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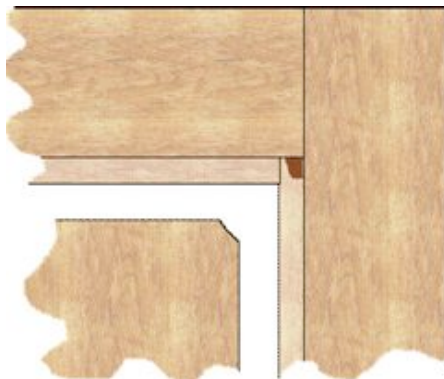


As I embark on another kitchen project, I am reminded of some of the problems I've encountered in the past. One invisible problem occurs when you use framed doors with panels, the glue sticking to the panel. Panels in frame doors are supposed to float, so that the wood movement doesn't cause cracking. When glue squeezes out of the joint on your inside corners, it can stick to the corners of the panels, locking them into place. Then, as the seasons go by, the panel ends up splitting. This happens all the time and because it is completely covered, you don't notice it until it wrecks your panel years later. Of course there are all the stipulations about not

using too much glue, but a simple trick I learned from an old door maker is to clip off the corners of your panels. The relieved corner is otherwise hidden by the joint, but it creates a safety buffer to prevent glue from sticking to your panel.

I bring this up, not so much as a free tip, but to make the point that we all have little tricks that make things easier or in some way add some quality to our work. These are subtle things that take years of experience to recognize the value. I'm asking you all to pass that wisdom down to the other woodworkers.

Joseph Pettit



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7PM at Grace Lutheran in St



We teach what we know and learn what we don't.

Guild Meeting Minutes May 24, 2011

Joe Pettit welcomed visitors Steve and Linda Dinwiddie (program), Kevin Clifford Sr, Lee Smith, Sam San, Pat Mazzenga, Dave Hirsch, Celeste Mitchell (mother of former member Evana Reins), Chris Bocki and former member Gary White who rejoined the guild.

Buy-Sell-Trade: Celeste Mitchell offered to sell brass cane and walking stick knobs, handles and parts to someone who carves and/or makes walking sticks. Ron Eddinger brought a business card of the "Image Depot" where the guild logo is kept for embroidery and printing to various image products. Bill Murphy showed a five drawer jewelry box with inlay on the lid made of purple heart and maple with dividers in the drawers lined with velvet. Very nice! Jim Smoot displayed toys made by John Seals, Jim Smoot, David Hess (and others). These were crayon alligators and baby beds. It was interesting that all involved made the alligator crayon toys up-side down just like the pattern which was up-side down!! Pete displayed a walking stick from Rosewood scrap which featured the Celtic Knot design of Bernie McDonald in Maple. He also showed a coffee table done in Flamboyant and Rosewood. He reported the first commercial sale by Viable Lumber. Visitor Rob Bocki showed a coffee table done in Monkeypod from Viable.

Returning member Gary White wants to start and manage a Facebook page for the guild. He also offered his pick-up truck to haul lumber and plywood for guild members for gas money. Gary also mentioned the old guild newsletters as a source for future newsletter articles. These are placed in the library.

Joe Pettit displayed a poster for a NovaChuck Cruise offering. More information is available from the NovaChuck representative 4200 28th St N St Pete 727-954-3433 or 471-8674. We want to have a program featuring a demonstration of the lathe chuck.

Committee sign-up sheets were circulated at the break.

Steve won the 50/50. We had 39 members and 11 visitors. The program was the Dinwiddies demonstrating assembly of lathe-turned ink pens.



Steve & Linda Dinwiddie demonstrates turning pens on a lathe.



Jim Smoot gives tips on gator crayon holder. Right side up?



Celeste shows off her carving of "Happy Otter"





Spotlight on Member of the Month- Dale Neff

Recently I had the pleasure of visiting Dale Neff, one of our founding members, at his home and shop in southeast St. Petersburg. Dale and his wife have raised 5 children in their comfortable home, and I met three of the children that evening. The Neff's are very family oriented, and it shows throughout their home. Pieces of Dale's woodworking are evident everywhere and they are both functional and well crafted at the same time, ranging from his custom built kitchen cabinets to various pieces of furniture.



