



MARCH 2009

NEWSLETTER

Meeting Date: March 26, 2009

**PLACE: Agricultural & Industrial Museum
217 W Princess St., York, PA 17404**

TIME: 7:00 PM

PROGRAM: Bee Houses & Other Habitats

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Last Sunday evening, I broke three safety rules in the shop. Rule #1: Never be in a hurry. Rule #2: Never do anything to a machine while the blade is still turning. Rule #3: If possible, keep the guard in place. After using my jointer to face-join a board, my dust chute to the dust collection system seemed clogged. After turning the machine off, as I knelt down to remove the 5" hose from the chute, I placed my hand on the out-feed table and the sleeve from my long sleeve shirt caught the outside corner of the unguarded knives! Instant pain and that first look at my wrist was not good. I applied pressure and quickly headed into the house and thrilled my wife with the news. Since all my fingers worked and I wasn't gushing blood, she drove me to the emergency room. (That place is a story in itself!) Three inside stitches and eight outside ones later, all's well. The depth of the laceration impressed the doctor; their worst that day! I was very, very lucky.

Dennis

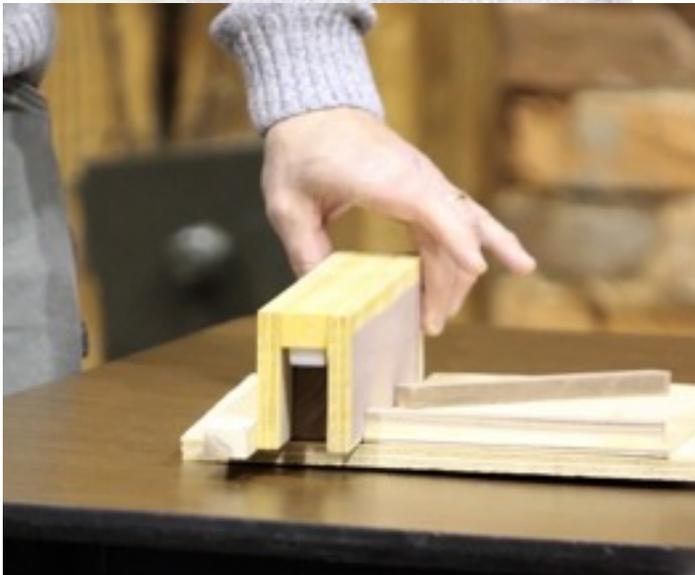
THIS MONTH'S MEETING

Our speaker for the March meeting will be Bob Holtzapple. Bob has retired from his real job and has been a Penn State Master Gardener since 2002. During the last 3 years, he has become strongly interested in pollinators (bees) since he learned their value. He has given many talks on pollinators. This year he worked on the display at the York Fair and at the York Flower and Garden Show. He was Chairman for the York Flower and Garden Show this year. It was at the York Flower Show that we encountered the bee houses that Bob constructs. He will be sharing not only information about pollinators but how to construct the bee houses. These houses can help control the location of the many helpful bees in the area. Don't miss this interesting meeting.

LAST MONTH'S MEETING



Last month's speaker was Doug Moran. We learned quite a bit about restoring antique furniture.



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Palmer Burke laminated and turned these striking pepper mills.



Ralph Dermota turned this beautiful set of candlesticks out of walnut.



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Don Titus kept busy creating pens, using various woods and he also turned these beautiful plates.



Dennis Kunkle built a new cabinet out of mahogany plywood for his 1946 Scott AM-shortwave radio.

Bob Aspey and his son made these knives using two different species of wood.



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BOB ASPEY**

For all the wonderful photos that he takes each month! You can see more of Bob's photos at his web site:

http://www.pbase.com/rpaspey/wood_working_guild



What can you get from Lee Valley for \$250.00? These are the items that Dennis Kunkle selected using the gift card he was awarded from Wood Works 2008. Of course, he had to add to the card's value to round the purchase out to an even \$300.00.

Check out these "silent auction" items. There were certainly some great bargains to be found at the last meeting. Dennis tripled his money for the items he sold on eBay! Just kidding Ray.

