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Calendar of Events

November 3: General Meeting 7:00 p.m. Yacht Club Program: Jeremy Dickerson, Account Manager, Stanley, Black and Decker, will discuss his company's products.

November 8: Wood Sale Empty the kiln 4:00 p.m. Sale 4:30 p.m.

November 19: Board Meeting 8:15 a.m. Sloan's Hardware All members welcome.

December 1: Toys for Tots Presentation 7:00 p.m. Community Church (Details to follow.)

Board Meeting Highlights - 10/22/2016

The TVWC Board met on October 22, 2016. Seventeen members were present. The following items were discussed and, as appropriate, acted upon.

Six new community service projects have been requested in the last month, for a total of 36 year-to-date. Six are still in progress. Dick Hoffmann and Don Schmid are repairing a column on a Victorian home. The requestor will donate \$500 to Toys for Tots.

Treasurer's Report: The Club has \$2388.23 in the General Fund, \$220.00 held for Toys for Tots, and \$3100.06 held for Kiln Amortization, for a total of \$5708.29.

Kiln Inventory: 264 bf of holly; 468 bf of red oak; 200 bf of walnut; and 121 bf of cherry.

There are several 2" x 14' laminated boards at the kiln site. Don Schmid will look into using them for wheelchair ramps.

Bob Fagerlin reported 75 members participating in Toys for Tots this year, making approximately 600 toys. Bob asked for pictures from each team working on construction. Rob Dolson is available to help. Charlie Anderson would like some toys for the Yacht Club display case.

Twenty members have been trained on the Club's new CNC machine. Ron Cirincione was complimented on an excellent training program.

Lloyd Donnelly presented revised procedures for managing turning stock. Dick Hoffmann provided valuable input in the process. The procedures were approved by the Board and will be added to the Resource book.

Marshall Pierce will have 40-50 1-oz. blocks of beeswax available to the membership at the November 3 meeting.

Correction

Board Highlights in the September Newsletter reported that Bill McKeel had a Keeler dove tail jig available for use by members. Wes McNeal made this offer.

Volunteer Projects

Charlie Anderson

Our club has a “good” notoriety among Villagers for our Toys for Tots efforts and also for the many volunteer projects we perform throughout the community. Both of these efforts not only aid the local area but also help club members in their woodworking experience. The more we do the more we learn. One club member reminded me...“ I’ve made six doll cradles every year for the past 16 years, they are simple, but every year I learn something new”.

The club has a continuing list of projects we do for non-profits (not to be confused with private woodworking requests). There is always a need for volunteer help. At our next meeting or in an E-mail request, when a need for help is requested, please consider offering some of your time. It will also take some of the burden off some of those who continue to assist.

There is no payment but many benefits:

- * Taking advantage of new learning experiences
- * Enjoying the companionship of other club members
- * Feeling the pride of accomplishment.

Go for it....

Club Service

Our club currently has two openings for volunteers. The Program Committee has an opening. Primary duties are to help line up programs for the monthly meetings.

The Club also needs a volunteer to join the Picnic Committee. This annual event is a member favorite.

Contact Lloyd Donnelly if you can help.

Member Shop Tour

The October meeting was devoted to a tour of three member shops, concluding with a short business meeting at the home of Dick Hoffmann. Many thanks to Dick, Norm Schuessler, and John Johnson for sharing their shops with club members for the evening. As always, there were many good ideas on display for improving the layout and functionality of all our shops!



John Johnson discusses the capabilities of the Router Spindle machine, available for all club members to use.



Dick Hoffmann shows how he cuts veneer strips using his shop-made band saw sled and fence.

Shop Tour (cont.)



Norm Schuessler discusses the modifications he made to his lathe setup.

