



The Bluechipper

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Meetings:

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

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

Check out the web sites new look

www.tampawoodcrafters.org

Next meeting

August 18th!

A message from the president

It was wonderful not only seeing the unique bird houses that were brought in but also hearing the humorous stories that were shared at the last meeting. Some of you mentioned large martin houses you have built and it would be great if you could bring in a picture to the next club meeting for all to see. Thank you to those who did bring in our flying friends homes.

With our move to the West Board Street Baptist Church we now meet in a much larger room and have a lot more elbow space. I've heard comments from some who say it is difficult to see what is happening at the front of the room and it was suggested we consider projecting an image on a large screen of the activities that are occurring for everyone to have a good view. This could easily be done with a video camera, projector and screen. If anyone has the equipment that they could allow the club to use on a monthly basis there wouldn't be any cost; otherwise it would cost the club upwards of \$1,000 to purchase what is necessary. I'd like everyone to pray about this and at the next meeting to voice your opinions.

Vernon Blackadar has stepped forward in heading up the booth at the woodworking show at the fairgrounds on November 18, 19 & 20 This is not a job for one person and Vern will be asking for everyone's assistance so please set some time aside to lend a hand.

George Dinsmore mentioned the fine furniture show coming up at the Florida State Fair next February. Now that may seem like a long way off but waiting until a month or two before you have to enter your project isn't the time to start and none of us should procrastinate about starting this as soon as possible. We have photos of entries from past years and will make those available at the next meeting for all to see.

Our annual banquet will be on Saturday, October 15th and will be held at the West Board Street Baptist Church; a new location from the last number of years; it provides ample space and kitchen facility. At this event we want everyone to bring their spouse and a friend who might be interested in joining the club. The club will provide the meat and beverages and everyone should bring a side dish; we will send around a sign up sheet at the next two meetings so you can indicate what food item you will bring. We also ask that you bring two items which you have either made or that are connected in some way with woodworking, such as a tool or accessory. One of them will be given as a gift to our spouses or lady friends and the other will be auctioned off to raise funds for the club.

At the next meeting I'm told we will have a presentation on wood refinishing so please plan on attending to join in the fun and excitement!

Your brother in woodworking, Jeff Sukup

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Treasurers Report:

Old Balance	\$ 2921.38
Income	295.50
Expenses	653.35
New Balance	\$ 2563.53

WOODCRAFTERS CLUB OF TAMPA, INC.

Meeting Minutes, July 25, 2005

The July meeting of the Woodcrafters Club of Tampa was called to order by President Jeff Sukup in Almand Hall of the Broad Street Baptist Church at 7:05 pm with 40 members and guests in attendance. Marty Pohl was a first-time visitor at this meeting.

The minutes for the June 16 meeting were accepted and approved as published in the July 2005 Bluechipper. The treasurer's report as filed by Treasurer Bill Smith was also approved as read.

❖ Old Business/New Business

There were no items of old business brought up. Under new business, Archie Bowyer rose to state that the University Village apartments would like to borrow 2x4 constructed projects for a display in August in conjunction with an upcoming program involving the Woodcrafters Club of Tampa at the University Village apts.

❖ Tool Show

Vern Blackadar advised that the Tool Show at the State Fairgrounds would be happening this fall on Nov. 18, 19, 20. Additional information would be available on the WCOT website.

❖ Toy Committee

Mark Kimball indicated that at this time the club had turned in 544 wooden toys for distribution at Christmas time. He encouraged members to take quantities of unfinished toy home with them from the meeting for completion in time for upcoming meetings.

❖ HCC Classes

Don Avery advised that the woodworking classes held at HCC would be resuming in September.

❖ State Fair Project Planning

George Dinsmore advised the membership that the Florida State Fair was slated to run from Feb. 9th through the 20th in 2006. Fine Furniture judging will occur on Sunday, Feb. 5th. A new feature for the coming Fair is that each entrant in Fine Furniture will be allowed 2 items per category instead of only one as was previously the case. Required forms are to be made available through the WCOT website at www.tampawoodcrafters.org.

