



AUGUST 2011

NEWSLETTER

Meeting Date: August 25, 2011



**PLACE: York Historical Society
250 E Market St., York, PA 17403**



TIME: 7:00 PM

PROGRAM: Bob Hollister

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

President Mark must be on holiday!

We are certain he would encourage you to keep the sawdust and the wood chips flying in your shop through the end of summer! Once September arrives the days will be shorter, so keep your carbon footprint on the low side by taking advantage of the longer, light filled days of August!

The Editor

THIS MONTH'S MEETING

This month we are pleased to present Bob Hollister of Holister's Sawmill as our featured speaker. Bob will not be lecturing but rather will be answering your questions! This is your opportunity to ask the owner of one of the area's leading sawmills the pressing questions you have about wood but didn't know who to ask. As Ray put it, "this will be a BS session about lumber". If Bob doesn't know the answer, we sure that he will get it for you!

Due to a scheduling SNAFU our meeting will take place will again be at the York Historical Society at **250 E Market Street** in York.

Don't miss this meeting!

LAST MONTH'S MEETING



Last month, we visited the latest exhibit at the York County Heritage Trust - *From the Front Porch to the Front Line*. This exhibit explores York County's involvement in World War I, II, Korea and Viet Nam. The artifacts, donated by the service men and women of York County, have been carefully catalogued and many are on display for all to see. We are thankful for the service provided by these brave soldiers from York County and honor their

involvement that keeps us living in the land of the free. We also thank the York County Heritage Trust for providing their facility to us for our monthly meetings!



SHOW & TELL - Works in Progress



Michael Fritz has been hard at work. This queen size platform bed is much too large to bring to



the meeting. He is crafting the bed frame from oak with some poplar as the secondary wood. The vertical pieces are constructed with mortise and tenon joints.



The cross rails are hand cut dovetails. Note the storage that will be built in under the bed.



We look forward to seeing the photos of the finished product!



Rick Mease shares this photo of the rocking horse he made for his youngest granddaughter, Olivia about five years ago. The horse is back in his house for storage (perhaps awaiting the next grandchild). He reports that it has survived with no major damage from Olivia's riding except that he is going to have to make a new tail. He reports "It is one of the few projects where I exceeded my expectations. Probably because of all the love I put into building it. I used cherry that John DeLeon gave me. He had it for over twenty years so it was well aged."

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YOUR help is appreciated!

Share information with your fellow Guild members by forwarding it to the newsletter editor for publication. We thank Rick Mease and Mike Fritz for forwarding photos about their projects. Remember, if you have a work in progress or an item that is too large to bring to the meeting, share the details with members by emailing your photos and a description of your work to the editor at: stwg@comcast.net. We also welcome woodworking information received from our members for posting on the Guild's website.

It is only with your input that the newsletter and the website will be of value to our members.

Suggestions for speakers for upcoming meetings are encouraged and always welcome. Please contact the officers listed above and let them know what you would like to hear about or hear from at future meetings. Your involvement in the future of STWG will help to keep the meetings and publications varied, informative and most of all interesting!

