



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

Banquet being held at the October Meeting

Next meeting October 16th

WORDS FROM THE PRES:

Hello Woodcrafters,

Our September meeting was a smashing success. Tom Soyke showed us how to make joints the easy, but accurate way. The attendance was good and the demo was educational and enjoyed by all. Good demo, Tom, Thanks.

IMPORTANT NEWS:

The date for the banquet has been moved to October 16th.

We felt it would make more sense to have the dinner on our regular third Thursday night meeting, that is October 16. 7:00 PM. The meat and desserts will be provided, so please bring a side dish. Spouses and guests are welcome

Also each member should bring two gifts, preferably items you have made from wood, or that pertains to wood crafting. One gift is for the auction to raise funds for wheels and axles for the cars and trucks you have made. The other gift is for a spouse or guest and will be distributed via a random drawing.

There is not much time left to create your "green challenge" project. Remember, create an item from recycled materials, i.e.: pre-used wood, metal, plastic, glass, and etc. Old furniture redesigned, used car parts? Get creative. Let's begin to be a solution to pollution. The unveiling of your masterpiece will be at our November meeting, so get those creative juices flowing.

There is lots of fun and interesting activities happening in our club now, so get involved, and participate. Don't miss a meeting and bring a friend.

Making sawdust,
Betty Morris

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WOODCRAFTERS CLUB OF TAMPA, INC.

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\*Minutes for September 18, 2008 WoodCrafters Meeting

Betty Morris, our club president, opened the meeting by introducing visitors and welcoming members who have not attended lately.

There was no old or new business mentioned.

\*Any Business\*

- Don Avery said that the H.C.C. class will be going well and invited members to stop by.
- Mark Kimball mentioned that he was able to get a free ad with The Tampa Tribune in their Neighbor section for the H.C.C class. They have had some students come in because of this ad.
- Don also has a need for 1 x 4's and would like someone to donate a planner to be used for the P.E.T. project. They also would like a metal lathe.

\*Toys\* Mark Kimball said that we have over 1,000 toy cars. Mercy Trujillo is working on gifts for girls. Tom Whittington is making the dolls and cradles and Mercy is sewing dresses and quilts. She is also making purses and sewing kits.

\*Web \* Richard said that he now has the videos on the web site. You can pre-order on the site and he will have them ready for pickup at the following meeting.

**\*October Events\***  
**Meeting AND Banquet on the 16<sup>th</sup>.**

\*Free Stuff \*

- Tom Whittington had/has a scroll saw at his house that can be picked up

- And there is a table saw that can be picked up from the church wood shop.

\*Tips\*

- Put biscuits, #20, in microwave to dry moisture out for 1 minute, but stay close to make sure it does not burn.
- Also, make sure to clean out your random orbital sander.

\*Show & Tell\*

- We were shown a carved mandolin in a picture frame
- And some hand designed made toys.

\*Presentation\* Tom Soyke continued from last month on mortising. This time he showed how to do so with a router.

We dismissed on time  
Per your Secretary,  
Barbara Packard.

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Sometimes it's good to just tell others about something interesting --- when I finally laid this magazine down --- my immediate thought was that I had to tell others to get this issue (if you own a router).

I let my subscription run out but when I was at H D the other day, I picked up one "WOOD Magazine " and was glad I did. It's the " BEST EVER ROUTER TIPS TRICKS AND JIGS ' ----- AT LEAST 150 pages or more of pure good information about everything from safety to sharpening bits.

Vernon

The PET PROJECT:

(P E T = Personal energy transportation)

Submitted by Betty Morris

A PET is a hand operated wheeled chair to provide mobility for those in other countries who have lost the use of their legs due to polio or landmine injury, birth defects, amputation, etc.

There is a local workshop where some of our woodcrafters volunteer their time and expertise in the construction of the PETS.

Your help is needed there to saw, sand and paint. Also, welders are needed. If you have time to participate in this very worthwhile project, it will be appreciated and you will be blessed.

