

The York Woodworkers Association

Newsletter for May 2020

“What Cha Been Doing Lately?”

Greetings all and welcome to the May 2020 club newsletter. If you have suggestions for improvements, please email me at martinsolutionsrh@att.net

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Message from the President: Wow, I knew we had

some talent in our club! This seems to be a great way to communicate with each other through our projects. Ron said I had a great idea when I mentioned this. Little does he know; a broken clock is right 2 times a day! I know that I am ready to get back to our meetings, and hopefully next month (July) we can do just that. We are beginning our definition of how our meeting can proceed and that information will be out soon. We will of course maintain "social distancing" and mask will be optional at this point, we will decide based on the next few weeks.

Anyway, I am proud of the entries that were presented for this newsletter. I knew there were a lot of shops out there calling to be open and wood waiting to be turned into something fascinating, and I was not wrong. Talking with Ron, this may become a normal piece of our newsletter. "What cha been doing lately – Editor's Choice"?

Lastly, a year ago, none of us would have thought anything like this could happen! It did and now there is no normal. As time goes by, we will figure it out together. It has been tough on a lot of folks; we have made it this far and we plan to be cautious going forward.

Hope to see you all soon.

CANCELED: Monday, June 1, 2020 (Due to Covid-19 safety measures)

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic our monthly meetings remain canceled until further notice. I will send out an email when Donnie decides it is safe for us to start meeting again. Regularly check our web site for updates.

Message from the Editor: *Early this year, our nation was attacked by an invisible enemy and this dramatically changed the way things are done and our ability to do many of the things we had taken for granted. No one knows for sure exactly what the new normal will be for us and the rest of the world. Let us all remember that Christ proved victorious over death and all the things of this world. He is alive and wants only good health and the absolute best life has to offer for us all. During this quarantine period, I hope we have all had a chance to look at our lives and get in touch with the things that are profoundly important to us. Christ will once again prove victorious over Covid-19 and through his power and grace, we will heal as a nation and a world. To Him be the honor and the glory.*

Finally, let us pause and give thanks to all the front-line workers who have risked their own safety, health and lives to care for, protect and continue to bring us life's essential things.

AND NOW: “What Cha Been Doing Lately?”

DONNIE LEE - “What Cha Been Doing Lately?” Ron see the attached pictures of commissioned pieces I am doing for friends of ours. The tops of the farm tables are pine barn boards removed from their family farm. The tables are framed using poplar wood. All joints are mortise and tenon with pegs. The white is an undercoat, waiting on this virus to end so I can get the finish paint.

The bowls and vases are made from either peach or apple also removed from the farm. Same for the bottle toppers and openers. There are a few openers made from cherry burl.

I have a few more vases and toppers left to make as well as a top for an old sewing machine. It will be constructed from the remaining barn wood.

This has been a good way to get through the quarantined days.

These projects have allowed me to enjoy my shop and are not time pressured for completion, so I have had time for garden, yard, and camper projects to help pass the time.

Until we meet again, keep making sawdust and shavings.





JIM THORP - "What Cha Been Doing Lately?" Ron, this was a simple project to make a sled for cutting small logs on the bandsaw.

My daughter requested that I should make these game boards for a game called Markinne. The wood is recycled from cabinets removed when she renovated her house. The holes were drilled by using the CNC. I learned a lot in learning how to program to drill holes evenly spaced in a circle. It was quite a bit of fun.

The pegs were turned on the lathe. I am now waiting for some new tools that I must get from woodpecker to help make the turning project easier to make the next 144 pegs. 🐱🐱🐱



I have a couple of more projects done during this period. I am sending pictures of some birthday presents I made for my grandsons. They all come from plans published in Wood magazine. The plans are part of their series on military toys. One thing of interest is that some of the wood came from the barn on the farm where I grew up. Some wood was recycled from cabinets left over after renovations in my daughter's house.



LARRY PICKENS - "What Cha Been Doing Lately?" Hey Ron, here are a few products that have been keeping me busy. The first picture is a picture that will give you a little idea of the changing dresser. The top will be a stained a crafted a little different. I am currently on a changing dresser. It will have a two-piece removable top. That when it is not being used a changing dresser anymore. One piece will be able to be as a serving tray.

The cradle is made for oak and an Early American Stain. I included the plains of the cradle also. This was a challenge because some of the dimensions were not there. Like the radius on the decorative work. I also added 2 ½" to the sides. Because I did not think they were deep enough. This was made without nails or screws. Dowels and glue.

Hope you and all the other guys are staying safe.





LYNN AULTMAN - "What Cha Been Doing Lately?" Hi Ron, I was a vendor for a recent virtual craft show. The attached video shows the items I made.





