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WOW Newsletters come out every 2 months: February; April; June; August; October; December

In person meetings

ALL MEETINGS WILL NOW START AT 9:30am

April 11

Concord United Methodist Church

1123 South Main Street in Englewood

May 9th

The American Woodshop, Piqua

Social South: Marion's Pizza Kettering: 6:30 pm

Third Wednesday of each month

15 Apr 26 20 May 26 17 June 26

North Social: Marion's in Englewood: 6:30 pm

First Monday of each month

6 APR 26 4 May 26 1 June 26

ONLINE ZOOM MEETINGS

PRESIDENT'S NOTES
DAVE MOSER

We are coming up on our last meeting of this season in April with Scott Phillips once again wrapping things up as our featured speaker. Scott is always entertaining so this is a meeting you won't want to miss. If you come be sure to bring a recent project to share during project corner.

In April we will also be meeting at a new location - the Concord United Methodist Church located at 1123 South Main Street in Englewood. The church is on Ohio 48 just north of I-70 at exit 29. It's easy access from the interstate with plenty of parking and a big auditorium. We will have signs at the church directing you to the auditorium once you arrive.

This will be a test run for a new meeting location that I'm hopeful will become our home for the near future. Meetings at the library were time limited with restrictions on how much noise or sawdust we could make. The church doesn't have those limitations so if it works out we will have an opportunity to change our meetings times and start earlier or run longer in the day. As long as we clean up the church also doesn't mind us making sawdust or noise. I've said many times "it ain't a woodworking meeting until you make sawdust." So next year I'm hopeful we can plan meetings around woodworking demonstrations where we can make some Saturday sawdust.

Hope to see everyone in April.
Dave

WOODWORKING SOCIAL
BOB HUTTER

6:30 starting time.
Pizza is ordered at 7:00

Beer - Pizza - Talk about Woodworking

If you like any of these, you will love the Socials. At the South Social you will see several members of the Steering Committee, and can hear more about club activities. We talk about projects, new products, and techniques. We always enjoy having new members join us.

The South Social at Marion's in Kettering on the third Wednesday of the month is located at 50 East Stroop Road which is on the southeast corner at the intersection of Stroop Road and Far Hills Avenue in Kettering.

The North Social at Marion's in Englewood meets on the first Monday of the month and is located at 404 W National Rd, Englewood, OH 45322. If you have any questions or need directions, please call me at 937-657-7845. Hope to see you there!

April Meeting Write-up

Our last meeting of the year will be Saturday April 11th starting at 9:30 A.M at the Concord United Methodist Church in Englewood. The church address is located at 1123 South Main Street, Englewood. Our featured speaker will be club member Scott Phillips and host of The American Woodshop on PBS talking about What's New in Woodworking. Scott is always entertaining, so this is a meeting you probably won't want to miss.

Scott Phillips Tool Swap Shop

Scott Phillips will once again host a Swap Shop this year on May 9th from 9 to noon!! The event will be held at the home of the American Woodshop located at 901 Piqua Troy Road, Piqua, 45356. Tables will be provided for anyone selling tools. This event is open to anyone wanting to buy tools, sell tools, or just hang out and talk woodworking with your fellow club members. Don't miss it!!!

2026 Meeting Plans

April 11th (Concord United Methodist Church, Englewood): Scott Phillips presenting on "What's New in Woodworking."

May 9th (The American Woodshop, Piqua): Tool Swap Shop hosted by Scott Phillips

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM HARRIS BARTINE

Happy Easter everyone, I hope all of you and your homes have survived the early Spring storms and nasty winds that have been blasting Ohio as well as other parts of the country. If this keeps up our wood working projects will involve building boats!!! Or maybe rafts for the quick and dirty project.....LOL.