Julie

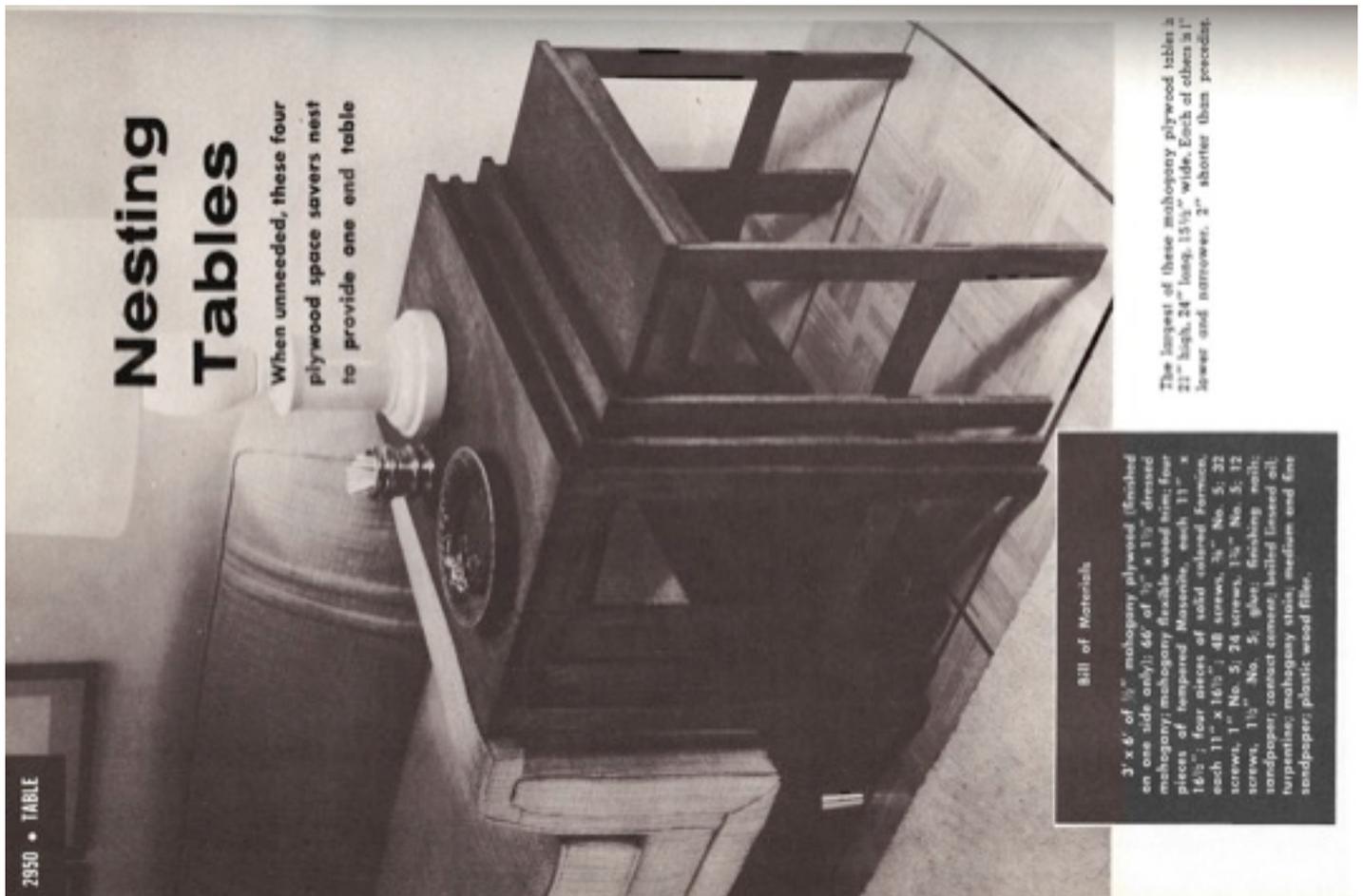
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For complete details, see the article in the July newsletter. I hope we have an entry to represent all the great workshops in the York area!



Woodworking is like cooking. A recipe is only the starting point. These instructions can be modified by the wood you use to the finishing technique on the tops. Let your creative juices flow. You will appreciate the handiness of these three tables once they become part of your home!

EVERY homemaker needs extra small tables for entertaining friends but often lacks the space for them. These attractive tables were designed with that in mind. An added feature: four serving trays are stored under the top of the smallest table.

In constructing the table, build largest table first following dimensions given in big diagram. Then build second largest, etc., following dimensions shown in smaller drawings. Drill holes slightly smaller than screws before inserting screws. When joining two pieces, glue, then screw. Counter-sink screw heads.

For leg ends of each table, saw out four legs and four cross rails. Taper inside bottom edge of legs as shown in big diagram. Shape bottom edge of cross rails from $1\frac{1}{2}$ " width at each end to $1\frac{1}{4}$ " at center. To form lap joints, cut out $\frac{1}{4}$ " deep section from inside of leg and outside of rail. Attach top and bottom cross rails to legs by gluing, then screwing through rails into legs with $\frac{3}{8}$ " No. 5 screws. Use two screws in staggered position at lap joints of front legs and one screw at back legs.

