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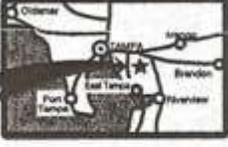
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Brandon Workers Club Newsletter for June 2014

Presidents section

Greetings Woodworkers,

I'd like to thank Art Falcone for his Veneering demonstration at the June meeting of the Brandon Woodworkers' Club. He made veneering look relatively easy and far less complicated than I had expected – now all I have to do is try it.

While referencing for a topic for this month's message I came across an article written by Dale Neff, president of the St. Petersburg Woodworkers' Guild in their newsletter where he referenced an article written for Fine

Woodworking magazine from the October 2002 issue by Mike Dunbar. I found the article so informative that it needed to be passed along to as many open minds as possible. Mr. Dunbar wrote: Except for beavers woodworkers are human and therefore tend to seek the path of least resistance which almost always leads to trouble. There are 10 unavoidable truths of woodworking. They are the pillars of good work and most are based on common sense. Ignore them at your own risk.

1. Don't rush. Rushing causes more injuries than any other bad habit. It also results in more mistakes.

2. Learn to sharpen. Most tools do not work well if they are dull and some not at all. Knowing how and when to sharpen your tools is a "Gateway" skill. Don't be intimidated by sharpening – it's not that difficult.

3. You get what you pay for. Most of us have budgetary constraints that cause us to think twice when it comes to spending big bucks for tools and materials. Quality in new or used machines and tools always has been and always will be expensive. Don't *cheap it* – you will regret it.

4. Finishing is half the battle. When you're finished with the woodworking you are only halfway done. A lot of woodworkers dread sanding, picking, sanding and sanding

some more, but these steps is where you can make your project stand out.

5. Practice makes perfect. Hone your skills and scraps and small projects. Build a prototype to work out the bugs and then have fun and build a mess of them.

6. Dry-fit before you glue up. This is your chance to make adjustments in fit – which components to fit first and what clamps to use and how many you need. It can keep you from getting glue where you don't want it.

7. Glue won't fix poor joinery. Things go wrong, and while there tricks and techniques to fix mistakes, they should not be mistaken for good workmanship.

8. Your router won't do everything. While the router and router table are very versatile tools and handy, they are not always the most practical tools for every application.

9. Use both hand and power tools. While most woodworker's tend to be either hand tool aficionados or power tool pros. A skilled woodworker know when and how to use both.

10. Keep your shop clean. A messy shop is dangerous and inefficient. Clean up as you work is a habit you should develop. Keep your tools put away when not in use – they're easier to find the next time you need them.

Now if I can only follow these rules! Special thanks to Dale Neff and Mike Duncan.

The July meeting of the BWC will be on July 8th at 7:00 pm at the Brandon Junior Women's Club at 129 N. Moon Ave. The program is on Lathe Basics. Look forward to seeing you there.

Until then,

Happy Sawdust Trails,

Bruce

Bill's Discovery's

Here is a link to help you get those pretty table legs looking real nice.

[Click here](#)

Membership:

We had no guests tonight.

The club has a total paid membership of 35 YTD.

Dues are \$25.00 per year family membership.

See Frank to join.

Library:

Terry had a lot of scroll saw patterns, which a gentleman gave him at the wood workers show. Terry offered these patterns to the membership for their use.

Fair Report:

ART wasn't here and had nothing new to report. And remember it is never too early to start your project for next year.

Treasurer's Report

Frank gave the following:

Beginning Balance.	\$808.53
Income:	
50/50	\$ 31.00
Dues	\$.00
Total Income:	\$31.00
Expenses:	
Rent	\$20.00
Name Tags	\$0.00
Total expenses:	\$(20.00)
Ending balance	\$819.53
Including dedicated toy balance of \$33.00	

50/50 winner:

Bruce won the 50/50 tonight. \$62.00 worth of tickets were sold. Bruce's portion \$31.00.

Toy Report:

Rick reports that we have 382 toys YTD turned in. Our toy maker master Lloyd brought in 30 tonight.

Old Business:

The library storage cabinet was discussed, it is too small.

Bill Brocksmith volunteered his shop for the build of a new one. Bruce suggested we have a committee formed to build the cabinet. Terry is going to take the lead on the project. More to come on this project later.

New Business:

Charlie Mays gave us a presentation on how to build a bat house. Not a lot of work to build and carpenter skills required to do the job. Required material half a sheet of 1/2" and half a sheet of 3/8" plywood, which will make 2 bat houses. A bat can eat up to 600 mosquitoes an hour.

So a bat house that is full of bats can eat up to 120,000 mosquitoes an hour. Now that is some serious help on a Mosquito problem. Charlie has the plans on how to build the house and the details of how to finish and place them. See Charlie if interested.

Buy Sell or Trade:

Ruth has a list of things for sell from a friend of hers who is getting out of the wood working hobby. See Ruth for the details.

Jim Ethington is still looking for a couple of plunge routers.

Bob Ippoliti has a 20" scroll saw for sale.

Rick has a set of forester bits for sale \$20.00

Frank has a box of veneer for free.

Show and Tell



Vernon spalded oak wood with double dovetail joinery. Number 1418



Terry's dizzy bowl he made took about 3 weeks part time 8 different species of wood and 635 pieces of wood in it.



Dolphin intarsia by Bill.
Bill Garrett holds up his bird house



Side view of dizzy bowl



Bill shows us his Intarsia
kitty cat made for a gift.



Rick is showing a pen and
lathe tool handle he made.



Frank holding a new pen he
turned.



Dave show us his segmented
bowl he made, found
instructions in a book and
there you are: a nice bowl.



Neil is holding a nice jewelry
box he made.



Charlie holding a bat box he
made. He demonstrated how
to build one.



Terry shows his large urn he made using the wood turners pro software to design it.

Program:

Again Frank took video of the program and hopefully it will be available in the library.

JUNE Meeting Pictures:

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