

September Meeting Problems and Solutions

Shaper Power- The problem is the burning while using some bigger bits. It is noted that shaper may not have enough power since it is very important to not take too much wood on each cutter's pass.

Kiln Drying- for lumber cut from local logs

One source is Allwood Products,
Coldspring, Texas,

One member in Rosenberg has a drying kiln (would this member please contact the editor about an article on his drying procedures)

Freeman Anderson has a Solar Drying Kiln, he lives in Pasadena, Texas.

Build your own kiln from an article in Wood Magazine. Check with Don Richardson to do a article search.

Safety

With the oppressive heat we are having this summer (and continuing this fall -edt.) it is important to take care of ourselves in the shop. The biggest assistance is to drink plenty of water. Dehydration is a very serious problem and even in the shade of the shop it can be bad.

Book Review by Zatis Murphy

Joining Wood (The workshop companion), by Nick Engler, Rodale Press, Inc. 1992, 124 p.

Contents:

1) A Joinery Primer

Types of joints, the purpose of joinery, tangential/radial movement of common wood species, the value of simplicity

2) Selection Tools and Preparing Materials

Joinery tools, preparing the wood

3) Simple Joints

Basic woodworking cuts, cutoff jig, compound miter angles, miter jig, using a router plane, examples of simple joinery

4) Reinforced Joints

Splined miter jig

5) The Versatile Mortise and Tenon

Mortise and tenon tips, mortising fence, using a mortiser, tenoning jig, pegging a mortise-and-tenon joint

6) Interlocking Joints

Increasing gluing surface, finger-joint jig, dovetail aids

There are four projects using many of the joining techniques described in the book.

The book is well illustrated with photographs and drawings. Instructions are stated thoroughly and clearly. Especially good are numerous highlighted boxes labeled "Try This Trick", "For Your Information" and "For Best Results".

From the President's Shop

The barbecue has come and gone. Everyone seemed to enjoy visiting with one another, something we don't have a lot of time for at our regular meetings. The excellent food was provided by Weatherly's Catering. Walt demonstrated weaving the seats on his stools. I was prepared to demonstrate turning a perfumer, but never got around to it.

Fall is here, so it is time to nominate officers for 1996. The Board will present a slate of officers at the October meeting, and we will vote at the November meeting. Anyone may nominate others in addition to the slate presented by the Board. Just be sure anyone you might want to nominate is willing to serve.

It appears that we will be able to continue meeting at the Bayland Community Center for the reset of this year, while the center is being remodeled. We will be a little crowded until the remodeling is finished.

A reminder: the time is now to make something for our charity donation. The North Side Splinter Group is making good progress on four wagons to be donated to Northwest Ministries.

October Meeting

- Place:** Bayland Community Center
Bissonnet at Hillcroft
- When:** October 14, 1995 at 9:00 am
- Program:** Southwest Wood Guild
1995 Charity Gifts
- Raffle:** Prizes supplied by Woodcraft
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Remember: Sw Wood Guild folk, bring your completed projects to talk about and show. We will be turning them over to Art Chester at the meeting.

Quotes for the Month

They were friends, as only a craftsman can be, with timber and iron. The grain of the wood told secrets to them.

— George Sturt,
The Wheelwright's Shop (1923)

The best and the poorest grow together, even of the same varieties. ... It doesn't seem to be locality so much as it is the individuality of the tree itself. It is something I cannot explain.

— W. G. Shepard
in *Practical Carriage Building* (1892)

Tom sat on a shingle-horse in the open door of the mill. A warm May breeze blew lightly through the open window, and the afternoon sunshine floated in upon the floor.

— Mable O'Donnel,
Singing Wheels (1954)

From the Editor's Bench

The Holiday Season is coming and gifts for friends and family is on many of our minds. Sometimes the best gift is not a particular item but the time we give. Maybe the gift of your time teaching some of your craft to children through Scouts or Big Brothers and Sisters, or by building needed special furniture for Habitat for Humanity. The needs are in our communities and our skills can be very helpful. Think about it.

I read an article in Fine Woodworking about scrapers. I have them in my tool box but until lately have not been using them. The usual solution has been to sand with various grits until I have lots of dust and a finely scratched surface. After reading and practicing I am getting better. Now there is less dust and more shavings. I am not as good as I would like to be but now I am hooked (pun intended) and more complex grains are being considered.

I am better at tuning my planes but still won't tackle bird's eye maple. The time will come.

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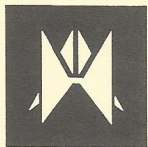
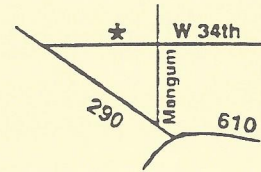
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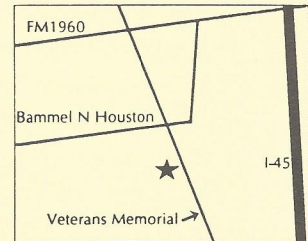


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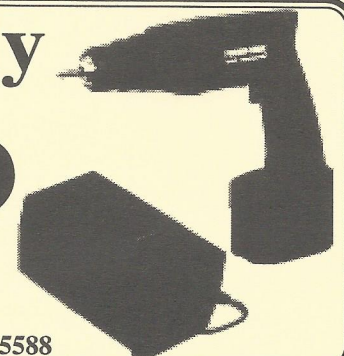
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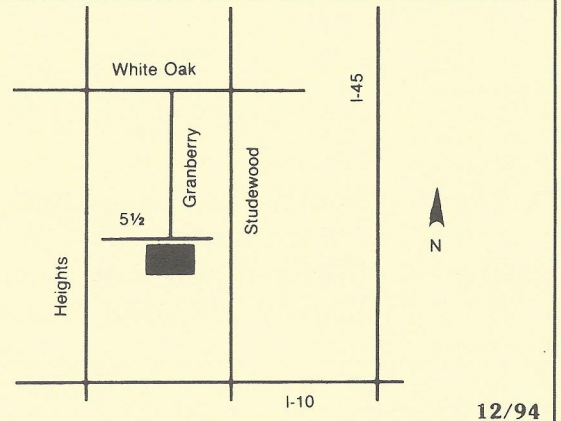
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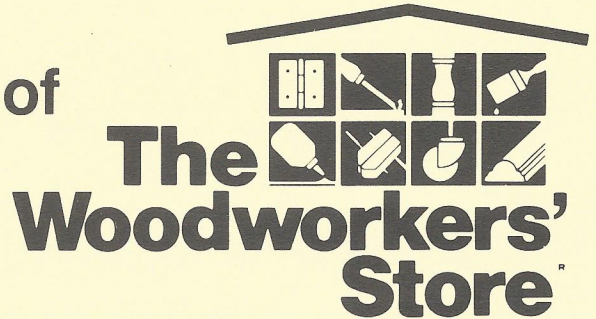
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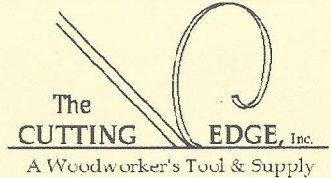
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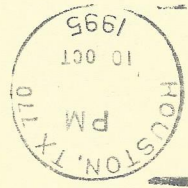
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