



**AUGUST 2006**

**NEWSLETTER**

**MEETING DATE:** August 24, 2006

**PLACE:** Agricultural & Industrial Museum of York

**TIME:** 7:00

**PROGRAM:** Speakers: Al Winters and Lee Gayman

**TOPIC:** Self-made vacuum clamping systems

### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

I will have to admit that we have had some organizational problems. It has taken some work, but I think that we have them solved. Lloyd Shellerman and Allen Brittell are putting the finishing touches on a list of members and information such as addresses, etc. We hope to have copies for the next meeting.

We haven't gotten around to voting for officers but it will take place at our Nov. meeting (in Dec.). The new officer will go into office in Jan. Dues will be "due" at this time. We will be issuing membership cards with the New Year. So, hopefully, we can begin the New Year with some degree of efficiency.

RAY

### **THIS MONTH'S MEETING**

This month's meeting will be led by Al Winters and Lee Gayman. Their talk will be on self-made vacuum clamping systems. Al and Lee have both made their own systems and will be telling us how they built their systems and the materials that you will need to make your own. Be sure not to miss this meeting so you can add one of these systems to your shop.

### **ASSISTANT CLUB PHOTOGRAPHER**

Charlie Galloway will be helping out Bob as our assistant club photographer. We are still looking for someone to help out with the newsletter. Please see Mike Galloway if you can help.

## WOODWORKING SHOW UPDATE

We have contacted the people in charge of the Woodworking show that will be held at the Toyota Center at the York Expo Center on Nov. 10-12.

They were happy to hear that we were interested in setting up a display at their show and are willing to help us out in any way that they can. We will be talking about this more at the next meeting so be sure to attend and give us your thoughts. If you cannot make the meeting and would like to help out please contact Ray.

For more information about the show, check out their website at: [www.woodworks-events.com](http://www.woodworks-events.com)

Ray will also be doing a one day show at the Galleria Mall sometime in September. Please see Ray for more information or if you can help out.

## WOODWORKING TIP

### Cord Wrap

To keep power cords rolled up when not in use, I keep them tied with elastic ponytail holders. The best holders I've found for this are the type with a small plastic ball at each end, see photos.

You can find them anywhere beauty supplies are sold for about \$1.50 for a package of six.



John Harlan  
Logan, Utah

## LAST MONTH'S MEETING

Our last meeting, held at Olde Mill Cabinet Shop, was a delight! Bess Naylor was a gracious host who would have talked to us all night if Dennis hadn't told her "Some of our older members are getting close to their bedtime" (He was referring to himself!) We received an up-close-and-personal visit of Bess' building where her instructional woodworking takes place. Her classes stress the use of hand tools and traditional construction techniques. Hot animal hide glue and hand mixed shellac were staples in the 18 century workshop, so that's what you can expect to be using in one of her furniture classes. Nationally known carvers and furniture makers come to York frequently as instructors at the Olde Mill. Thanks, Bess, for a fun night!



Bess with our fearless leader (photo of original clock that is being copied is on top of clock hood)



Bess explaining how it's done



Ken Paules trying out Bess' winding sticks or "winkers" as she calls them.



Carving station

Thanks to Dennis Kunkle for the article and pictures above.

# Woodworking Shop Safety

## 10 Safety Tips to Post in Your Shop

- 1) **Think Before You Cut** – The most powerful tool in your shop is your brain, use it. Thinking your cuts and movements through before acting can help save both fingers and scrapwood.
- 2) **Keep a Clean Shop** – A cluttered shop is an accident waiting to happen. Keeping your shop clean will help protect you, and your tools, from tripping hazards.
- 3) **Avoid Distractions** – Pay attention to your actions. Looking up to watch the shop TV or visitor can result in your hand contacting the blade. Always wait until you have completed your cut before you take your eyes off the blade.
- 4) **Don't Rush** – Keep in mind that this is just a hobby and take a break when you feel rushed or frustrated with a project. Mistakes happen when we rush to complete a job.
- 5) **Don't Force It** – If your saw is resisting the cut, stop and see what's wrong. A misaligned rip fence or improperly seated throat plate can sometimes cause a board to get stuck in mid cut. Forcing the board in these situations may cause kickback or contact with the blade. Take a moment to evaluate the situation and determine the problem.
- 6) **Protect Yourself** – Wearing the proper shop protection is an important part of safe tool operation. Goggles, Ear Protection, and Lung Protection should be used when operating tools. Use push sticks when working close to the blade and make sure the tool's safety features are in place.
- 7) **Let the Tool Stop** – Giving the power tool time to wind down after a cut is an often-overlooked safety mistake. Even without power, the spinning blade can still do a lot of damage.
- 8) **Fumes and Dust** – Solvent fumes and airborne dust can present health and explosion hazards. Care should be taken to ensure a supply of fresh air and use only explosion proof vent fans.
- 9) **Wear Appropriate Clothing** – Loose clothing or hair can get caught in power tools and cause severe injury.
- 10) **No Alcohol** – Too many woodworkers have been injured because Alcohol clouded their judgment. Avoid their mistakes and wait until after you're done in the shop.

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