



# OFF-CUTS

**MARCH 2008**

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## President's Message by Jody Chapin

With "Spring" just around the corner, this month is the Wood Working Show at the Florida State fairgrounds Thursday through Saturday (March 20-22, 2008).

If you missed last meeting, I have coupons for \$3.00 off admission to give to anyone who wants them. This show will be the perfect place to check out all the newest and greatest goodies for wood working. And, with April 15<sup>th</sup> just around the corner, this should be the perfect place to spend those large refund checks that I know everyone will be receiving from our "friendly" IRS..

The programs that Joe Pettit has planned for the rest of the year should spark a lot of interest for everyone from the beginner to the professional. Please tell your friends about us and invite them to come and share some of their many wood working "stories" with us.

**Note: If you haven't paid your Guild dues yet, please use your IRS money to pay them at our March Meeting (3/25/08).**

May all your projects be winners & your finishes be perfect,  
Sincerely,  
Jody Chapin

## February Meeting Minutes

- ❖ **Call to order** at 7:00 PM by Jody Chapin, President
- ❖ **Motto:** As a Guild, we teach what we know and learn what we don't.
- ❖ **Guests:** John Kuthunada, Ed Prose, and Bert Ward, Charles Budd, and John Capolpare.
- ❖ **Almost 100 toys done at State Fair.**
- ❖ **Old Business**
- ❖ Pay dues by the March meeting
- ❖ State Fair best of show and 3 first places by SPWG members.
- ❖ **New Business**
- ❖ Jody asked for input from the membership regarding their likes and dislikes for future planning.
- ❖ Open forum next meeting, what do members want to see from the guild.
- ❖ **Treasurer's Report**
- ❖ Guild made \$500.00 from Marc Adams seminar.
- ❖ Balance: Approximately \$ 6155.57
- ❖ **Note: CK made out to Camille Newton – club acct.**
- ❖ **Committee Reports**

**Open Shop** – Next one will be held after the Open Forum in March. Seven months of open shop are anticipated during the year 2008.

**Toy Committee** – Don Wooldridge stated that there is a need for new project ideas.

**Show & Tell:**

**Camille Newton**- bath Vanity doors, Shaker style w/steel inserts.

**Joe Pettit** – dog crayon holders, do not use scroll saw to make patterns. Tight corners are too hard to sand w/spindle sander.

**Bill Kennedy** – brought in samples of Milo wood from Hawaii.

**Buy and Sell**

**Bob Winter** – Has 18" home lite chain saw for \$100.00

**Meetings are held on  
4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month  
NEXT MEETING --  
TUESDAY MARCH 25, 2008  
7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.**

**Program:  
Grace Lutheran Church  
Fellowship Hall  
4301 16<sup>th</sup> Street North  
(at its intersection with Haines Rd.)**

**Program by Joe Pettit**

March Meeting will hold the March Forum  
 April – nothing scheduled yet.  
 May Meeting- Delta-Porter-Cable talk about  
 The new Lithion batteries.

**Guild Sponsors:**

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 Pinellas Park, Fl. 33782 (800)-877-8551

**Intercity lumber** – 5301 Causeway Blvd.  
 Tampa Fl. 33619 (813)-626-5232

**Axley Brothers Saw Mill-**  
 12300 62<sup>nd</sup> st. N Largo, Fl. 33773  
 (727)-531-8724

**Jim & Slim's Tool Supply-**  
 13065 S. Belcher, Largo, Fl. 33773  
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 (727)-323-3700

**Weiss Lumber** – 7860 126<sup>th</sup> ave. Largo  
 Fl.33773 (727) 535-4634  
[www.weisshardwoods.com](http://www.weisshardwoods.com)

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 4301 16<sup>th</sup> St. N. St.Petersburg, Fl.  
 (727-527-1168)

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## Newsletter from the Toy Committee..

Once again we had a great turnout at Randy's shop the Saturday after the general meeting. We completed the crayon dogs (for the most part). Once everything is completely finished we will have already made almost 90 toys this year which frees us up to do something a little different.

We also had a great discussion about what we want to do in the next few months. More discussion will take place at the next general meeting. However, the general feeling was that we wanted to take the cedar wood that is available in Joe's shop and make larger keepsake boxes as individual projects all the way from plan design through joinery and all the way to the finish. The thought right now is that these will be "make-it-take-it" projects that may be kept or donated to charity according to the builder's wishes.

Please bring your ideas to the March meeting and please plan on joining us the Saturday following the meeting at the next open Toy Shop.

