



The Bluechipper

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February 2005

Meetings:

3rd Thursday of the Month
at 7 p.m.

Broad Street Baptist Church
3809 West Broad Street,
Tampa, FL

Membership Dues

Dues were due January 2, 2005. Most have paid. We would like to send out the 2005 Roster early this year. Please send your dues in so we can complete the Member ship list.

**Remember to
check our
advertiser page
for local
merchants**

A Message from Jeff

It was great to see so many new guests at January's meeting and my hat goes off to all those who invited them. Word of mouth is by far the best advertising we as a group can do and this will prove true with the enrollment numbers in HCC wood working shop class. I encourage everyone to continue to spread the excitement to family, friends and acquaintances because you never know who will share the same interest.

I want to thank everyone who contributes to the monthly meetings. Without those officers, event coordinators and members who share their knowledge and experiences our meetings would be pretty dull. Participation is key to us learning from each other and at times also having a good laugh at those humorous moments. I would also like to invite everyone to contribute to our newsletter anything related to woodworking, your experiences good and goof ups.

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Treasurers Report:

Old Balance	\$ 2686.58
Income	434.00
Expenses	163.43
New Balance	\$ 2957.15

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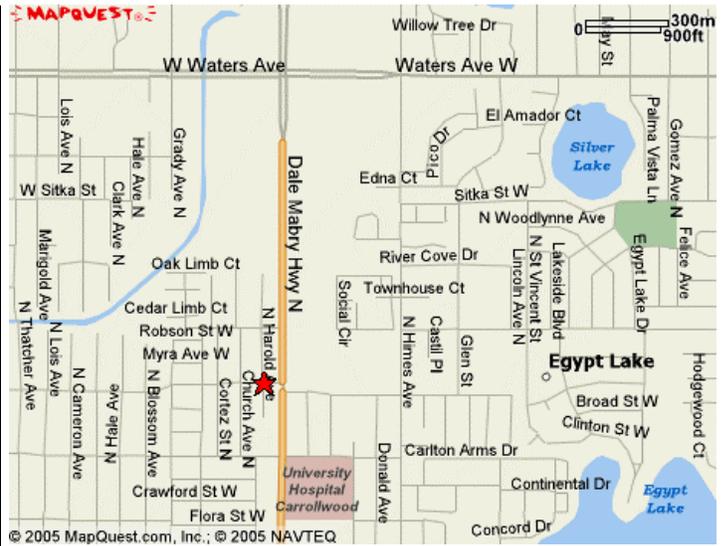
I know the announcement of us relocating our meeting place may have come as a shock to many of you and you may not understand at this time why it was necessary. I would like to explain our thoughts as to this. Primarily the space at the David Barksdale Center was too small for the size our group has grown. Every meeting we bring in folding chairs to accommodate more people, this cramps us together, makes it hard to have a good view of any show and tell and the presentation and limits the space for our demonstrations. We also have concerns about the music that plays in the room next door that is not only a distraction but makes it hard for some to hear those speaking. Parking is limited and forces some of us to park on the street and the kitchen counter where we set out refreshments is inadequate for what we are serving and the number of people we have. We tried to make other arrangements with this center as well as any other community center in the central area and came up empty handed.

The new location at the Broad Street Baptist Church at 3809 West Broad Street just west of Dale Mabry between the traffic light intersections of Hamilton (to the south) and Waters Ave. (to the north) will alleviate all these concerns. We will also have storage space where we will be able to keep our club items including the how to video tapes that members can check out. Attached is a map of the new location.

I want to thank Tim Wiley for his Introduction to Carving presentation at this past meeting and hope to see more of us incorporate this skill into our work for all the beauty it can add to a piece.

See everyone at our next meeting on February 17th!

Jeff Sukup



Past Pres. Message:

I once again want to say how much of a privilege it has been to serve the club membership as president.

January saw the new officers take over. I know that you will continue to support them as I know they will serve the membership well. Thanks once again and see you at the meetings.

Dick Stillwagon, Past Pres. 2004

WOODCRAFTERS CLUB OF TAMPA, INC. Meeting Minutes, January 20, 2005

President, Jeff Sukup called the meeting to order at the Barksdale Center at 7:00 pm with 52 members and guests in attendance.

The following first-time guests were introduced: Ralph Stevens, Ed Allen, Jonathan Fritzsche, Jason Fritzsche, Jim Rogers, Armando Diaz plus former member Buddy Zendequi.

The minutes for the December 16, 2004 meeting were approved as published in the Bluechipper. Treasurer Bill Smith reported an income for the past month of \$434.00 and expenses of \$163.43 leaving a balance of \$2957.15.

Under items of old business:

Vern Blackadar reported that our facilities at the State Fair Florida Living Center had been upgraded with new paint and carpet. He indicated that there would be 30 exhibitors with 47 entries for the Fine Handcrafted Furniture Division. Vern also stated that our club had need for one additional worker for floor duty at the fair – our club's goal to have 2 workers in the shop and 2 available for floor duty at each of the three daily 4-hour stints that our club has agreed to work. It was further noted that this year's judge would be Fred Taylor of Crystal River.

Under the subject of name- tags for club members, Shorty Powell advised that he would be engraving certain new name- tags and called for those needing a tag to put their names on a sheet that he would be circulating.

For the Street Car committee, Angel Ranon reported that there is still a work-session at the car barn each Tuesday night and invited members to participate. Angel stated that at this time there are ten street- cars running.

Don Avery reported that club members were invited to participate in the PET project, which involves the construction of hand-cranked wheel chairs. This project generates Personal Energy Transportation for those unfortunate individuals in developing countries that have lost lower limbs due to land mines and other accidents. Work takes place each Saturday at the South Tampa Fellowship facility at 5101 Bayshore Blvd.