❖ October Banquet

Jeff Sukup announced that the Woodcrafters Banquet would this year be held in the Fellowship Hall of the Broad Street Baptist Church where Betty Morris would be the hostess. This will be the third Saturday in October. Members are reminded to bring along two wooden

handcrafted items, one to go into the drawing for gifts to spouses, the other for the auction.

Buy, Sell, Trade

- Betty Morris advised that she has available for free, a non-working television set in a pretty good cabinet.
- Adam Bugan has a source for half sheets (4' x 4') of 3/4 veneer plywood with the following veneers : cherry, walnut ,maple, birch and oak call Adam for details 813-949-4021
- My family is selling the woodworking tools used by my father during his long career as a cabinetmaker. I am hoping that there might be some interest among the membership of your organization. You can view a web page documenting the available power tools at <http://www.wagenfohr.com> Carl Wagenfohr can be contacted carl.wagenfohr@verizon.net or via telephone at 727-446-5001. The tools are located in Hudson, FL.

Show and Tell

- Bob Fritzsche brought along some tiny animals that he had created to go "aboard" his Noah's Ark that he had made for his 2x4 project in May. He had heard an observer mention that these animals might be "store boughten". As a result, Bob wanted to insure that all understood that each and every animal was indeed created by hand from parts of the 2x4 going into the project.
 - Bob Fritzsche also showed off a marble-topped "Eastlake" design table that he had fashioned after seeing one in the operating room of one of his Radio Amateur friends.
 - Vern Blackadar described from a photo, the making of a decorative gate containing panels of Ipe wood that he had created for a lady on Davis Island.
- ❖ Following the 50-50 drawing (won by Bob Fritzsche) the program portion of the meeting was conducted.

❖ Program

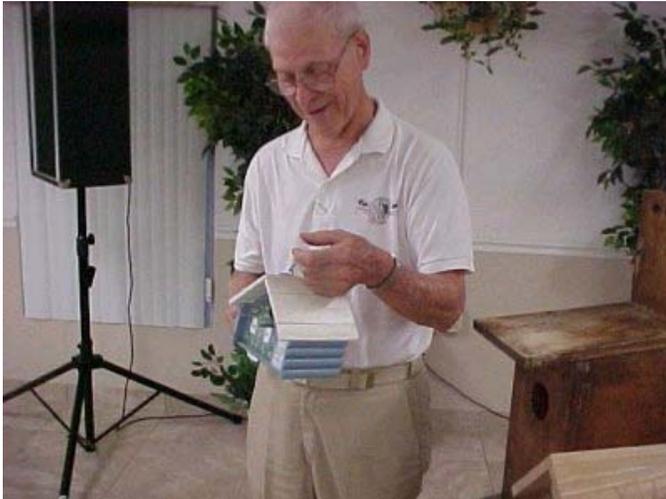
The July program was devoted to the showing off of a number of birdhouses that were constructed by club members in follow-up to the program on Birdhouse Construction held in June.

- The first entry consisted of a set of tiny birdhouses, each about the size of a hen's egg, created on the lathe as a turning project.

- Jeff Sukup had two entries, the first being a Bluebird house with a 1 ½" entry hole and the second the Chalet nest box.
- Betty Morris made a Bluebird nesting house with a pivoted side and also had made a Bat house (all black, roughly 30" x 30" x 2").
- George Dinsmore produced a heavy-duty, hurricane-proof bird house constructed of 5/4 Poplar.
- Mark Kimball produced a big bird house similar to those for wood ducks constructed all from one wide board.



- Bill Smith showed off several that he had created for red-bellied woodpeckers. He explained how the woodpeckers like having sawdust floors in their houses.



- Dwight Eckel unveiled a birdhouse that he had created as a gift for April Sukup honoring her work with the PET project. This particular bird house highly resembled, on a smaller scale, one of the Personal Energy Transportation project wheel chairs being built at 5101 Bayshore Blvd. Members are invited to

participate in this project each Wednesday afternoon and each Saturday.



