



Wood Chips Newsletter

News from and about the Arizona Association of Fine Woodworkers

Mark Your Calendar

September General Meeting

7:00 pm Wed. Sept. 21

Timber Woodworking

935 E. Southern Mesa

Demo Marco Cecala--Inlay

Show & Tell

Board Meeting

6:00 pm Wed. Oct. 5

Contempo Rec Center

2509 W. Southern Ave Tempe

October General Meeting

7:00 pm Wed. Oct. 19

Rockler

4626 E. Thunderbird Phoenix

UPCOMING EVENTS

Christmas Party Wed. Dec. 7 6PM

Contempo Rec Center

Garrett Hack

Seminar Dec. 3 & 4th

Workshop Dec. 5-7th

Excellence in Woodworking

Feb. 18 & 19, 2012

Dear Members:

Well we are almost done with the hot weather; many of us will become busy in our shops and begin making all sorts of cool things. This should also provide time to get our toy/gift program in full swing. Christmas is not that far away so let's build those toys and gifts. By the way if any member has or knows of a favorite charity to donate too please contact Ralph Gumbert (rlgbuddq@q.com) or Jim Altman (americanheritagerest@cableone.net).

- At the September meeting we will begin our fall activities. There will be announcements for year end events and the next president's challenge.
- We will form the nominating committee for elections, remember nominations are due by the October meeting and elections will take place in November. It is important that this meeting be well attended; the election of officers and Board members will chart the direction of the Association for the next year. Let your voice be heard.
- The September demo will be provided by our own Marco Cecala. Marco will be demonstrating Inlay techniques using: wood, stone, metal and shell. This is a "don't miss demo"
- The call for exhibits for the State Fair ended Sept 14th; exhibits are due next week good luck and congratulations to all who enter exhibits.
- Thanks to all who volunteered to help with the State Fair display repair, please see Joe Hersey for more info.
- Preparations for the Garrett Hack event are in full swing we will have a two day seminar Dec. 3rd and 4th and a 3 day hands on workshop Dec 5th -7th. This is on a first come first served basis and is about half full. Flyers will go out so I expect this to fill up quickly.
- Do not forget that our annual Christmas party will be held on Dec 7th, save the date. Also this takes place of the general meeting and will start at 6:00PM.
- It is not too early to begin your preparations for exhibiting at the next Excellence in Woodworking show in February, Joe Hersey and David Bley are putting together an exciting program, and they will need additional help so see them to sign up. Your participation can be two-fold, exhibit and volunteer to be on the committee. I would like to acknowledge all the hard work and long hours that Joe and David have spent on this important project.

Happy Woodworking

Raul Ramirez, President

President

For additional information about the club or on becoming a member visit our website at:

www.azfinewoodworkers.org

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Woodworking Tips

A Flat-Out Simple Solution for True Blue Glue-Ups by Jon Hutchinson

When my wife announced recently that she wanted a new coffee table, I began thinking about the best way to glue up a really flat panel for the top. This can be a harrowing experience. Positioning clamps under and over the boards simultaneously while trying to tighten them before the glue begins to set... well, it just makes your heart pump! I've read many solutions for this, and even tried a few. It seems, though, that I always end up running a hand plane across the surface of my panels, then a belt sander and finally a random orbit sander, just to get the surface flat. Then, of course, I have to flip the panel and go through the same procedure on the other side. In the end, I get a great workout – and a nice panel that's always a bit thinner than planned.

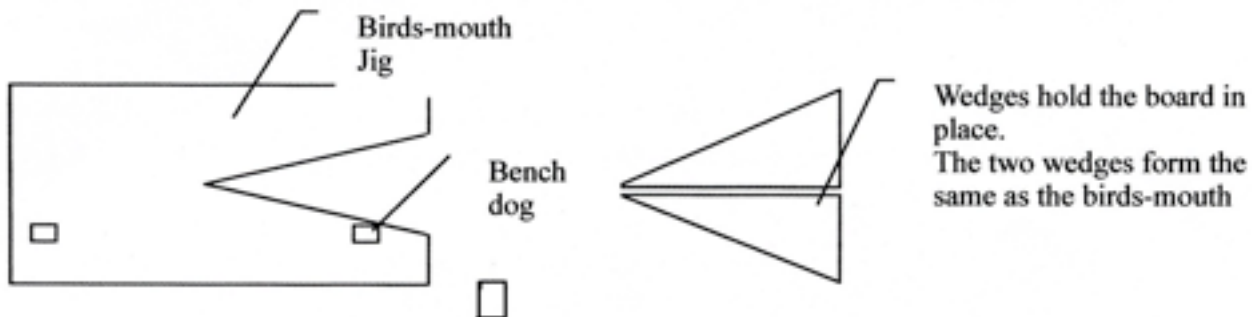
So, I went through my collection of woodworking magazines, searching for the one method that might deliver reliable results – a panel that is flat enough not to require a whole lot of sanding and planing.

I use 3/4" pipe clamps in the shop. They're not exceptionally stable when sitting on a bench, tending to slide around and tip over. And they're never all the same height, because I've collected them over the years so they represent several manufacturers and models. I decided to build a jig that would cradle the pipe clamps, holding them steady and keeping them all in the same horizontal plane. The jig would allow access under and over the panel, so I can use cauls (more on these later). The final result resembles a ladder and has very few major parts: a couple of 1x6 cradles to hold the pipe clamps and provide equal distance between them, and five 2x4 braces to hold the cradles on edge. Under the braces, I added some 2x4 risers, to separate the jig from my workbench, and some spacers to help line up the clamps. The 3/4" pipes, rather than the clamp heads or tails, are the only things that touch the jig, so now my clamps are always in the same horizontal plane.

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Edge planing long boards:

When the need to edge plane a long board it can be difficult by just securing the board with your front bench vice. The back end of the board is unsupported. The method I like to use is simple and the entire board is supported on the bench top.



In use simply place jig on the bench and tap in the bench dogs to hold in place. Place board to be edge planed in the birds-mouth and secure with the wedges and plane away.

August Meeting Woodcraft



Our Members



President Raul

August Demo with Jim Altman



Presidents Challenge



Steve Christensen
First Place



Jill Walterbach
Second Place



Michael Valabek
Third Place

Get Well Soon

Sorry to hear Ralph Gumbert fell on August 22nd and broke his hip. We all wish Ralph a speedy and complete recovery.

Your club needs you. Volunteer to be an officer, join a committee, help with a project, show us all what you do, put on a demo. We need you to make toys and gifts all year long. The newsletter needs articles. Ask not what your club can do for you but what you can do for your club.

Volunteer

Arizona Association of Fine Woodworkers invites anyone interested in woodworking to become a member, regardless of age, experience, or skill level. Guests are welcome to attend a General Meeting without charge or obligation.

Annual membership fees are \$25 for one person and \$30 for a family. There is a one-time enrollment fee of \$5 that must be included with your first-year dues.

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Date: _____

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