

SUSQUEHANNA TRAIL WOODWORKERS GUILD

November 2004

NEW LETTER

MEETING DATE: DECEMBER 2 2004
PLACE: ADAMS ELECTRIC BUILDING
TIME: 7:00
PROGRAM: Speaker: Gerald Myers

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

We are making steady progress with our new club. Each meeting brings more Woodworkers together and we are going to have some excellent speakers in the future. With this in mind, I would like to stress the point that we must continue to increase our membership. The best way is by "word of mouth". Try to contact other woodworkers and bring them to our meetings.

Ray Parsons

THIS MONTH'S MEETING

This month we will have Mr. Gerald Myers as our speaker. Gerald lives in Wellsville on a 26-acre farm. He has been enjoying building all types of furniture for his family and friends since his retirement 3 years ago as the operations manager for a local moving company. He creates things that are new and antique reproductions. He does most of his work from pictures and says, "All I need is a picture and a size". Gerald works with all types of wood but says the walnut and oak are his favorites. He has made over 212 different pieces. His most popular piece is a turn of the century icebox. Gerald will be talking to us about the 10x20-foot solar dryer that he built from scrap plywood, old military crates and fiberglass. With this dryer he is able to dry his wood in about 3 or 4 months instead of 1 to 2 years. Plan now to attend this meeting and learn how you can dry your own wood.

THIS MONTH'S MEETING DATE CHANGE

Because of the Thanksgiving holiday, next month's meeting will be held one week later on **Dec. 2**. There will be no December meeting because of the Christmas holiday.

SIGN UP FOR MEMBERSHIP

Last month was the first meeting we had for signing up to join the club. We had 16 people sign up and paid for a one-year membership. If you have not signed up we hope that you will consider joining us and supporting the club. Club dues are \$24.00 a year and can be paid to the treasurer at any meeting.

WOODWORKING TIP

Driving a nail near the end of a board can often result in a split. As the nail is driven into the wood it forces the wood fibers apart, causing the grain to split.

An old carpenter's trick is to flatten the tip of the nail with a hammer. The flattened tip allows the nail to "chop" through the wood "crushing" the wood fibers rather than splitting them.

This trick is also useful when installing molding and trim.



Left: Normal Nail
Right: Flattened Nail

ON THE NET

This month's Internet site is called Woodcentral at:

<http://www.woodcentral.com>

This site is hosted by Ellis Valentine who has created this site for anyone interested in learning or sharing his or her knowledge about all types of woodworking. On the site you will find many different areas such as a chat room, a section called Shop Shots where you can send in pictures of your work. There are over 650 photos of woodworking projects in this section. There is a message board along with a Chat section. The Article and Review section contain over 340 articles. There is a section for just woodturning that is created by Russ Fairchild that is called Russ's Corner.

Another section by David Mather is called Splendid Splinter's where David talks about different woods found in the Northeast. Grandpa Tales has old photos and stories about woodworking from days gone by. If you have questions about finishing you can check out the section called: Asked Dresdner where Mike Dresdner has articles on wood finishing. My favorite section is called: BP Shop Tours. Here you can check out the workshops of over one hundred different woodworkers. These are just a few of the interesting things that you will find out this Woodworking site. Be sure to give yourself plenty of time to check out this site.



This is a photo of a Ring Box created by STWG member Bob Aspey that appears in the Shop Shots section on the Woodcentral site.

UPCOMING EVENTS

THE WOODWORKING SHOW

Jan 7-9

Timonium fairgrounds

<http://www.thewoodworkerschoice.com>

"HAPPY HOLIDAY'S"