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Learn About Veneer At August Meeting

By SUZIE TINDALL

The next meeting of the Woodworkers' Guild of Georgia will be on Monday, August 12 at the Atlanta Technical College. The main meeting, which begins at 7:30 p.m., will feature Joel Hammer and his daughter Michelle Daniels in a discussion of veneering.

Joel Hammer runs J. L. Hammer Company, a small woodworking business, out of the basement of his home in Lilburn. His daughter Michelle and his sidekick Jim Griffin, a neighbor, help in the business.

Together they build custom furniture. Their furniture design spans many periods from Louis XIV to art deco. He promises to bring pictures of some of his work.

Joel began his career as a tool and dye maker and advanced to de-

sign work. His furniture designs, done by hand at a drafting table in the middle of his shop, and which are often full scale, reflect his earlier career interests. They are detailed and carefully done.

He's been making furniture for a long time, but in 1990 after retiring from Rockwell he turned to woodworking full time. His daughter Michelle is an accomplished woodworker herself.

In 1992 Custom Woodworking magazine had a feature article on Joel, and in 1995 Atlanta Magazine rated a bathroom renovation he had done "bath of the year" in the \$50-75,000 range. J

el is primarily self taught. He uses a lot of veneer in his pieces and will review the techniques he has come to rely upon in his work.

Pre-Meeting To Feature Capel English

Capel English is the featured speaker for the 6:30 p.m. pre-meeting. Capel (pronounced K'pl) is a mechanical engineer working in the communications industry. He lives in the Alpharetta area. His father was an active woodworker and inspired him to follow suit. His basement shop was featured in the Alpharetta shop tour last fall.

Capel has designed a devise to help the woodworker set up the table saw for cutting surface coves in wood. If one knows the width and depth of the cove desired, the devise is helpful in setting the correct angle of the fence and height of the blade. Capel has successfully navigated the tedious process of obtaining a patent for his invention. His discussion will highlight his experience in this regard.

Changes At Atlanta Tech Mean Changes In Parking Area, Entrance

By SUZIE TINDALL

All Guild members should be made aware of the changes at Atlanta Tech. Many renovations are in progress at the school. The first thing that you'll notice when you enter the front drive is that the whole front parking lot is gone and that area is being graded and fenced in preparation for erection of a new building.

In addition there are some renovations taking place on the interior of the main building as well. So, when you come to the meeting, make a left turn after entering the front drive, come back around the aircraft area and park in the back of the school building close to the shop area. Then enter the building from the rear and navigate your way to the auditorium which is our planned venue for August.

Sept. Meeting To Be Seminar At AWP

By SUZIE TINDALL

In September we will not have a regular meeting, but will have a Saturday seminar instead. The Saturday seminar in September will be held at Atlanta Wood Products on Saturday, September 28. More details will follow on the exact time and presenters.

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President's Notes

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By KEN SLAUGHTER

If anyone orders anything from Klingspor's, be sure to tell them you are a Guild member. You will get a 10 percent discount. Guild members get discounts at several different places, but you must let the merchant know you are a Guild member by showing your membership card or telling them you are a member.

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Sometimes we do not pay attention to the little things in our shop. A couple of months ago one of the students in my class at Woodcraft came up to me after the class and he was concerned about the noise level of the router being used in the class.

I thought the router was quiet and was not concerned, but the student told me he was doctor and he thought everyone should be using earplugs. I saw an article in the December 2001 of *Fine Woodworking* about shop noise and was surprised to read that a router had a higher noise level than a belt sander or a table saw. The machine in the article with the highest noise level was the shop vacuum.

Any tool that has a noise decibel level over 90 is harmful to your hearing and you should wear some form of protection to prevent hearing loss. The bad part about hearing loss is that it will occur over a long period of time from high noise levels and the loss is permanent.

Meeting, Pre-Meeting Aimed At All Levels Of Woodworking

By SUZIE TINDALL

As your program chairman, I have carefully considered the design of the meeting programs for the upcoming year. In an attempt to provide something of interest to each person in our membership regardless of skill level, I plan to carefully distinguish between the content of our pre-meeting and regular meeting formats.

The pre-meeting program, which will typically last 45 minutes beginning at 6:30 p.m., will be devoted to basic topics of interest to the entry level to mid-level woodworker (though all of us know that you can usually take away a tidbit or two no matter how fundamental the presentation.)

In October Sandra Pfefferkorn, an employee from Highland Hardware who builds custom furniture on the side, will give a presentation on resources available to the woodworker for woodworking education.

She will discuss the literature available including the relative content of the multiple magazines and journals in print, and the many books

for sale. She will also highlight the various woodworking courses available in the Atlanta area as well as nationally.

Other topics for the pre-meeting programs will include tool sharpening, proper and safe setup and operation of basic woodworking equipment, making a board flat and square, correct operation of hand tools, basic casework design, etc.

I plan to solicit help each month from the master woodworkers in the group to put on this part of the program.

Then, after the announcements and preliminaries, I want to try to keep the main program at 7:30 p.m. a high quality presentation which should be of interest to even the most experienced in our ranks.

Now, if any of you have suggestions regarding topics or demonstrators/presenters for these sessions, please let me know. My phone number is 404-636-0545 or catch me at a meeting. Thanks.

Gorrell Shows How To Make Cabinet Making A Career

By SUZIE TINDALL

The July meeting at John Gorrell's cabinet making shop was a big success. About 50 of our members ventured south to Riverdale to tour Gorrell's shop and hear him talk about his experiences building a cabinet making business. We were all impressed with his shop which is large, well-outfitted and well-organized. And, it had been extensively cleaned up just for us!

John was a tremendous host, letting us all look around and examine his wood, tools and cabinets to our heart's content. He gave a very informative discussion of the process he and his five employees go through to build, finish and install top of the line cabinets and casework. He is a true believer in always trying to manufacture a superior product, and continually striving to build something better.

We owe John a great debt of gratitude for hosting us and providing such an informative session. Thanks John!

2003 Woodworking Show Set

By MIKE SCHWARZ

It's time to get out your calendars. The 2003 Woodworking Show is tentatively scheduled for February 21st - 23rd. This leaves about seven months for you to work on projects. Last year we had a great turnout at the show and I think we will have another great show in 2003.

If anybody is interested in helping out on the Woodworking Show Committee please call (770) 642-6106 or email me at 3schwarz@bellsouth.com. I need one or two more people on the committee.

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Monday, August 12

Atlanta Tech

Pre-Meeting: Capel English

**Meeting: Joel Hammer and daughter Michelle
Daniel on Veneering**

Saturday, Sept. 28

Atlanta Wood Products

Saturday Seminar