MIKE MALLANEY - "What Cha Been Doing Lately?" Ron, I have done several of these round swing top boxes, I will attempt to share some of the steps taken to accomplish the results.

Mike supplied great pictures and detail but unfortunately, I could not include his whole package. If anyone would like the "how to" of these boxes, just send me an email and I will forward to you ~ Ron



RICHARD SUMMERS - "What Cha Been Doing Lately?" Ron's ideas sound good. If you want something new, we could do a short piece on the (live edge side table) I made for my Grandson. I will probably deliver it before we meet again. We were going to discuss it at the May meeting.

Top - From a cherry stump that had 3 trunks.

Legs - 2" Walnut - front edges beaded

Finish- hand rubbed Tung oil with 5 coats of wipe on Poly. on the top

Legs are attached with 1/2 "finger joints.

Table is 18" high - 12 "wide - 21" long

Top had a split approximately 3/4 across. This was stabilized with large & small bow tie walnut inlays. The crack was filled with clear epoxy that has gold flecks suspended. It gives an interesting glitter when the light is right.

Made for my Grandson who receives his Mechanical Eng. Degree in May at a Virtual Graduation from VPI.

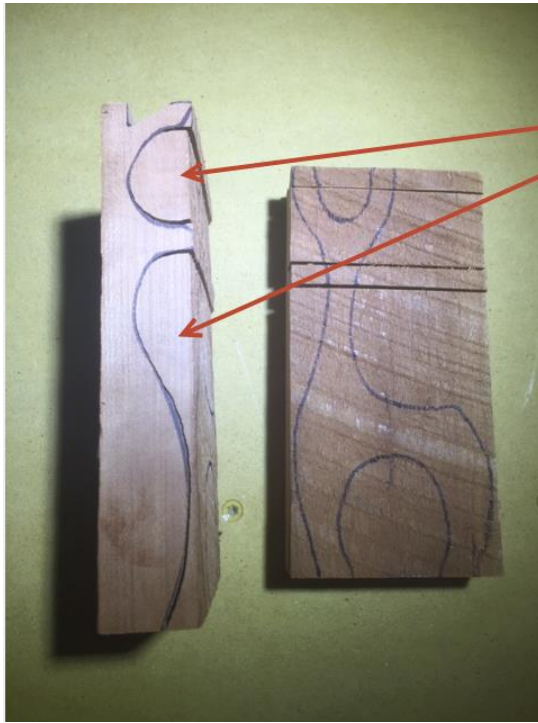




RON MARTIN - "What Cha Been Doing Lately?" While the stay at home order was in effect, my wife was working from home as well, which meant she was available 24/7 to make sure I stayed busy 😊! So, I named my shop adventure the "Yes Deer" project! After completing my daily "honey do" list, it was shop time (when you are cooped up this long, you start finding humor in everything). One thing John Leake taught me was while you have your equipment set up, go ahead, and make a bunch (saving on set up time).

Now for the deer! (Compound Bandsaw) First, I sketched out a side and a front profile. Then I cut the patterns out of a piece of 1/8" MDF board. Next, I transfer the side profile to a block of stock. On the bandsaw, I cut out parts A & B. Then I used carpet tape to put the pieces back. I then transfer the front profile and cut it out. Remove all scrap pieces. Now comes the sanding. Round all the edges and sand all surfaces. I sand down to 320 grit. On these I use a combination of Walnut, Mahogany and Poplar.

Finally finish to taste. I used dark Tung oil on a few and I am experimenting with several other stains and oils. Lastly, I finish them with several coats of wipe on poly. As you can see from the pictures, I have a bunch of rough-cut deer and a stack of about 30 left to cut out. The toughest part of this project is it involves a ton of hand sanding! Once these are finished this project ends 😊!



Side Profile: Cut out parts A & B

A
B

Then use carpet tape and put A & B back

Now, mark front profile, cut out and then remove the pieces





FROM THE EDITOR: This concludes the May 2020 newsletter on **“What Cha Been Doing Lately?”** I hope this will be the beginning of many new published projects for the members to enjoyed and get new ideas from. Going forward I intend to make a new section to the newsletter called **“What Cha Been Doing Lately – Editor’s Choice!”** **Thanks to all of those who contributed for this month. I knew we had a lot of talented members, but I am equally as certain, there are a lot more of you out there. Hopefully, this will inspire everyone to send their projects in. Since the June meeting has been cancelled, I will need a bunch more...so get those projects to me a.s.a.p.** It is my honor to be able provide this service to such a wonderful and skilled bunch of folks. Thanks for your support and encouragement as we work with and learn from each other.

Happy Woodworking,

Ron Martin

Newsletter Editor

"BETTER TOGETHER"

Greatness is not standing above our fellows and ordering them around - it is standing with them and helping them be all they can be!

