



Valley Woodworkers of West Virginia

August 9, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by President, Bruce Martin at 6:33 pm.

Introductions of Guest: Kim Vigneau, Denise Hight, Andrew Dolen

Toy Committee

Have on average 3-4 participants each week. They continuing to make beavers and have started cars. The toy workshop is every Tuesday 6-8. Everyone is welcome to come.

Old Business:

Woodworking Weekend at Heritage farm is October 26-27.

New Business:

1. Announcements:

- The annual club picnic is scheduled for September 22, 2018. Allan requests members bring a side dish or dessert. There will be a sign-up list soon.
- Allen McNeel has an acquaintance who is looking to thin out his stock of burls and slabs.
- Steve still has about 40 Bf of cherry for sale that would be good for boxes or cutting boards.
- Call Bruce Bannerman to help cut alphabet blocks on his CNC machine.

2. Show and Tell: Various members presented for show and tell.

- **Andy Sheetz: Animated toys**-Andy showed off several of his animated toys: 'Freddy the frog' and 'Ted the turtle'. As well as a helicopter. The toys were made with oak, ash and butternut and were finished with salad bowl finish. . He also showed off a new handle for his Ryobi planer that fellow club member, Bruce Bannerman, helped him with.
- **Bill Pauer: Bowl**-. He reports this was a fun project with lots of grief, as it was thorwn out of the chuck and had to be repaired.
- **Bruce Martin -Bandsaw Box**- He made this box out of walnut with zebra-wood pulls. He took a bit more time to cut and glue the drawers to make sure the gap appeared evenly all around the drawers. It's finished with Watco oil and 2 coats of Minwax poly.
- **Byron Young – Natural edge bowl**-He made this bowl for the president's challenge at the Woodturner's club. He used superglue to keep the bark adhered and had to make multiple trips to the microwave to dry the piece.
- **David McCallum– Mallets** -He received some exotic woods from a relative and decided to use it to make some mallets. He reports this was the first project he ever made following the exact dimensions of a project design from a magazine. He made the small mallet for dowels.
- **Ray Witmer–Bowl & Spoon** -During his recent travels to China he found this bowl and spoon for 15 RMB.

- **Matt Demming—Cabinet** -His wife requested a craftsman style cabinet to hold a mini-fridge and a microwave. He fashioned this prototype out of pine, birch, red oak and GoK (God only knows). He found Stickley-reproduction handles, but it was quite a search to find a 90-degree brace for the door. He also had trouble getting the finish to look like he wanted.

Demonstration/Presentations:

During our August meeting, Bruce Martin showed us how he gets the felt just right.

A few of the tips he shared with us include:

- He likes to use felt with adhesive backing. He feels flocking is just too thin and isn't as durable.
- Using a contour gauge helps get an accurate outline for the front and back pieces.
- A good mechanical pencil is ideal for making a fine line.
- Once the piece of felt is cut to size, line up one corner to get into position and slowly pull the backing off in increments. Do not pull the backing all the way off then try to position it- you're asking for trouble
- Needle nose pliers help to slowly pull the backing off.
- A ball point pen is handy to help push the felt tight into the corners.

Adjournment: With no further business to discuss, President Bruce Martin called for adjournment at 8:36pm.

Meeting minutes submitted by Carin Clark, Secretary & Newsletter Editor.