As most of you are aware, and as a point of information for all the new members (WELCOME!), it is that time of year when we will be seeing the award of the WOW Scholarship to some deserving Woodworking student at the North Bennet Street School (NBSS) located in Boston, Mass. Normally this award process directly involves the WOW Scholarship Committee. In past years, our point of contact at NBSS , Colleen Walsh Powell, does a bit of leg work and coordination in enticing students in the Furniture and Cabinet Making Program at NBSS to apply for the WOW Scholarship. Problem is Colleen has left NBSS for another school on the 27th of February. So, Nicki Downer, 2nd in command in the Development Department will be doing her job as well as Colleens. So, long story short, there will be a WOW Scholarship award this year but due to the reduced women power, the selection process will be abbreviated and the winner of our scholarship will be selected by various members of the staff of NBSS. Fine by me, and next year we should be back to the process that involved the WOW Scholarship Committee.

On a happier and more interesting note, I finally got an answer from Colleen as to the value of our endowment; as of 31 January 2026, our WOW Endowment at NBSS was valued at \$67,090.00, Colleen said this is a soft figure as it doesn't include some recent earnings and Fees. My guess is, it is a fairly good number but will have to endure some of the recent stock market gyrations. NBSS has their total endowment invested in Vanguard Funds.

NBSS factoid: NBSS was founded by Pauline Agassiz Shaw, in 1881, it's been in business for 145 years!!!