Dale in front of his curly maple kitchen he built.

Dale is an independent representative for various companies including Architectural Woodworking. He is also the former owner of H&D Hardwoods of St. Petersburg. Dale's 26 years of woodworking experience has provided him with the ability to accurately and fairly represent his clients from an unparalleled perspective. He also enjoys doing professional trim carpentry on his own. He particularly enjoys working on custom entryways and doors, as well as doing work so customized that others turn it away. Dale's brother is a stained glass artist, and sometimes the two get to work together when doing a custom entryway.

Dale told me that he got interested in woodworking at an early age by spending time with his Grandfather. His Grandfather had a woodshop in a shed in his own yard. When he was a little older, Dale joined the "Sea Scouts" and built wooden boats as a member.

Dale's shop is a two car garage filled with a myriad of woodworking tools, many of which are vintage tools. He said his favorite tool is his 3 horse Porter Cable plunge router which has been with him for years and rebuilt more than once. He also has a soft spot for his vintage Walker Turner Table saw. Like many of us, Dale has more tools and materials than room to store them in. He still retains special pieces of wood saved from his hardwood business and showed me a couple of 100+ year old cherry planks he is planning to use soon.



Bill Murphy is the author of the Featured Member of the Month. He'll be visiting you and your shop in the months ahead. E-mail him: wmurphy1@tampabay.rr.com



Dale's zebrawood votive table

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Cherry is his favorite wood to work in spite of his experience with a broad selection of hardwoods. Dales is a very accomplished woodworker, but confided that he would like to spend more time doing lathe work, learning about inlay, and developing his carving abilities.

Talking about his history with the guild, Dale said that he has seen the membership turn over a couple of times, but he remains impressed with the fact that the members are all sincerely interested in some form of woodworking, and that no one seems to be there just to push their own ulterior agenda. Everyone has something to share, and everyone seems interested in other aspects of woodworking.

I truly enjoyed my evening with Dale, and I would encourage anyone who has the opportunity to spend some time with him. He has experience to share in many facets of the woodworking world and shares his knowledge freely.



Dale's spalted maple kitchen countertop

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I hear and I forget. I see and I remember. I do and I understand-- Confucius (Chinese philosopher 551-479 B.C.)



Board Minutes 6-1-2011 (revised)

Attendees: Joe Pettit, Joe Piech, Pete Richardson, Steve Stutts (via proxy to Joe Pettit). Visitor: member, Gary White.

Gary was present to offer his recommendation to create a St. Pete Woodcrafters Facebook Group. He presented a one page report discussing and listing the benefits. There was quite a bit of discussion. Joe Pettit was concerned about security and privacy. Pete recommended a trial period. Joe directed that Gary get with Wayne and Steve to work out the details. Joe will call/text Wayne and Steve with a heads up that Gary will be calling them. It was suggested that Gary give a presentation at the next general meeting but Gary wants to test set-up with a few members. Joe wanted it to be clear that there would be some rules such as: no kids, no politics, no religion, no soliciting, no personal attacks, and no negativity. Postings should be related to woodworking. Gary said the group site can be set up with a public page and a protected private page. Realistically, the trial period will probably last to the end of the year.

Joe Pettit advised that there were only 5 members who signed up for the new committees.

Joe Pettit reminded everyone and will do so at the meeting that the Board/Officers Nominating Committee needs to be named soon.

The program for the June meeting will be William Wegmuller; woodcarver, artist, sculptor. He will bring some of his work to show and tell and will do an extended Q & A session. See his website at <http://www.wegmullerart.org/bed/>. Pete wants to try to get the St. Pete Times to run an article about William and his work in the Sunday Neighborhood section and mentioning his presence at our meeting. Joe Pettit will approve the expenditure of up to \$50 for an ad in the Times related to above.

Pete says we have a lot of invitees for the July meeting, so we need a good strong program. Gary suggested hands on tool demo's and possibly Jim & Slims.

Recorded by--Joe Piech



Carved wood samurai warrior by William Wegmuller



William's wife loves horses and he carved her this elegant wardrobe. William is showing his work during the June 28th program.





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