

Hello! I hope everyone enjoyed their long weekend, and that you got the perverbial May 24 garden planting done, grass cut, patio furniture cleaned and put out .... Well at least you now know what I did this weekend ☺

My request last week about the wig stands produced a few members to come forward with wig stands they have already made, as well as coming to pickup the wood for more wig stands!! This is a fantastic project for everyone to become involved in. Please think about participating, if you need wood reach out to us; if you have your own wood, I'm sure you can make an amazing wig stand from it! Maybe I should have a firewood challenge – pull a piece or two of wood from your fire pile! Ivan hates it when I won't burn a piece because I am sure it will make something special.

Mark has once again sent a link to a book which contains a lot of small projects of interest to beginners and possibly also useful for a future WGO Skills Night. This book is free and in the public domain.

<https://archive.org/download/handicraft-for-woodcraft/Art%20and%20education%20in%20wood-turning%3B.pdf>

Speaking of skills nights .... This Thursday is our Zooming Skills with Richard Pikul talking about wood lathe maintenance. I am sure many of you don't do regular maintenace on a lot of your woodshop tools and equipment. Here is your chance to see the good, the bad and the ugly of what could potentially go wrong when proper maintenance is not performed. Attached in this email is a handout by Richard, please read and submit questions, or wait until Thursday and we can discuss during the meeting.

I have yet another Instructables info page that I thought might be of interest. I believe we have a couple of members in our club that may still have the infamous Shopsmith. This cool tool is a table saw, drill press, disc sander, lathe, and horizontal borer all in one. In this little article, a gentleman refurbishes one. Hope you find it as interesting as I did:

[https://www.instructables.com/Refurbish-an-Old-Shopsmith-Mark-V/?utm\\_source=newsletter&utm\\_medium=email](https://www.instructables.com/Refurbish-an-Old-Shopsmith-Mark-V/?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email)

Personally I find it fascinating how people are refurbishing older tools. Yes, there is something about getting a new tool, and if you are lucky enough to have the big bucks, you can purchase a well made, substantial piece of equipment for your shop.

But, there are those, like me, who love the old heavy, cast pieces that, in themselves, are a piece of art! Here is an article from the Canadian Woodworker magazine that his very helpful.

<https://www.canadianwoodworking.com/tipstechniques/buying-and-restoring-used-machines>

The drill press in the centre of the page is my exact General Drill Press – bought at an auction for only \$120 – and she's a beauty!

See you Thursday!



“So far, he's made two things – sawdust and noise.”