



Newsletter

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Bring Your Sweetheart

Since our meeting this month falls on Valentine's Day, it might be nice to bring your wife or girlfriend. They will be welcome and will get special attention. If you choose not to bring the lady, bring yourself and enjoy the fun.

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be Thursday, February 14 at 7:00 at our new home, Acton Moulding.

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From the President ...

Gentlemen,

It's hard to believe we are starting our third year. They say that time flies when you're having fun. These last two years have certainly been fun as well as challenging. I think the best thing about AWWG is all the new friendships that have been made.

I am very pleased to announce to all of you that Acton Moulding and Supply is now the permanent home of the AWWG. We will now be able to start some things we have been wanting to do for some time, such as our book and video library. Any of you that have any books or catalogues you would like to give or loan, please bring them to the next meeting.

It's the first of the year and time to renew your membership. The dues will remain the same as last year, \$20.00. I encourage you to get them in as soon as possible. In April we will publish a directory of our membership and only those who have renewed their membership will be listed. We need you so please renew, renew, renew.

At our Feb. meeting we will be voting on our 1985 officers. Your board of directors has acted as a nominating committee but we will certainly be open for nominations from any of you.

We had a good meeting in January. We tried something new that I think most of you enjoyed. We went around the room and each of us told what project we were working on or getting ready to start. We discovered that several members were remodeling their houses and a few starting grandfather clocks. A cherry highboy, a tea table, entertainment center and a bed were some of the other projects that were being started.

Several members are bringing some of their pieces to our February meeting to be critiqued. I encourage all of you to bring some of your handy work. If you haven't any pieces to bring, we would be interested in seeing jigs, special tools, plans or most anything you wish to share. Participate, we need your help.

Spruce McRee

Y'awls Point

Let's have your comments and suggestions. Address them to:

Dale Lewis
Newsletter Editor
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Comments will be passed on to appropriate committees and may be printed when appropriate. Let us hear from you.

Also, we'd like to hear from other Guilds who read our newsletter.

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Mini-Workshops

We are trying to get our workshops into full swing. Some of our members have agreed to host several workshops for the months of February and early March. We want other members to host workshops in the future. Fill out the form and get it to us.

The scheduled workshops are listed here and will be posted at the meeting. All you need to do is sign up. The host will give further details concerning the address, materials required, etc.

We must ask that your dues be current for you to participate, otherwise there is no cost.

February 16

Radial Saw Basics

Chris Lorish
Limit 8 9-11:30 a.m.

Hand-cut Dovetails

David Traylor
Limit 8 2-4:00 p.m.

Project Layout

Richard Gilbert
Limit 8 2-4:00 p.m.

February 23

Multi-Tool Demonstration

Larry Aaron
Limit 8 10-12:00 a.m.

March 2

Cutting and Shaping

Cabriole Legs
Spruce McRee
Limit 5 9-11:30 a.m.

March 9

Gluing up Panels

Dale Lewis
Limit 5 9-12 a.m.

We Need Your Type

The Guild is looking for a donor of a manual or electric typewriter. If you have or know of a typewriter which is in working condition and can either be donated to us or sold to us cheap, please notify Spruce McRee.

Nominations of Officers

The Board of Directors after careful scrutiny of our members, have made the following nominations. If we have overlooked anyone who is deserving, feel free to make your nominations at the meeting.

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24" Scroll Saw with stand and motor. Older model. \$295.00. Bill McMahan 595-9660

For Sale

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Wanted

14" Rockwell or Powermatic Bandsaw (used). Contact Fred Sandlin 663-7524 or 252-5121.

For Sale

9" Delta Tablesaw. \$250.00. Ivan Kronberg 988-8278

6" Delta-Milwaukee Jointer - 32" bed, 110V motor, \$250. Kerry McCalla, 967-4556.

Kraftsman Corner

Tool Comparison

One of the many decisions a woodworker faces is selecting among different versions of the same piece of equipment. Does the Sears carbide blade cut better or last longer than the Freud carbide blade on the Nicholson or the Disston, etc?

We generally base our decisions upon price, availability, sales pitch or the recommendation of someone. In short we normally do not make our choices on strictly objective, unbiased information. Periodically, experienced people will get together, test comparative pieces of equipment thoroughly and submit their findings.

In Woodsmith #22, the editors chose four dovetail jigs and put them through their paces. The jigs were the Sears #25710 (12") and the #25760 (8"), the Porter-Cable #5008, and the Bosch (Stanley) #82913. The characteristics

evaluated were template adjustment, switching templates from flush to lipped drawer, the adjustment knob, and the instructions. This table summarizes the evaluation:

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Comparison Chart

Brand	Cost	Usable Width	Template Adjustment	Switch from Flush to Lipped	Knob	Instructions
Sears 12"	59.95	12"	good	good	poor	fair
Sears 8"	29.99	8"	poor	fair	poor	fair
Porter-Cable						
Cable	67.85	12"	fair	fair	poor	good
Bosch	82.50	12"	good	*	good	poor

* The Bosch requires a separately purchased template to cut a rabbetted drawer front.

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Address: _____

Phone: _____

Workshop Location: _____

Date: _____

Approximate Length: _____

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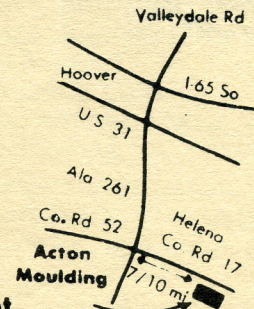
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Moulding & Supply

6 to 4:30 M-F. — 7:30-12 Sat.



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In summary the Sears 12" was the first choice of the Woodsmith editors. It suffered only from pain-producing adjustment knobs. The Bosch was also judged to be relatively easy to adjust, but it was the most expensive and required separately purchased templates for flush and rabbeted drawer fronts. The Porter-Cable jig was more awkward to adjust and was downrated for that characteristic as well as pain-producing knobs. The Sears 8" was judged extremely limited.

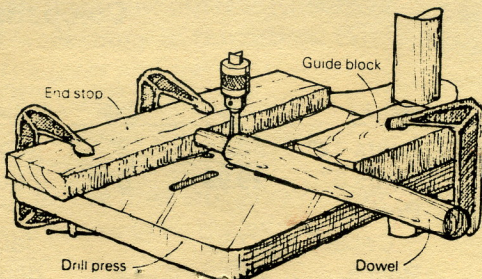
Chris Lorish

Reducing the Diameter of Dowels

The sketch below shows an old patternmaker's trick to reduce the diameter of a dowel. Simply chuck a router bit in a drill press and clamp down a couple of scrap blocks to guide the dowel and to

serve as a length stop. Lower the quill to take a light cut, lock the quill in place and rotate the dowel under the bit. Continue taking light cuts until you're at the desired diameter.

Wallace C. Auger
Fairfield, Conn.



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