Under HCC Woodworking Classes:

Mark Kimball noted that the woodworking class at HCC was due to start on Feb 5th and at this time had only two persons booked for the sessions. He stated that eight additional students at a fee of \$45 would be needed to be able to justify holding the classes.

Jeff Sukup advised club members that the office of Toy Committee Chairman still remained unfilled and indicated that if someone felt that they could fill this need that someone would be greatly appreciated.

Jeff also indicated that Betty Morris and April Sukup had agreed to be members of the Hospitality Committee.

Under Buy, Sell, Trade or Give-Away:

Archie Bowyer had some panes (roughly 18" by 30") of glass from damaged furniture that he was offering for free.

Jeff mentioned that he had three metal chests suitable for blueprint storage that measured 29 1/2" x 40 1/2" x 1 1/2" and also one measuring 36" x 46" x 16" that he was offering.

Show and Tell:

George Trujillo passed around a very ornate scroll sawed set of doll furniture that included 4 chairs, 2 rockers, a bed, a settee and a dining table.



Don Avery showed off a cutting board and a tid-bit tray that he had made.

Jim Smith demonstrated his inlaid box that he created to hold a special sander.

Bill Smith showed off his novel cane with a handle suspiciously resembling one on a handsaw.



Vern Blackadar brought along a butternut mahogany and pecan wood box and also showed off a book of box ideas entitled "400 Wood Boxes" that he recently acquired.



Program

The speaker of the evening Mr. Tim Wylie, a member of the Tri County Wood Turners of Lutz, FL, was introduced by Vice Pres Joe Jennings. Tim is a wood carver who covered the basic aspects of carving in his presentation. He pointed out that carving could be done either by hand or by using power tools or a combination of both.



Tim placed a great deal of emphasis on safety by showing off a Kevlar glove that he often wears along with a leather thumb protector for the right hand

He further pointed out that the best tools are generally Swiss made and that price is usually closely related to quality. Basswood was mentioned as a good wood for the beginning carver since it is so soft and can be worked by hand tools. For harder woods, power-carving tools are recommended.

Several carving techniques exist, among them being chip carving, relief carving and carving in the round.

For further information on the subject, Tim recommended that we log on to the Turners Club web site, www.tcwt.org for additional input and tips.

In closing, members were reminded that we would see them at our new meeting place at 7 pm, Thursday, February 17th, in the hall of the West Broad St. Baptist Church, 3809 W. Broad St, Tampa. Respectfully submitted, D.R. Core

The 19th Annual Fine Furniture Judging at the Florida State Fair occurred Sunday, February 6. When the dust had cleared (no pun intended) Judge Fred Taylor had evaluated more than 40 pieces, about 1/3 from first year entrants.



Tampa Woodcrafter member, Thomas Soyke took Best of Show in first year entrants with his Arts & Crafts Oak Cabinet.

Vernon Blackadar, a perennial Fine Furniture entrant took Best of Show with his Chest of Drawers for a Gun and Knife collection.



A complete listing of winners and entries will be printed in next month's newsletter.

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CLUB VIDEO LIBRARY at Porter Cable  
There are almost 200 videos to choose from. Rental is \$1.00 per week from Porter Cable at 4538 West Kennedy Blvd., Tampa.

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PUBLICATION
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Membership dues COUNT = 96
You may use the form on the back of the newsletter to send your dues.

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**ROSTER UPDATES**  
**Please check your listing in the roster for accuracy and any additions you want added, contact the editor.**

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CHEWING THE BACON
Club members informally meet every Tuesday roughly between 7-8 a.m. at Jimbo's Bar-B-Que on West Kennedy Blvd. Located one block east of Lois Avenue, to swap ideas and stories (some of which may actually be true) and have a good time. All are invited. Typically, between 12-20 members show up.

BUSINESS ADS AVAILABLE
To help offset the costs of publishing the Bluechipper each month, businesses are welcome to advertise in the Club's monthly newsletter. The business card size ads are \$50 per year. Club members are encouraged to mention their availability to their local hardware store, lumberyard, or wherever they get their supplies.

For more information, please call Tom Van Eepol 813-287-0103.

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Woodworking Shops  
The following is a list of shops that are available in your area to use if you do not have a shop of your own.

- HCC Shop at the Dale Mabry Campus, Tech. Building, Room 135. Saturdays 9 a.m. to Noon. \$39 for six 3-hour classes. Phone 253-7980 for application. Club members \$7 per session to use shop. If you work as a class assistant after doing your work, you can use the shop free.
- Taylor Craft Studio  
611 W. Indiana Ave., south of ML King, East of North Blvd.  
Phone #813-274-8364.  
Wednesday 12-3.  
\$1.50 per week, plus material fee.
- MacDill Air Force Base (retired or active military with ID)  
8223 Hangar Loop Drive.  
Phone #813-828-2093.  
Tues/Thurs 12-8, Wed/Fri. 10-6, Sat 10-5.  
\$2.00 per hour plus materials.

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*Next meeting Thursday  
February 17<sup>th</sup>.  
New meeting place  
Please see inside for  
details*

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**OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE WOODCRAFTER'S CLUB OF TAMPA, INC.**

## **Membership Application/Renewal form**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Hm#: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_ Wk#: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you wish to receive The Bluechipper by e-mail? \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

NEW

RENEWAL

**Please mail dues to Bill Smith 4402 HENDERSON BLVD, Tampa, FL 33629**

**Renewing members \$25.00 Due by first of the year**

- New members joining January – June \$25.00
- July –September \$12.50 will cover you for the rest of the calendar year
- October – December \$25.00 will cover you for rest of the year and all of next year.