



<p><u>Regular Meetings</u> 3rd Thursday of the Month At 7 p.m. Broad Street Baptist Church 3809 West Broad Street, Tampa, FL</p>	<p>Next Meeting: January 21</p>	<p>HAPPY NEW YEAR!</p>
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OUTGOING PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Wow it's 2010 already! Looking back... way, way back to the neighbor lady in the 3rd floor apartment. She didn't ask "What do you want to be when you grow up?" Instead she asked "What on earth will you turn out to be IF the neighbors LET you grow up?" Skipping town in the middle of the night really paid off... she didn't find me yet! Now looking back just one year. My workshop is quite disorganized but it fits me well 'cause my mind is the same way! So I wish to take this opportunity to thank all of you for helping me along the way. All kidding aside I really do appreciate the voiced guidance I received from the floor during the meetings. 'Hey Tom you forgot Show and Tell!' 'Hey Tom are we having a 50/50 drawing tonight?' Seriously, I couldn't have done it without you. Thanks again. Cheers, Tom P.S. We still need more coverage for the State Fair. And don't forget you receive two free passes for every shift you sign on for.

INCOMING PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the New Year and new opportunities in woodworking! If you have not done so already please sign up to work at the State Fair booth next month. Lots of choice, open slots still available! This is our chance to meet and greet potential New Members.

My goal for the coming year is to get more of you off your seats and participating in projects. Including moving tools from Barb & Doug's place out to the display booth. The more YOU do, the stronger the club will become. Also, just a few weeks later we as a club will be right back at the fairgrounds working the Tool show. Please plan to participate in that program as well.

Who wants to do some demonstrating of YOUR talents? It does not hurt to stand up there in front of the rest of us and share your knowledge. JD Holbert needs your support. As Vice-President it will be up to him to arrange something educational for each monthly meeting. Lets' all get involved and share the Knowledge!

Adam and I are working on a potential club project! Cutting a 6.5 foot by 24 foot table down to 4.5' by 16' for the Paralyzed Veterans organization. IF it happens they will pay the club for the job. Adam & I will need some help and muscles. Site would be on Florida Ave just North of Bearss when it happens. It will be done during the days. Please

be considering this worthwhile project. Do any of You know of projects needing Our Clubs talents? A club that works together Grows together.

A Triple challenge for ALL of YOU!

- Bring at least one guest to a meeting this year.
- Carry some club cards and work at recruiting new members. Hardware & lumber stores are full..!!
- Visit several other club members shops.

One Sunday last fall I had 17 visitors through my shop. It was great!!! So far I have visited 18 shops. Every visit gave me some ideas on how to improve my own shop. Occasionally I even suggested improvements to Their shops. I'll get well soon.

Lets' make 2010 a Banner Year for the club!

Tom Whittington

FROM YOU WEBMASTER AND EDITOR

I look forward to working with the new officers this year and hope to make both this newsletter and the web site a better publication for everyone. This issue is an effort to contain more information and less pictures. The web site will have all the pictures sent to me regarding this previous month's meeting. Although the "Buy Sell" section is not included this month (no submissions), I think it can be a valuable part of the newsletter each month. Let's see if we can make it a bigger part of thing and Tom Whittington in bringing on new members.

Richard Stewart

HEADS UP ON UPCOMING EVENTS:

 <p>2010 FLORIDA STATE FAIR FEB 4 - 15, 2010</p>	<p>The Woodworking Show Mar 13 to 15 Florida State Fairgrounds 4800 N US Highway 301 Tampa, FL 33610</p>
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BIG EVENT FOR WOOD COLLECTORS:

February 17-21, 2010 Winter Woodfest at Lake Yale, Florida. Hosted by Manley and Elaine Hunt .

The Lake Yale Baptist Conference Center located between Leesburg and Eustis Florida has 289 wooded lakeside acres. The facility has Hotel style rooms and an RV park with full hook-ups. The two multipurpose wings of the Maguire Auditorium will be used for classes, demonstrations, and meetings. The Auditorium will be used for Craft displays, wood specimen/samples, registration desk, and activity area. The cafeteria is next door. Everything is within walking distance. If mobility is a concern golf carts are provided.

Register soon- it's going to be a great meeting. Members have come forward with their time and talent to bring a variety of classes, demonstrations, workshops and speakers.

- There will be a joint presentation by Jim Zoellner on preparing glue ups for Ron Odegaard's bell turning demonstration.
- Duane Keck will be speaking on an "Introduction to Botanical Classification from Kingdoms to Cultivars". He will also have a discussion on Bamboo, the Good and the Bad.
- Regis Miller will be giving a wood identification workshop. If you have a 10x loop [hand lens] bring it for the class.
- We will have classes on carving and wood burning, you can learn to use a scroll saw and sit in on some turning demonstrations
- The ladies will have craft classes, the "Red Hat Tea" or a game of Bingo. You may also paint some Christmas ornaments.
- There will be a bird walk with Arnette Sherman and Dave Barriger will conduct a tree identification walk.
- Manley will be there with his sawmill as usual. Don't miss out on some unusual or rare woods.
- Saturday is the wood auction [only members can purchase wood.
- Saturday night is the craft auction.


If you have any suggestions or would like to help in any way please let us know. If you can bring something to donate to the craft auction or for a door prize, please do. There will also be a recycled wood contest so bring you entries.

For more information contact Manley or Elaine Hunt. Phone 352-726-1717 or e-mail manleyelaine@aol.com

PICTURES FROM OUR DECEMBER MEETING:



TIP OF THE MONTH

<p>Shop Made Bench Dogs</p> <p>If you have a workbench with ¾"-dia. holes for round bench dogs, consider making your own bench dogs, Use short lengths of ¾"-dia. dowel stock and give the bench dogs a better grip along with preventing them from falling through the dog holes by adding a rubber "crutch tip" to one end of each dog. (Crutch tips can be purchased at most hardware stores.)</p>	
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Hard copies of the Bluechipper are usually mailed by the Saturday before the meeting. If you have not received your newsletter by mail, please call Richard Stewart at (610) 202-1883. Roster corrections are also accepted by Richard.

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.

FROM THE EDITOR ~ Richard Stewart, the editor, can be reached at cell 610 202-1883, cellarius@gmail.com or snail mail at 3023 W Napoleon Ave, Tampa, Fl 33611

CLUB VIDEO LIBRARY

There are almost 200 videos to choose from. Rental is \$1.00 per month. The titles can be seen on our website.

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 Whittington (813) 406-8418

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.

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. MacDill Air Force Base (Retired or active military with ID) 8223 Hangar Loop Dr. Phone (813) 828-2093.

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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 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.

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**Next Meeting
January 21**