

Newsletter

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## MEETING NOTICE

**DATE: FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 8, 2017**

**TIME: 7:00 PM**

**NOTE THE CHANGE IN TIME, DATE, AND LOCATION**

**Location:** Woodcraft in Canonsburg, 102 Four Coins Drive Extension, Suite #3, Canonsburg, PA 15317

## MEETING THIS MONTH: JEFF HEADLEY ON PERIOD FURNITURE

I hope that your summer is going well, and that you're getting all of your "projects" done! As we've noted in previous communications prior to the last meeting in May, we're starting off the new program year with a special September meeting. ***As a special challenge, the meeting is being held on a different day, at a different time, and in a different place!***

**(Friday evening, September 8th, and will be held at the Woodcraft store (102 Four Coins Dr.; Canonsburg, PA 15317 from 7 PM to 9 PM)**

The website has in-depth information about the meeting and workshop, but in a nutshell here is some recent information from Elmer Nahum, our program director. **Please note that there are still two spots available for the two-day workshop to be held Saturday and Sunday.** The website has full information, and please contact Elmer Nahum (412-716-1763, ElmerNahum@gmail.com) as soon as possible if you'd like to attend the workshop. – Bill James

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Jeff Headley will be our speaker. He will be presenting a lecture on period furniture by first introducing us to his body of work with stories and photos. He will then move on to discuss details of specific pieces that he will have on hand, some of which can be deconstructed to better understand their construction. This Friday session is open to all WPW members as well as guests of members.

Jeff Headley is a fourth-generation cabinetmaker and runs [Mack S. Headley & Sons](#). His family has been building furniture continuously in the Shenandoah Valley for nearly 100 years (1918) with

knowledge passed on to each generation. With over 30 years of experience, Jeff and his colleague, Steve Hamilton, specialize in pre-1820 American furniture with many pieces made for the White House and Colonial Williamsburg as well as for the person down the street. His shop near Winchester, Virginia, nestled within bucolic farmland, is also set up to provide the opportunity to share his knowledge with [instructional workshops](#). He has written several articles in Fine Woodworking, presents often at the Society of American Period Furniture Makers ([SAPFM](#)), and appeared on an [episode of the Woodwright's Shop](#). – Elmer Nahum

## FALL SEMINAR: REPRODUCTION FURNITURE METHODS

Our new Program Directors Elmer Nahum and Ken Bayer are in the process of developing our future meeting schedule, which again includes bringing in a speaker from outside of our area. This year they would like to consider nationally-known woodworker Jeff Headley who has written extensively on methods and techniques used for reproduction furniture making, and has vast experience in making, repairing, and consulting on the subject, with his furniture adorning some of the most famous historic residences. Jeff's colleague, Steve Hamilton, will be on hand to help with the teaching.

Please begin thinking about your interest level in attending this class on September 8, 9, and 10, 2017. The new Woodcraft store in Canonsburg graciously offered their facilities for both the private classes on Saturday and Sunday and the Friday evening meeting for the full membership. Cost to attend the private classes is expected to be around \$250 and attendance will be limited to 15 people, on a first-come basis.

A list of subjects/projects that are being considered is included below. Our plan is to have Jeff demonstrate three to six techniques, with several of them also becoming a "hands-on" session for the class to try their hand, so to speak. Although Jeff has some mechanized ways and special tooling to achieve some of his techniques, his program will concentrate on "simpler" methods of achieving these results, to try and make them accessible to as many woodworkers as possible. If there are other items that you'd like to see as a part of Jeff's program, please let Elmer or Ken know so that they can explore the possibility. We plan on finalizing the program content prior to asking people for a commitment.

- How to add fluted quarter columns to your work.
- Enhancing furniture with cross-banded details and borders.
- Rope carving.
- Shell carving.
- Veneer inlay techniques.
- Scratch stocks and stringing.
- Ogee bracket feet
- Depending on the amount of time available, Jeff and Steve may demonstrate a couple of additional techniques

Please give some serious consideration as to whether you would like to attend the classes, and do some Internet research on Jeff's work. For those of you who have access to the Fine Woodworking site, Jeff has written several articles over the years, and they will give you a flavor of what you might expect. Questions and commitments should be emailed to Elmer Nahum ([ElmerNahum@gmail.com](mailto:ElmerNahum@gmail.com)) or Ken Bayer ([NKBayer@hotmail.com](mailto:NKBayer@hotmail.com)).

## NEWSLETTER CONTENT

The publication deadline for the next newsletter is **September 24, 2017**. 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](mailto: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.

## SPLINTER GROUPS

Our club currently has three active splinter groups, small groups that meet between club meetings.

**North Hills Splinter Group:** Ralph Sprang [wpwweditor@yahoo.com](mailto:wpwweditor@yahoo.com) fourth Saturday of the month

**East End Splinter Group:** Alex Botkin [alexbotkin@hotmail.com](mailto:alexbotkin@hotmail.com) Every other Wednesday.

**The Murrysville splinter group (also known as The Westmoreland Chippers):** Eric Stacey [eistacey@aol.com](mailto:eistacey@aol.com) 10:00 AM Fridays.

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