



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

THE TAMPA WOODWORKING SHOW

Florida State Fairgrounds
This weekend March 13-15

Next meeting

March 19th

WORDS FROM THE PRES:

Fellow Woodcrafters:

A few years ago, I purchased a park bench at a garage sale. It was as gray as unfinished barn siding, but I noticed it was a shade of teak and thus should last a very long time. It sat unprotected on the lawn until two weeks ago when my brother sat on it and the seat gave way on one corner. To my surprise, the dowel pin was missing from that corner. This week I rebuilt the bench and discovered that all the dowels were rotted or missing. I found one that appeared in perfect shape but when I squeezed it, it crushed like an empty eggshell. I replaced them with birch pins and gorilla glue. Not a permanent solution, but it should last for another five years or so. I also replaced the bottom inch or so of the four legs. More about that along with a visual at our next meeting.

Last week at work (Woodcraft), I approached the cash register as a customer mentioned to another clerk that he belonged to the St Pete Club. I asked him why his club had only one State Fair entry that I knew of this year. He replied, "My last entry was about five years ago and the finish was still wet during the judging" I replied, "Was it a cherry sideboard in the shaker style?" It was! Just another testimonial not to wait – start your next entry now!

Cheers,
Tom Soyke

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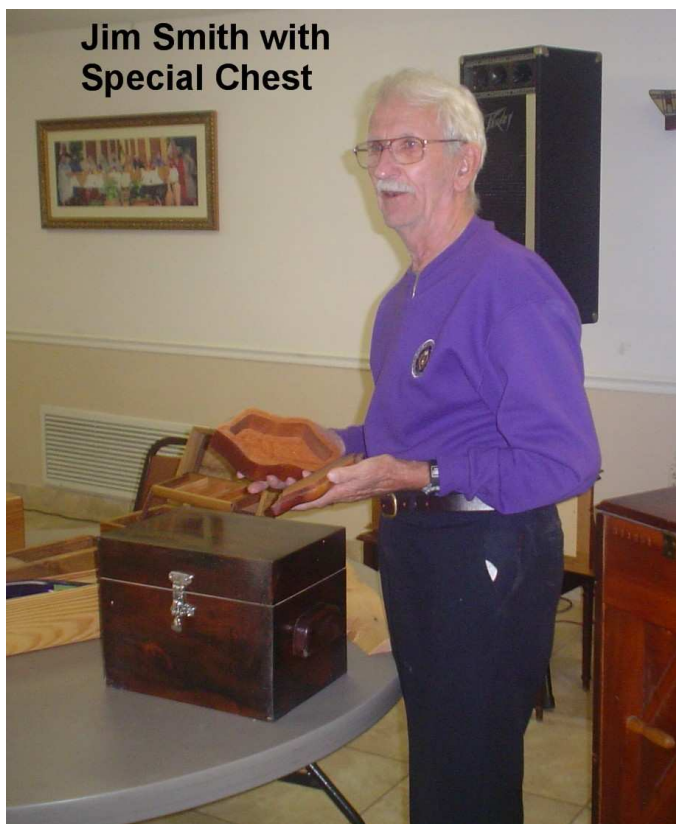
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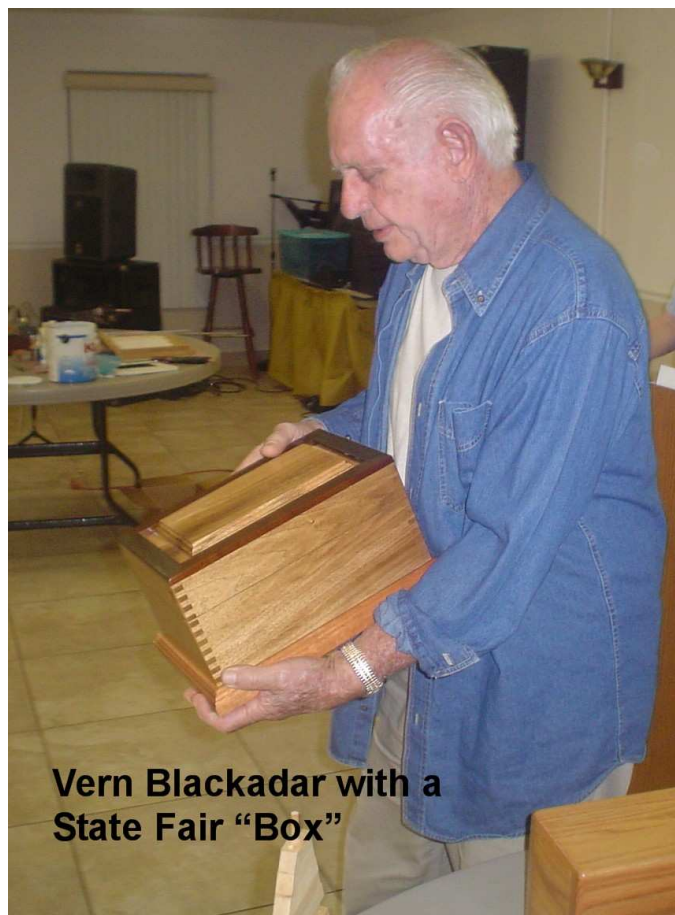
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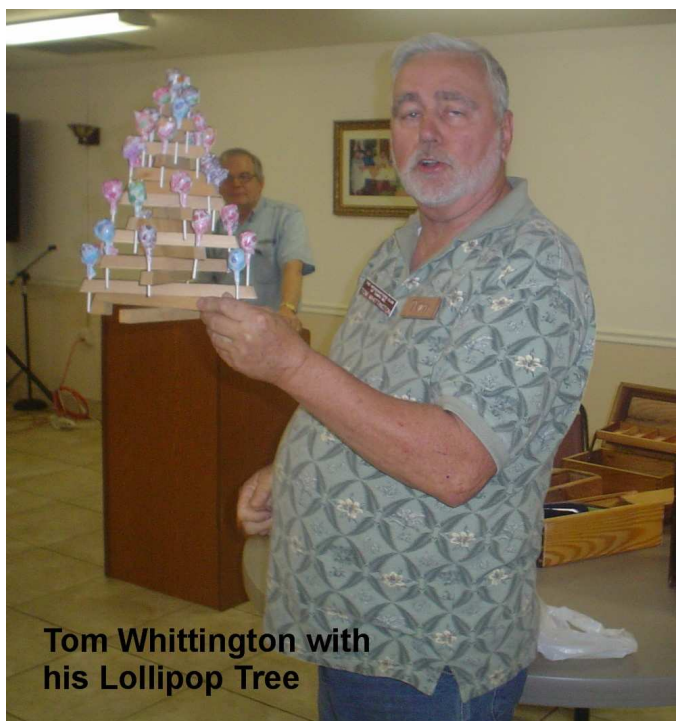
WOODCRAFTERS CLUB OF TAMPA, INC.