❖ August Program

Wood Finishing Demonstration

Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.
Respectfully submitted, Del Core

❖ **CHRISTMAS TOYS**

Cars 628, Puzzles 30, Tops 7, Tanks 6
Total 684.

There are partially finished cars from the furniture fair and cutout cars being made that need to be completed. We want to have some toy workshops in member's shops to finish these cars and make additional toys. The plan is to meet at the club Tuesday breakfast and go to a member's shop for the rest of the morning to finish and make toys. This gives you the opportunity to see some of the member's shops plus make more children's Christmas a better one.

Please volunteer to cut out cars so we have a big supply to get these Tuesday morning sessions off to a running start.

Call Mark Kimball, 286-0780, if you need wood to cut out cars and he will deliver it to you. Also let him know if you can volunteer your shop for a Tuesday or some other time toy making session.

❖ **Video Tape Committee:**

The video tapes owned by the club are now stored on-site at the Broad Street Baptist Church. Stacie Cash has agreed to be our new video tape librarian. She had on display at the meeting some 140 tapes owned by the club, which are available for member use for the \$1 per week rental fee.

❖ **PUBLICATION**

This publication is produced monthly for the members of the Woodcrafters Club of Tampa, Inc. Circulation is approximately 150. Subscription is included with membership in the Woodcrafters Club of Tampa.

Articles submitted for publication should be mailed to the editor. Articles received by the first of the month will be published in that month's issue.

❖ **Membership dues** COUNT = 103

You may use the form on the back of the newsletter to send your dues.

Please send roster corrections to Bill Smith
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❖ **CHEWING THE BACON**

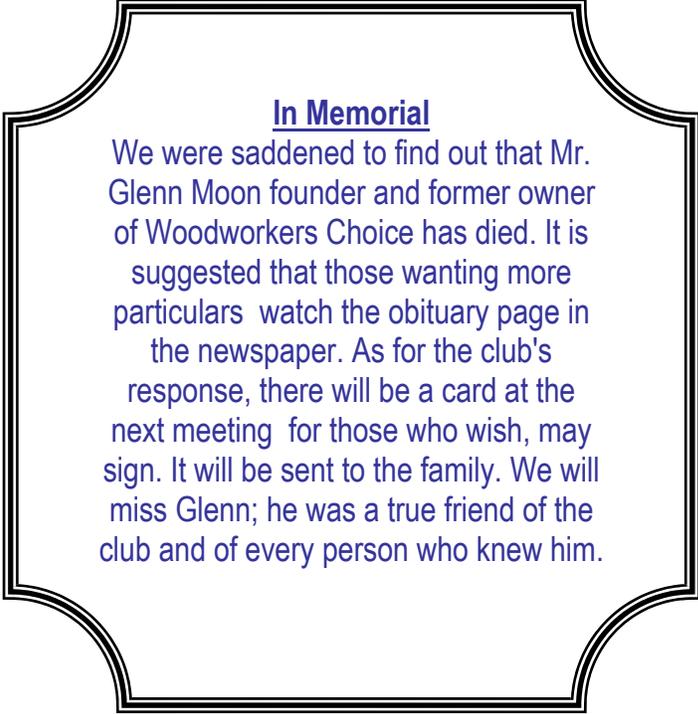
Club members informally meet every Tuesday roughly between 7-8 a.m. at Jimbo's Bar-B-Que on West Kennedy Blvd. Located one block east of Lois Avenue, to swap ideas and stories (some of which may actually be true) and have a good time. All are invited. Typically, between 12-20 members show up.

❖ **FROM THE EDITOR** Lyda Brown

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❖ **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 Bill Smith 813-837-4533



In Memorial

We were saddened to find out that Mr. Glenn Moon founder and former owner of Woodworkers Choice has died. It is suggested that those wanting more particulars watch the obituary page in the newspaper. As for the club's response, there will be a card at the next meeting for those who wish, may sign. It will be sent to the family. We will miss Glenn; he was a true friend of the club and of every person who knew him.

❖ **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)
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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.