Don

## WOOD OF THE MONTH

Common Name:	<b>Zebrawood</b>
Botanical Name:	Microberlinia brazzavillensis
Other Names:	Zebrano, Amouk, Zingana, Allen ele, African Zebrawood
Species Distribution:	Western Africa - mainly Cameroon and Gabon
Endangered?:	Yes
Tree Characteristics:	Trees tend to grow large with trunk diameters of 48"-60" and a thick bark. Zebrawood tends to grow near river banks.
Wood Characteristics:	Moderately coarse texture, close defined grain.
Color:	Yellow brown heartwood, light sapwood with a dark contrasting grain which gives this wood its Zebra-like appearance.
Workability:	Fair - Veneers are fragile. Grain can tend to tear when planing. Good gluing properties.
Finishing Qualities:	Fair
Durability:	Grain tend to be prone to wear. Veneer tends to be fragile and can break easily. Resistant to termites
Drying:	Difficult - unpleasant odor disappears after drying.
Kiln Schedules:	T2-C2 (4/4) - T2-C1 (8/4) US
Stability:	Zebrawood tends to shrink quite a bit. It can be unsuitable for some furniture.
Uses:	Turnings, veneers, furniture, tool handles, pens.
Comments:	In the United States Zebrawood is most commonly available as a veneer due to the high shipping costs.
Price:	Expensive

**Joe Pettit**

In an attempt to get a better reading on the state of the Guild and the desires and needs of its membership, the March 25, 2008 meeting will be reserved for an open discussion on various topics. Below is the expected agenda of topics to be discussed. If you have anything to add about any of these topics, please come prepared to discuss them and any diagrams or plans to make things run more smoothly. If you have an additional topic, please contact Joe Pettit just prior to the meeting to add your topic to the agenda.

### Open Forum Agenda:

#### I. Programs

1. Open Forum as standard for January meeting?
2. Carving a Claw and Ball Foot with Richard Samay (April)
3. Delta/Porter Cable (May)
4. Model railroad building H&R Railroad (June?)
5. Drawer boxes and Door program by A&M Supply (July)
6. Rubbed out finishes? (Mike Fucille?)
7. Photographing your work and preparing brochures.
8. Jigs and Fixtures (October)
9. Other Suggestions

#### II. Special Program

1. Topic
2. Who
3. When
4. Where
5. Tickets (price)
6. Food

#### III. Toy Committee

1. Requests from Christmas Toy Shop
2. Requests from American Cancer Society
3. Snowbird participation
4. Activities at the State Fair
5. Acknowledging our limitations (design)
6. Toys for fun

#### IV. Florida State Fair

1. Suggestions for Judges
2. Suggestions for 'difficulty' portion of judging

3. Proposal for a group project for 'bragging rights'
4. Organizing space for paperwork.
5. Suggestions for activities at the Fair.
6. Suggestions for rescheduling the booth time slots.

#### V. Other Conventions

1. The Woodworking Show
2. Jim and Slim's
3. Woodcraft
4. Others
5. Policies for conventions

#### VI. Contests

1. Sponsor Gifts
  - a. Suggestions for other sponsors
2. Christmas Decoration
3. 2x4 contest
4. 50/50
5. Other raffles

#### VII. Open Shops

1. Toy committee open shops
2. Time slot availabilities
3. Topics and projects

As you can see, there is a very long agenda of topics. While most of these are fairly easily answered, some may need some discussion. Please come prepared to discuss topics quickly and bring any documentation to speed the process along. I reserve the right to table a discussion that may be exceeding the time allotted.

■ Joe Pettit, V.P. St. Pete Woodcrafters Guild

### TOOLS FOR SALE By EM JARVIS

The Editor received a letter from former member Em Jarvis and he's retiring from wood working (87) And wants to sell his work shop, phone # and addr.

EM JARVIS  
100 Westbrook Court  
Safty Harbor, Fl. 34695  
(727)-796-2215

10" Delta Unisaw: Beismeyer Fence.....\$600.00  
Mobile Base, out-feed table, forest blades, and

Forest dado-set.  
14" Delta  
Bandsaw.....\$300.00  
Mobile base, light, Circle Cutter, Extra blades.

18" Delta scrool saw,  
.....\$250.00  
Mobile base, Extra blades.

Lockwood Spindle  
Sander.....\$500.00  
Mobile base, Assorted Spindles and bands.

6" Delta  
Jointer.....\$300.00  
Mobile base, Extra Knives, Magna set.

13" Delt Thickness  
Planer.....\$650.00  
Mobile Sland, Extra Knives, Extension Shelves,  
Jig for knives.

Fein Triangular  
Sander.....\$125.00

Delta Biscuit (plate)  
Joiner.....\$150.00  
Mobile base, some extra biscuits.

Delta Wet-Dry  
Grinder.....\$60.00

Foredom Power  
Carver.....\$150.00

3/21 Markita 3" Belt sander  
.....\$65.00  
w/ extra belts

Bosch Saber  
Saw.....\$65.00  
Extra blades

16-32 Ryobi Drum  
Sander.....\$400.00  
mobile base.

Ryobi Detail Biscuit  
joiner.....\$70.00

6 Merle Corner  
Clamps.....\$80.00

6 – Jorgensen clamps .....  
\$150.00  
6", 12", 18", 24", 36"

18 – 2" spring  
clamps.....\$25.00

The following pictures are some of the winners  
From the Florida State Fair:

10 Commandments – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place  
Charlie Kested

Desk Set - 1<sup>st</sup> Place

End Tables - 1<sup>st</sup> Place  
Rare Pillow Mahogany - Ernie Barta

Hall Table - 1<sup>st</sup> Place  
Mike Fucille

Tilt Table - Best in Show

Bar / Island 1<sup>st</sup> Place  
Joe Pettit

Charlie Kested – 2<sup>nd</sup> place



This Table won best – of - show