(Thanks to Rob Dolson for photos)

Tools and Tips

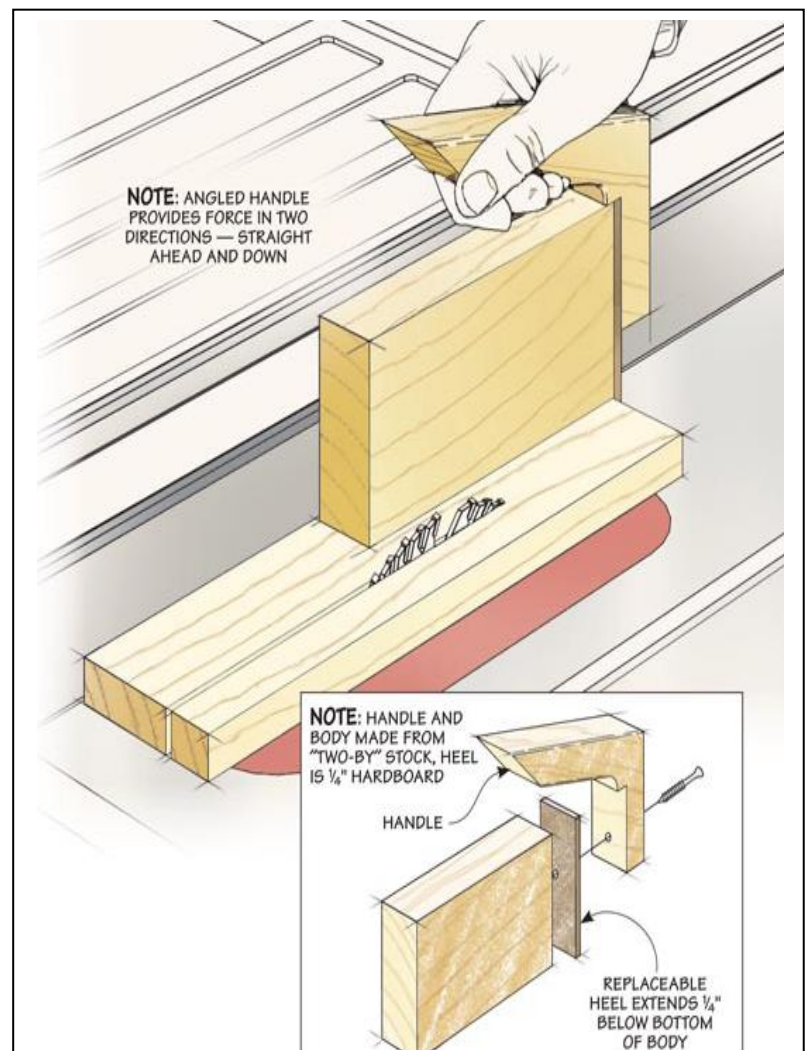
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Push Blocks

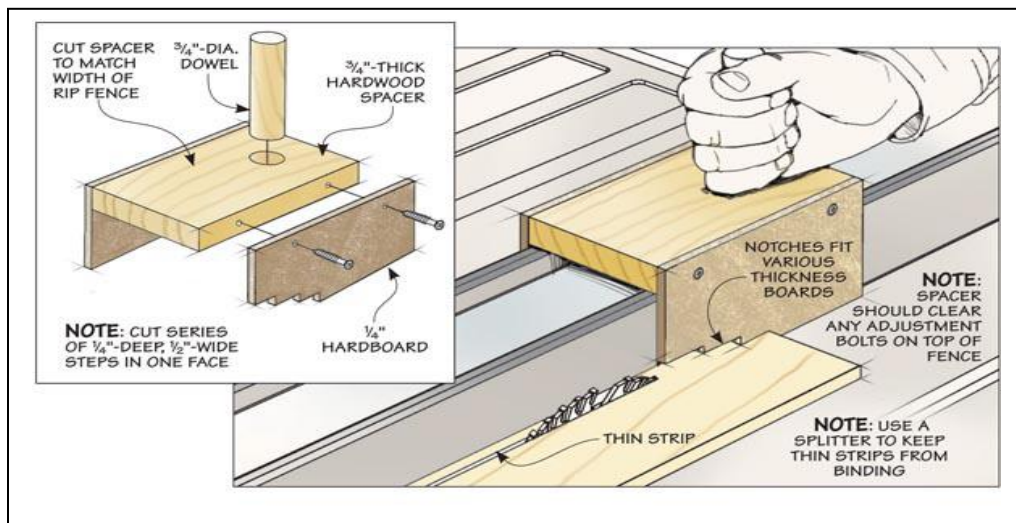
It's probably the most important safety rule: Keep your fingers away from blades and bits. And push blocks can help out with all tools, starting with the table saw. The best thing about the table saw push block shown here, is the handle. It's designed to exert forward and downward pressure to push the workpiece through the blade and prevent chattering. The replaceable body (made from "two-by" stock) rides on edge to put extra inches of solid wood between your fingers and the blade. And the hardboard heel, also replaceable, pushes the workpiece past the blade without any danger of kickback. Take the time to make several extra bodies and heels. This way, you'll always have replacements on hand whenever you need them.