The Hardwood Store gives WOW a 10% discount

PROJECT CORNER

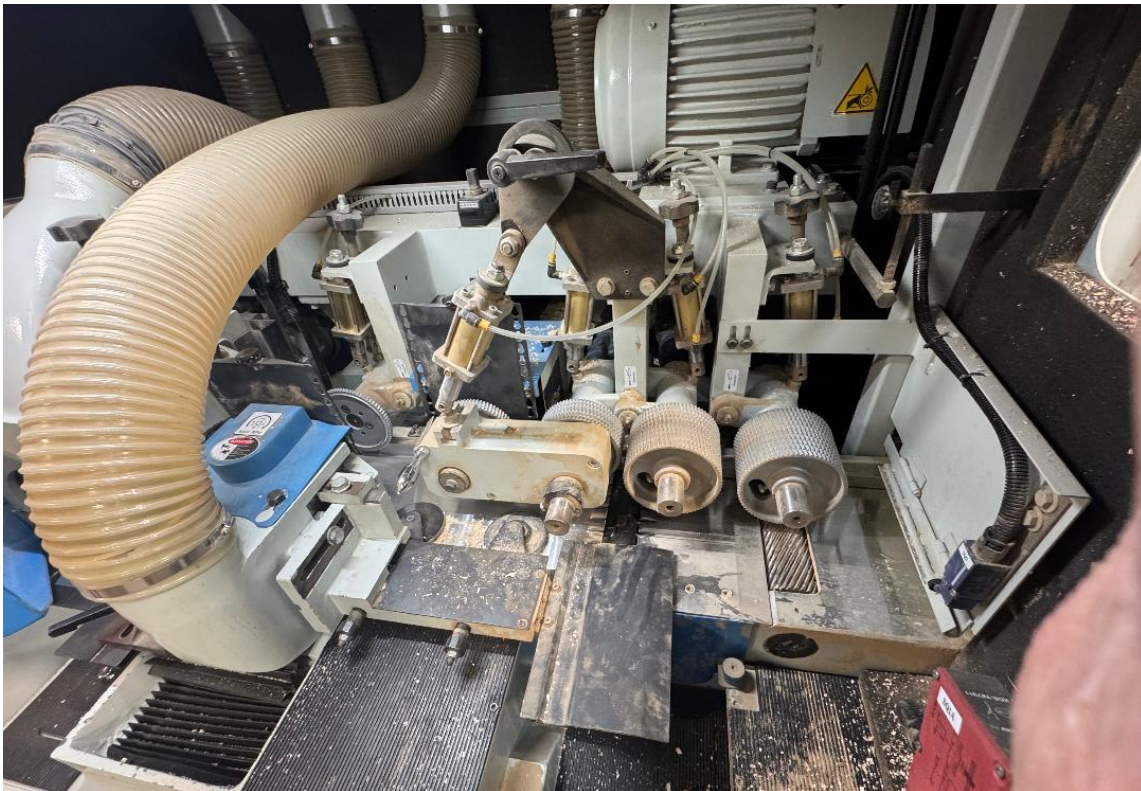
CHRIS BENEDIK



SHOP TOURS HARRIS BARTINE

On 27 February 22 WOW members descended on Benner's River Bend Woodworking Chair Co for what I thought was going to be a 60–90-minute shop tour. Well, Chris Benner pleasantly surprised us with a 2-plus hour extremely informative and interesting tour THANK YOU VERY MUCH, CHRIS. of his well-stocked and supremely appointed chair and furniture factory. By no means can this 100 ft by 220 ft building be called a shop! For instance if any of you have been to the Biannual IWF Woodworking Equipment Show in Atlanta and seen the equipment that international companies bring in, show and sell, you may have an idea of what Benner's River Bend Company is all about. In the next few pages, I'll try to give you a hint of what it's all about.

Chris (handles the equipment, workers and product design) and his brother Mark (handles the financial aspects), are partners in this business, and they employ about 30 part-time and full-time workers. They started out as a kitchen and household cabinet shop but over the years the business has added all sorts of custom products and furniture to include 18th and 19th century reproduction furniture and to a great extent, all sorts of Windsor style chairs, benches (the largest is 84 inches long) and stools. Custom contemporary is also available, if design and 'one off' are aspects of the purchase, price might scare off folks like you and I.



Business end of a 5 cutter head Stiles milling machine; in one pass it can mill all faces of a piece of crown molding. What a time saver!!!



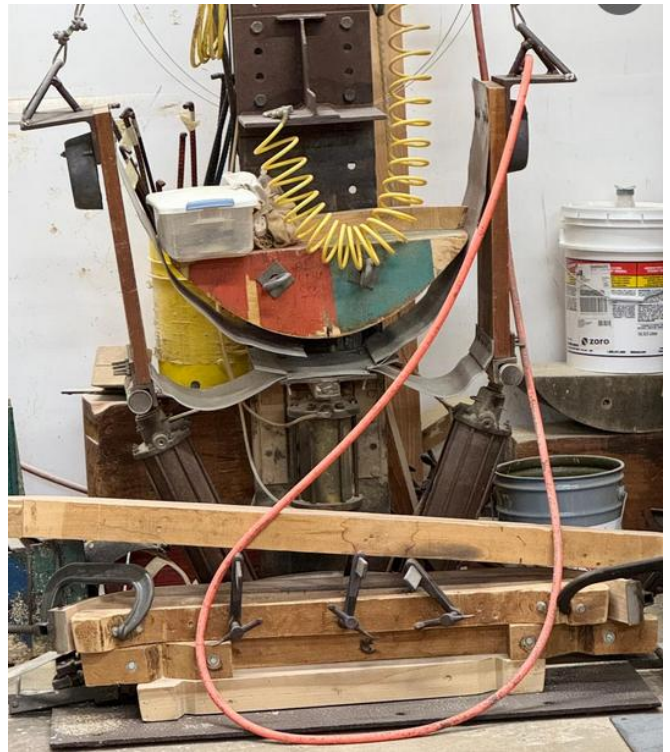
Chris discussing the above Stiles CNC Machine



Wide board planer and double grit sander all in one pass; another big time saver.



This Onsrud machine is cutting **tapered** 8 sided pencil post bed posts; it's a "set it up, put your wood on the table in precise locations, turn it on, and walk away. A time saver when doing sizeable complex runs.



I think Chris likes to design, he mentioned that quite often he will design a piece of furniture for production which includes how the various parts will be manufactured and whether they will be produced inhouse or sublet to a few Amish companies he works with. Sometimes he designs and builds machines for his factory. On the left is a device where a worker clamps a chair bottom on, turns on the saw, and cuts all 4 legs level so the chair doesn't wobble! (saw blade lower left). On the right is device for steam bending various chair parts such as the curved Combs on the top of the comb-back chairs, lower right.



