact information without consent of the member to anyone, for any reason, period. Occasionally, we receive information via email from other organizations that may be of interest to our members (special events, activities, etc.), but the event will occur before our next newsletter will be published. On these rare occasions we may forward such emails to you, but they will always come from the WPW email address (i.e., your email information will not be given to the other organization). If you have any concerns regarding this policy, please express them to Frank Woolley.

MEMBER CLASSIFIED ADS: ADVERTISING POLICY

Club members may submit one quarter page or less non-commercial advertisement per month for publication in the newsletter on a space-available basis, subject to the discretion of the board and editor. Advertisements are accepted only as a Word document emailed to wpwweditor@yahoo.com. The Word document can contain up to 200 characters, should be minimally formatted (no boxes, borders, special characters, etc.) and must be received by the submission deadline. Photos may be inserted into the document, but will be resized to fit the newsletter format. The advertisement must include contact information and asking price and be complete and ready to cut and paste into the newsletter.

Commercial advertisements for products and services of interest to our members may be accepted at the discretion of the board of directors, at rates determined on a case-by-case basis.

CLUB MEMBER ADVERTISEMENTS

Professional Engineer (PE) needed. Al Zamba and Bill Doughty volunteer at Mars historical society. The group wants to build a waiting station. We have made a design that everyone likes. We need someone with structural engineering knowledge (e.g. a licensed engineer) to volunteer to help with sizing of material. Bill Doughty 724-355-6639.

COMMERCIAL ADVERTISEMENTS

Machinery Repair and Service Dean Ridgeway, through his company Ridgeway's Machine Maintenance and Sharpening, offers machinery repair and service. Dean teaches in Westmoreland Co., lives in Butler County, and is willing to travel to work on your machinery. Please contact Dean at (724) 816-6683 or <mailto:dabridgeway@aol.com> for more information.

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