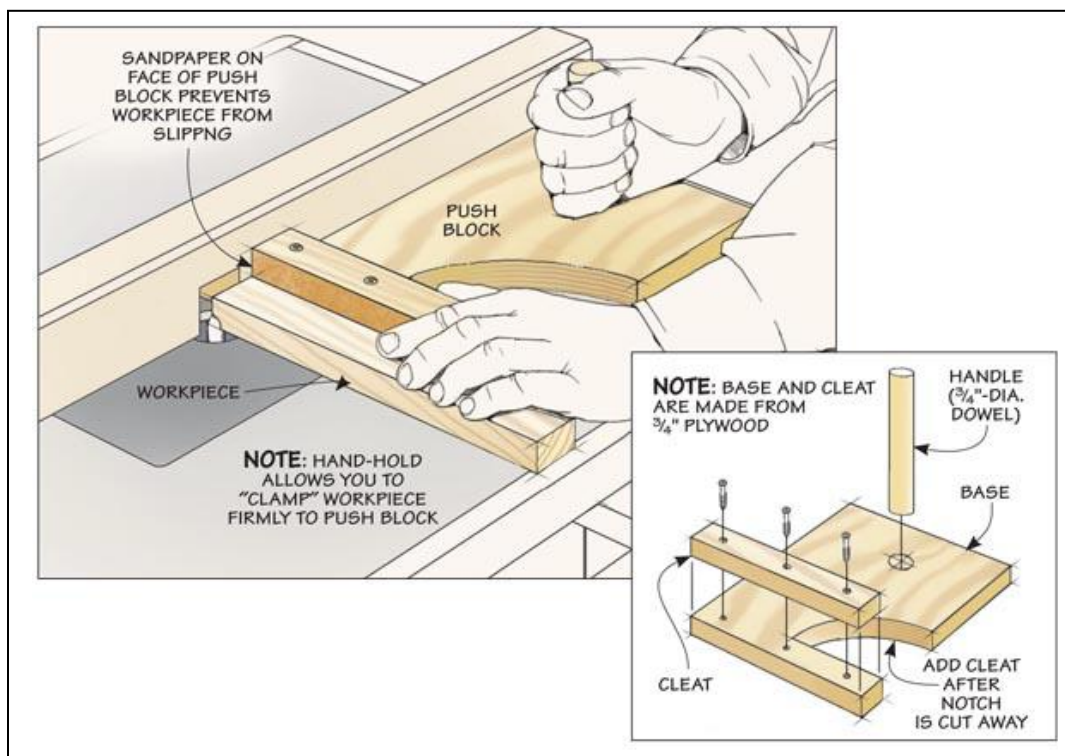
The evening concluded with refreshments and a brief business meeting.



Tools and Tips (cont)



A saddle-style push block will allow you to rip thin pieces safely and consistently at the table saw. This design straddles the rip fence and is made from a couple of pieces of hardboard and a hardwood spacer. (Note: Size the spacer to match the width of the rip fence.) One side of the block has a series of notches that "catch" the end of the workpiece. To use it, simply set the rip fence to the width of the piece you want to cut and rip as many strips as you need from a wide board.



Routing the end grain of a workpiece is always a challenge. To do it easily and safely, you need something to back up the workpiece and keep it square to the bit. You also want to keep your hands safely away from the router bit. This push block does both jobs. It features a base with a cleat at the front. A dowel serves as a simple handle. And, as you can see a cut-out section of the base allows you to securely "clamp" the workpiece to the cleat with your hand.