Legs and Stretchers for Windsor chairs/benches



Comb-back Windsors ready for finishing



Chris discussing their finishing process with WOWmembers to his back left is a vacuum spray booth.



Windsor chairs and furniture ready for shipment. Much of their sales are wholesale rather than to individual customers. They have distributors in about 12 to 15 states mostly east of the Mississippi. The chair kits he sells go to WoodCraft and Highland Woodworking in Atlanta, Georgia, However they do sell directly to individual customers.

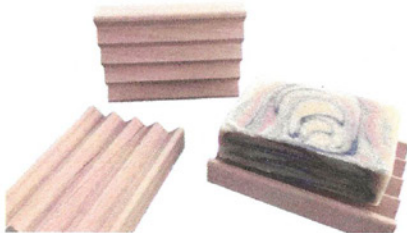
Chris said he was a bit worried about giving the tour as he had never done one before except for school children. I thought he was exceptional! He did say he was a good talker though LOL

We have had great success in raising funds for the upcoming WOW Member Shop. The sales of your donations is a great contribution, and we greatly appreciate all of those who have donated items to date. The attached flyer is a quick summary of items that have sold quite well at the 2nd Street Market booth that Christine is supporting us with. If you are so inclined, we would love for you to contribute some of your time to help us create some of the listed projects and pass on to us at the upcoming meetings. We will also provide the lumber for the projects if you want also. Thanks for your consideration in raising funds for our future project.
Doug Glessner

Projects Needed for 2nd Street Market WOW Donations

Soap Holder

Approx Size: 6 x 3 x 0.5 inch
Retail Value: \$7 - 10
Quantity Needed: 30



Pot Scraper

Approx Size: 3 x 3 inch
Retail Value: \$5 - 7
Quantity Needed: 20



Spoon Rest

Approx Size: 8 x 3.5 x 1 in
Retail Value: \$20 - 25
Quantity Needed: 20



Fish and/or Strawberry Trivet

Approx Size: 12 x 8 x 0.5 in
Retail Value: \$25 - 30
Quantity Needed: 10

Butcher Block Board

Approx Size: 18 x 14 x 1 in
Retail Value: \$80 - 200
Quantity Needed: 25



Organic Shape Boards with Hole in Handle

Approx Size: 18 x 14 x 1 in
Retail Value: \$80 - 200
Quantity Needed: 20

Ladles w/ Back Hook

Size: Minimum 12 inch long
Retail Value: \$20 - 60
Quantity Needed: 40



Pinch Bowls

Size: 2 - 4 in Diameter
Retail Value: \$10 - 25
Quantity Needed: 15

Left Handed Spatula

Approx Size: 13 x 3 x 0.5 in
Retail Value: \$20 - 30
Quantity Needed: 15



Rolling Pins

Approx Size: 16 x 1 in
Retail Value: \$20 - 40
Quantity Needed: 10



WOW member and secretary chairwoman Christine Shade has very exciting news! In addition to her year-round vendor booth at the 2nd Street Market, she is expanding her business with a second permanent location. Christine is opening her very own independent storefront - The WrinkleFrinkle Workshop - located in Dayton. This two-story historic building will allow Christine to vastly increase her retail product offerings and teach public wood burning classes. At her 2nd Street Market booth, Christine has sold many WOW donated items raising nearly \$4,000 in funding for our future club shop. If you are interested in either selling personal items on consignment or donating functional kitchen items to raise money for the WOW shop, you can contact Christine by email at ShopWrinkleFrinkle@gmail.com Items such as spoon rests, butcher block cutting boards, spatulas, spoons, and rolling pins would all be appropriate. Donated or consignment items must fit the whimsical theme of The WrinkleFrinkle Workshop so contact Christine to discuss your thoughts and ideas. Please include photographs of your finished products.