The PET PROJECT Workshop hours:
Thursdays 1:30 to 4:30
Saturdays 9AM to 3PM.
Location: Faith Baptist Church
1109 E. Osborne Ave., Tampa 33603
Website: www.tampapet.com

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CHRISTMAS TOYS

We have lots of wood for toy making. Just picked up more white wood cut offs from a construction site. Let's make toys and also get this wood out of my garage. We have wood, toys, wheels, dowels, and patterns in our club storage room and at my house. Give me a call if you need any of these. Mark, 813-286-0780

Did you miss the Thank You letter from earlier this year? Please see enclosed.

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SUMMER VACATION

Sandy and I went north and did some visiting including some county and state fairs. And you know right where I headed.

It was a toss-up ==sometimes to the cows but secretly I had one eye looking for furniture. We went to three fairs and the only one that came close to having a woodwork show as nice as Florida State fair was the Georgia National Fair and they had some nicely done turnings and they had lots and lots of room so it was a very nice display. All the furniture was entered by youth.

The Freyburg, ME. show was quite large but not near as big as the GA National fair. In fact, the GA Fair is only 20 years old but has a lot of space to grow and I would guess that it is larger than our state fair already.

I visited with several furniture makers. One told me about a new wood. I know it sounds way out there. It is called roasted wood. I could not find any down here, although I was promised they would look into it. So I have a few feet coming from ME. (Maine)

Also, had a nice visit with Peter Korn at his school in Rockport ME. He has put up new buildings (3) and teaches year-round.

I noticed that our van seemed to bounce a little on the way up so I put in about 75 bd ft of you know what and she rode a lot better coming home. Oh yes, there was some pretty color just starting, mostly maples were brilliant yellow or orange.

Making sawdust
Vernon

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From the Webmaster: Richard Stewart

<http://www.tampawoodcrafters.org>

The updated roster is now linked to our home page at bottom left of page. See your email notification for the password. This password works with all browsers that I know of except the Internet Explorer Browser. I know that many of you may be using the Internet Explorer Browser and I am trying to get code to work with it. Until then, I recommend the Firefox browser as an alternate for browsing the Internet. You can download this at <http://www.mozilla.com/en-US/firefox/> Have a great day! Richard Stewart

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WOODWORKING COURSE

The Woodcrafters Club of Tampa offers a continuing education woodworking course at the Dale Mabry Campus of Hillsborough Community College. It is in a state of the art shop for both beginners and skilled. Students work on a project of their choice with instruction on power and hand tools. The class meets on six Saturday mornings from nine to twelve. The next course starts Saturday, September 20th. The cost is \$55 for 18 hours. Call 813-286-0780

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PLEASE SEND CORRECTIONS TO Joan Ochoa and Lyda Brown. Thanks!

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<http://www.tampawoodcrafters.org>

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If you have not received your newsletter by mail, please call Lyda Brown at (813) 943-7988. Please send roster corrections to Joan Ochoa 6210 Sheldon Rd. #3001, Tampa, FL. 33615

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FROM THE EDITOR ~ Lyda Brown

Notice anything the **SAME** about this issue? Sometimes news is repeated, not because your very busy editor (grandma to be) forgot to update the news, but because I haven't received any new news. Also, because some news is worth repeating.

Please don't be shy with your articles. This newsletter is for you AND your fellow woodcrafters. There are always new woodworkers out there who come across the BlueChipper hoping to glean another tidbit from master craftsmen such as you. Every little bit of news, tips, and tricks make the difference.

The editor can be reached at cell 813-943-7988, e-mail LydaBRose@gmail.com or snail mail 4023 Robinson Rd., Valrico, FL 33594

PLEASE SEND ME YOUR ARTICLES!

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CLUB VIDEO LIBRARY

There are almost 200 videos to choose from. Rental is \$1.00 per month

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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 attend.

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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

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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. \$45 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 Dr. Phone #813-828-2093. Tues/Thurs 12-8, Wed/Fri. 10-6, Sat 10-5. \$2.00 per hour plus material



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NEW

RENEWAL

Please mail dues to Joan Ochoa 6210 Sheldon Rd. #3001, Tampa, FL. 33615

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.