Saw out two back rails; shape bottom edges. Glue, then screw through outside of leg into top and bottom back rails with 1" No. 5 screws. Use two screws at each joining.

In attaching top of the table, screw through bottom edge of top rails into underside of table top. To do this, place a screw at ends and center of each rail, using $1\frac{3}{4}$ " No. 5 screws at ends, $1\frac{1}{2}$ " No. 5 screws

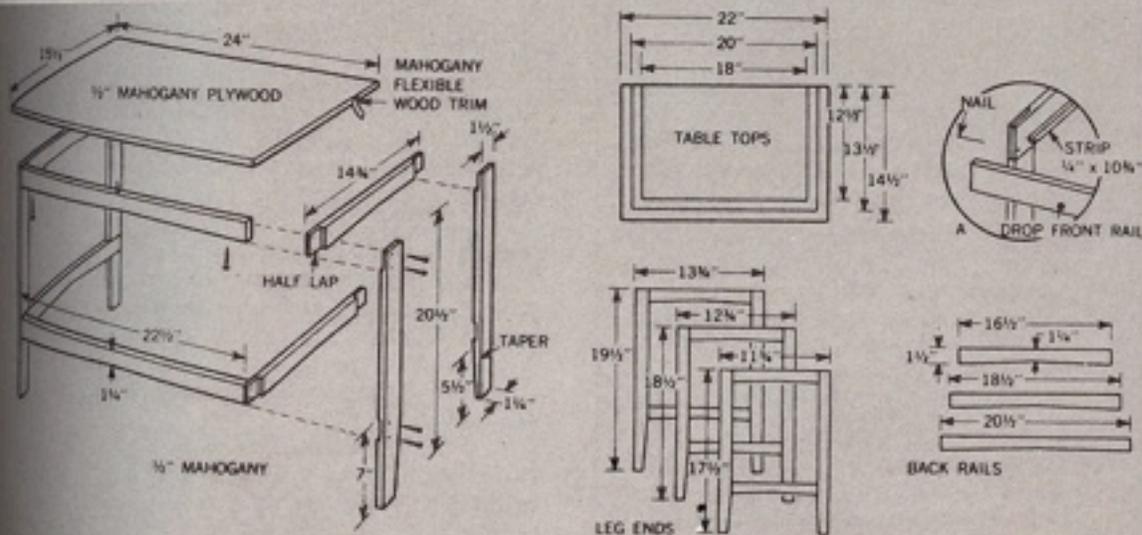
at center. Be sure to place end screws 1" in from inside of leg. Screw no deeper than $\frac{3}{8}$ " into table top.

For the drop front of smaller table four trays are supported under table top by runners and concealed by a front rail. Saw out two strips of lumber, $\frac{1}{4}$ " x $\frac{1}{2}$ " x $10\frac{3}{4}$ ". Glue and nail strips to inside of top end rails, placing one end of each strip against top back rail and placing bottom of each strip flush with center bottom edge of end rail (see insert "A"). Saw out front rail, $\frac{1}{2}$ " x $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x $16\frac{1}{2}$ "; shape bottom edge same as other rails and slightly bevel top edge. Drive a $1\frac{1}{2}$ " finishing nail through each front leg into front rail (see insert "A"). Drive nails only halfway in. Test to see if rail pivots to open position and closes flush. If not, top edge may need more beveling. Complete nailing; set nail heads.

For the trays, cement Formica boards to Masonite. Round corners with a file; thoroughly sand all edges with medium sandpaper.

In finishing, fill nail and screw holes with wood filler. Sand well with medium, then fine sandpaper. Following manufacturer's directions, attach wood trim to table top edges.

Apply stain to entire table; let dry. Mix two parts boiled linseed oil to one part turpentine. With soft cloth, apply oil mixture to all surfaces. Let soak for about four hours; wipe off excess. Polish by rubbing wood with clean cloth. After 24 hours, apply oil again, allow to soak in, remove excess. Rub wood with clean cloth. Surface stains can be removed with oil mixture. •



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