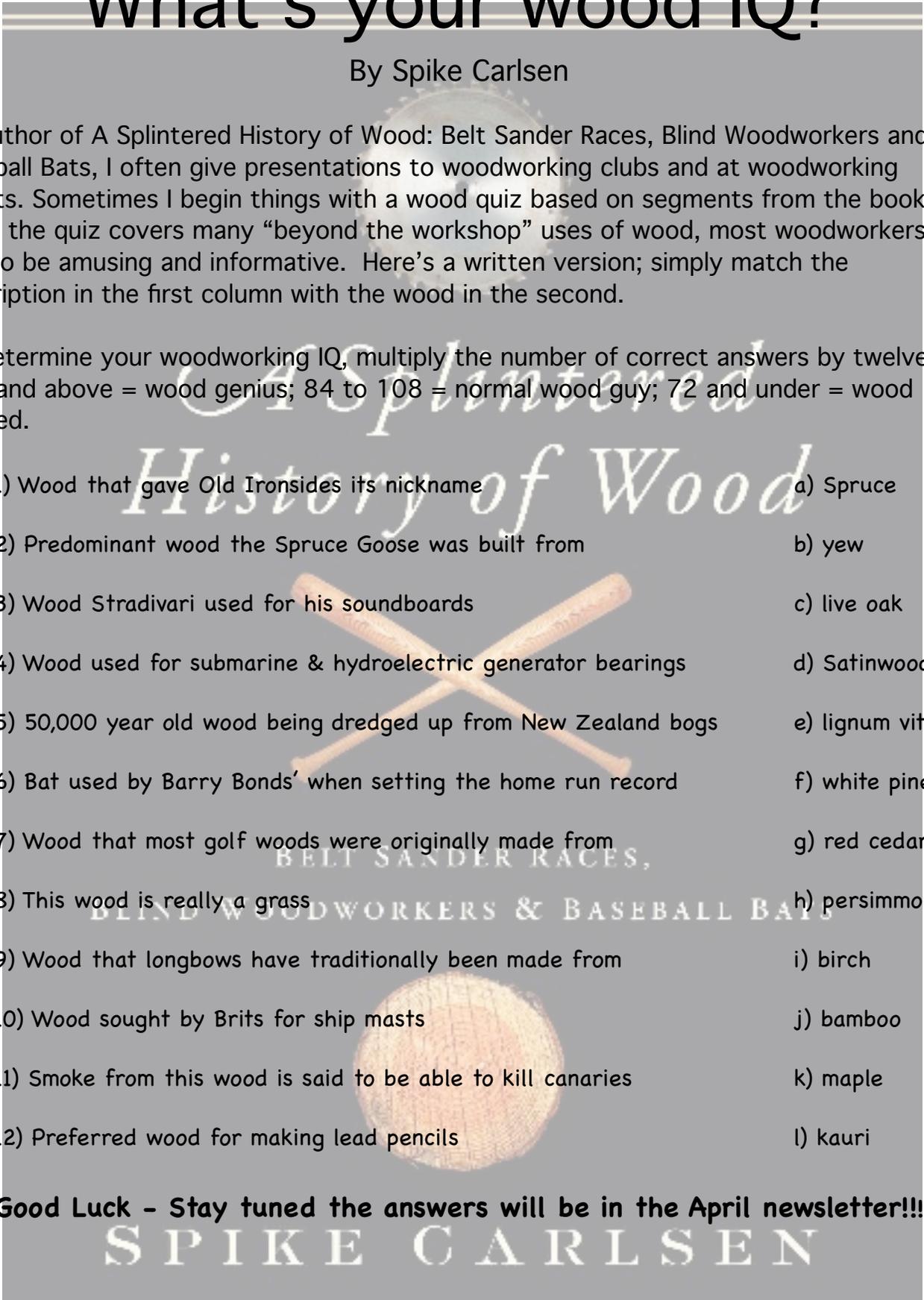


What's your wood IQ?

By Spike Carlsen

As author of *A Splintered History of Wood: Belt Sander Races, Blind Woodworkers and Baseball Bats*, I often give presentations to woodworking clubs and at woodworking events. Sometimes I begin things with a wood quiz based on segments from the book. Since the quiz covers many "beyond the workshop" uses of wood, most woodworkers find this to be amusing and informative. Here's a written version; simply match the description in the first column with the wood in the second.

To determine your woodworking IQ, multiply the number of correct answers by twelve. 120 and above = wood genius; 84 to 108 = normal wood guy; 72 and under = wood headed.

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- ___ 1) Wood that gave Old Ironsides its nickname a) Spruce
- ___ 2) Predominant wood the Spruce Goose was built from b) yew
- ___ 3) Wood Stradivari used for his soundboards c) live oak
- ___ 4) Wood used for submarine & hydroelectric generator bearings d) Satinwood
- ___ 5) 50,000 year old wood being dredged up from New Zealand bogs e) lignum vitae
- ___ 6) Bat used by Barry Bonds' when setting the home run record f) white pine
- ___ 7) Wood that most golf woods were originally made from g) red cedar
- ___ 8) This wood is really a grass h) persimmon
- ___ 9) Wood that longbows have traditionally been made from i) birch
- ___ 10) Wood sought by Brits for ship masts j) bamboo
- ___ 11) Smoke from this wood is said to be able to kill canaries k) maple
- ___ 12) Preferred wood for making lead pencils l) kauri

Good Luck - Stay tuned the answers will be in the April newsletter!!!

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