The Grand Opening of The WrinkleFrinkle Workshop is Saturday, April 11th from 11 AM to 6 PM at 1619 E. 5th Street in Dayton. Plan to head over after our April 11th meeting to check out The WrinkleFrinkle Workshop and wish Christine luck on her new venture. For more details and shop updates, find her on Facebook and Instagram @WrinkleFrinkle or visit her website <https://wrinklefrinkle.square.site/> for more details.

GRAND OPENING

Introducing the
WrinkleFrinkle Workshop

Join Us!
APRIL 11
11a-6p

- Wood Burning Workshops
- Locally Curated Retail Goods
- Community Crafting Nights

1619 E. 5th St. Dayton, OH 45403

**AVAILABLE NOW:
Wood Burning
Workshops!**

Sign Up Here!

The WrinkleFrinkle Workshop
1619 E 5th St. Dayton, OH

FOR SALE

Jerry Michael knows an elderly gentleman who wants to sell his entire shop to one buyer. The collection of tools would be the beginning of shop for serious woodworker or cabinetmaker. The tools are located in Butler County, Ohio.

If interested please contact Jerry Michael at (513) 933-9049 (landline) or (513) 320-5617 (cell) or by email at grmichael24485@gmail.com

1. Craftsman Industrial router (model 315.275010)
2. Delta 14" Band Saw w/mobile base (model 28-243)
3. Delta Air Cleaner (model 50-860)
4. Delta Platinum 3HP Unisaw (model 36-955) w/52" Unifence and out feed table (model 50-302)
5. DeWalt electric sawsall (model DW307M)
6. Geetech 8" Long bed joiner w/stand
7. Grizzly 15" planer (model G1021) w/cabinet stand
8. Grizzly 2-HP 220 volt dust collector with remote control (model G1024)
9. Grizzly 6" x 80" floor model edge sander (Model G1140)
10. Makita 12" Carbide blade (part # 721473-A)
11. Makita 12" sliding Compound saw (model LS1212)
12. Porter Cable plate joiner with biscuits (model 555)

Member Marketplace

This page is a for-sale and want-to-buy marketplace for WOW members. This should not be a for-profit page with business intent, but should serve as a way for members to sell unwanted tools, etc., or to solicit items you may be interested in buying.

You may post for-sale or want-to-buy items by sending an email to WesternOhioWoodworkers@gmail.com. Photos always help!

Note: once your item sells, you've purchased an item, or you're no longer interested, please send a follow-up email so this list can be kept up-to-date.

FOR SALE-Dennis Thomas has a 220 volt single phase 16" planer for sale. The price is negotiable.

Contact Dennis Thomas by email or phone if interested.

Dennis Thomas email: sparky44256@gmail.com.

Dennis Thomas phone: 937/524-1566

NEWSLETTER EDITOR BOB PRICER

The deadline for the newsletter is the 20th of the odd numbered months. Forwarding a Microsoft Word file or a text file is the best way. Please put WOW in the subject line so I don't delete it. Notice we have been adding pictures to some things so if your input would be enhanced send a picture as well.

E-mail: bobpricer123@gmail.com

CLASSIFIED ADS From WOW Members

Want to sell or buy or something? Why not put it in the newsletter. Just send a note or call.

Bob Pricer:

Phone: 937-823-3197 E-mail: bobpricer123@gmail.com

WOW WEBSITE

Don't forget to visit the club's website to view all the information found there. The web address of the site is westernohiowoodworkers.com.

To view a short video of the features of the website, please click here: <https://vimeo.com/579143428>

If you have any suggestions for the website, please forward them to Russ Frye (rfrye1@gmail.com)

WOW Facebook Page

WOW is now on Facebook!! Just go to www.facebook.com/westernohiowoodworkers to access our new business page. Be sure to click the 'Follow' button at the top to receive our regular updates. Feel free to react to and comment on our posts. If you have anything you'd like posted on the page, contact Dennis Sullivan at denmsul@gmail.com.

FELLOWSHIP TOM LENSCH

Please keep me informed if you know of any WOW member or their spouse that is ill, hospitalized or has passed away. Thank you! Tom Lensch,
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