



EMGW Monthly Newsletter

May 2010

May Meeting

Saturday, May 8th 2010.

9 AM: meet and greet

10 AM: meeting starts

Location:

Peter Wilcox Shop

11 Bay Path Dr

Boylston MA 01505

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April Meeting recap

The April meeting was held at Jack Murphy's shop and we discussed veneer, veneering and all things related.

Our guest presenter was Ben Barrett from Berkshire Veneer in Great Barrington MA.

Ben has been in the lumber business most of his life and veneer for the past 13+ years.

We watched some video's that Ben had demonstrating how the veneer is cut in both rotary as well as sliced.

One of the biggest advancements in the veneer slicing industry in recent years is the ability to vacuum clam the log to the slicing machine allowing a higher yield.

All in all it was pretty interesting learning more than you'd ever want to know about veneer.

To close the show, Fritz Smith did a couple quick demonstrations on how he does veneer work on various pieces. One such trick is something that I would never have thought or and that is to apply yellow pva

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glue to both the veneer and the substrate, allowing both surfaces to dry and then using a standard household clothing iron, iron the veneer onto the substrate. Essentially a hot glue process.

Fritz then showed us some quick vacuum bagging techniques. It seems to me that if you are doing veneer work, vacuum bagging is probably the way to go especially if the pieces are too large or otherwise an awkward shape to clamp.

A Preview to the May Meeting

The May meeting is going to be held at Peter Wilcox shop and the subject will be hand tools.

Peter and a band of volunteer craftsmen will be covering the following tools:

- Hand planes: surfacing, beveling, fitting tenons

- Sawing joints: dovetails, tenons...

- Chisels: paring, chopping, shaping

- Spoke shaves: shaping

- Scratch stock: beading and etc

- Carving tools: carving and any other uses

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- Rasps, files, spoke shaves: shaping

- Scrapers: smoothing and etc

This should be a good meeting with plenty to learn. I'm looking forward to it and hope to see you all there.

A quick look ahead....

Our next Guild meeting will be in June for the annual BBQ, Election of officers and the benefit auction.

Tom Fama our outgoing President will be managing the June meeting and let us know what the venue will be as the day gets closer.

As for the election, current candidates are:

President: Jim Russell

Vice President: Fritz Smith
Treasurer: Don Stella
Secretary: Jack Murphy

If anyone is interested in running for a position please notify Jack Murphy prior to the June meeting.

With regard to the auction, now's the time to clean out your shop from all the tools and lumber that you don't use. Donate them to the Guild for the annual charity

auction. All proceeds go to the guild to fund future paid presenters and help offset the annual operating costs to keep dues at a very reasonable level. So dig deep and be generous.

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Non-EMGW Events

The Guild of New Hampshire Woodworkers is sponsoring a Furniture Design Symposium. This event is free to all including the members of the Eastern Massachusetts Guild of Woodworkers.

The event is going to be held at the Pinkerton Academy, Derry NH on May 22 from 9 AM to 4 PM.

There are three tracks for this symposium.

- Track 1: Hand Drawing and Veneering
- Track 2: SketchUp
- Track 3: Models & Mock ups and Design of wood turnings

Pre-registration is required and can be completed through the GNHW web site at www.gnhw.org.

Lie-Nielsen's next local hand tool event will be held at the Massachusetts Furniture Institute in Beverly MA.

For anyone who has an affection for high quality hand tools, believes in Made in USA and isn't afraid to empty your wallet, Lie-Nielsen hand tools fit the bill.

Dates for this event are Friday, May 21st, noon-6pm
Saturday, May 22nd, 10am-5pm

Demonstrators include...
Matt Kenney: Fine Woodworking Magazine
Matt Bickford: M.S. Bickford Planes

Tom Lie-Nielsen and Lie-Nielsen Toolworks employees will be present to answer questions, do demonstrations and more.

Matt Kenney of Fine Wood-

working magazine will demonstrate how he uses hand tools and a few bench jigs to make and fit small parts, like the trays of a jewelry box. He'll also have his shopmade grooving planes and marking knives on hand. Of course, in addition to explaining how he uses all of these tools, he'll gladly explain how he made them.

Grooving plane link:
<http://www.finewoodworking.com/item/19894/shop-made-grooving-planes>

The transition from power tools to hand tools led Matt Bickford to make his first set of hollows and rounds nearly three years ago following the release of the Lie-Nielsen produced video Making Traditional Side Escapement Planes featuring Larry Williams of Clark & Williams. Matt's interests fell in the realm of the five types of planes he offers: rabbets,

snipes bill, side rounds, hollows and rounds.

The arcs these planes create are specific; the possibilities they allow are limitless. M. S. Bickford Planes was established in early 2010 as a result of Matt's various efforts to encourage others to take the same steps and eliminate future tooling needs.

As usual, these events are always informative and a great way to test drive that new tool you'll be asking for on Father's Day!. Head to the event and start your list early.

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If you would like further information about the Eastern Massachusetts Guild of Woodworkers, please email Don Stella at dstellajr@charter.net. Yearly dues are \$45 and payable each September.

Meeting Schedule for 2009—2010

Monthly meetings are always held on the 2nd Saturday of the month from September through June.

Date	Event	Manager
9/12/2009	Wood Turning at The Eliot School	Mgr: Tom
10/10/2009	Finishing at Chris Kovacs' shop	Mgr: John
11/14/2009	Canceled - Presenter ill	Mgr: Chris
12/12/2009	Furniture Photography location TBD	Mgr: Gary
1/9/2010	Canceled	Mgr: Brian
2/13/2010	Advanced Tool Setup at Rikon Tools	Mgr: Brian
3/13/2010	Design Principles by John Fox at John Fox's shop	Mgr: Chris
4/10/2010	Veneering with Fritz @ Jack Murphy's	Mgr: Fritz
5/8/2010	Hand Tools at Peter Wilcox's Shop	Mgr: Peter
6/12/2010	BBQ location TBD	Mgr: Tom