**Jim Smith with
Special Chest**



**Vern Blackadar with a
State Fair "Box"**



**Tom Whittington with
his Lollipop Tree**



**Feb Speaker Tom Soyke shows
Procedure for Mounting Glass**



ADMISSION COUPONS

Bring Your Spouse For **FREE** OR Receive **\$2 OFF**

One coupon per person per ticket. Spouse option only applicable w/ multi-day ticket option. Not redeemable w/ one-day online tickets.

Good for all 2009 Shows

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## CHRISTMAS TOYS

See insert for a heartwarming Thank You letter.

Congratulations Tampa Woodcrafters!  
 GREAT PARTICIPATION generated these results!

### 2008 TOY RECORD

Toys Delivered: 2450

Toys Made: 2500 plus

Charities Served: 17

If you have a charity you want to add, The toys were completed and sent on their way Tuesday evening, December 2. It was a great evening installing wheels. We ran out of wheels so have a few to start out the New Year.

Mark Kimball, 813-286-0780

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THE TAMPA WOODWORKING SHOW

Will be held at the Florida State Fairgrounds on Friday March 13, Saturday March 14, and Sunday March 15.

<http://cms.thewoodworkingshows.com/cms/>

TICKET OPTIONS

\$9 THREE DAY TICKETS
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SURPRISE YOUR FAVORITE WOODWORKER!
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My latest woodworking project:

I made a Rosco gate this weekend. What is a Rosco gate you ask? Rosco is my little (3.5 pounds) dog. He loves to wander, which isn't safe for a little guy like him. And sometimes I forget to close the proper doors or keep them locked, so he gets out and wanders off. Last week in desperation, I spent an evening putting together some scraps of wood to make a gate, which I had every intention of hanging in place of the door I keep forgetting to close. My initial efforts turned out pretty good, and the gate propped proudly in place.

However, being made out of scrap wood, was several colors of house paint, and shades of weather worn lumber.

Being frustrated with myself at never finishing a project, I spent most of Saturday sanding the gate, a coat of primer, then two coats of paint, drilling for hinges, polishing the old hinges to almost new, installing the spring and a proper latch. FINALLY, I have a finished project. Of course Rosco does not like it one bit. He will just have to get used it.

In between watching paint dry, I tackled my mast strut again. This turned into four visits to local hardware stores, and one extra hole drilled in the mast. However, I do have one side done and will use it as a template for the other side. The pipe ends flattened just fine with a few blows from a 22-ounce hammer. Now I'm charging the battery, again, for my drill so I can drill the pipe and bolt the ends together.

Ok, until next time, Lyda

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From the Webmaster: Richard Stewart

<http://www.tampawoodcrafters.org>

Dear Club Members;

I am fully unpacked from up north and the garage converted to a shop of sorts, I promise to be better at improving the club's site as the webmaster.

I just updated the contact page and ask that you inform me of any errors.

My skills still need much improvement but trust that they will improve much in the next few months. 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 cost is \$55 for 18 hours. Call 813-286-0780

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.

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ROSTERS

PLEASE SEND CORRECTIONS TO Mercy Trujillo and Lyda Brown. Thanks!

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How to get "The Bluechipper"

The editor emails the Bluechipper to the webmaster who transfers it to the web site. You can access current and past issues of the Bluechipper by going to

<http://www.tampawoodcrafters.org>

The editor then sends the email members a notification that the newsletter is ready. Hard copies of the Bluechipper are mailed usually by the Saturday before the meeting.

If you have not received your newsletter by mail, please call Lyda Brown at (813) 943-7988. Please send roster corrections to Mercy Trujillo 1711 W. FERRIS DRIVE, Tampa, FL. 33603.

FROM THE EDITOR ~ Lyda Brown

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**PLEASE SEND ME YOUR ARTICLES!**

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CLUB VIDEO LIBRARY

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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

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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THIS CERTIFICATE IS AWARDED TO

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March 19th

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Membership Application/Renewal form

Name: _____ Spouse: _____

Address: _____ Phone Hm#: _____

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

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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RENEWAL

Please mail dues to Mercy Trujillo 1711 W. FERRIS DRIVE, Tampa, FL. 33603

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.