

Nuusbrief van die Houtwerkvereniging van Pretoria



Tambotie

Newsletter of the Woodworking Association of Pretoria

Kletskolom / Chatbox

Die nuwe eeu lê om die draai en loer vir ons. Nou wonder ek maar net of ons houtwerkmasjiene ook geprogrammeer is om op te hou werk in die jaar 2000 soos wat dit blykbaar die geval met rekenaars gaan wees?

Ek vertrou dat almal van julle 'n mooi en rustige Kerstyd beleef het en dat die wat met vakansie was veilig terug is, batterye gelaai, gereed en lus om die projekte aan te pak wat gedurende die vakansietyd uitgedink is. Vir diegene, soos ek, wat so baie projekte op die tekenbord het en nie naastenby weet waarmee om te begin nie, is my raad: pak jou werkskamer reg, maak skoon en maak skerp wat skerp gemaak moet word. Skryf daarna elke projek op 'n stukkie papier, gooi dit in 'n houër en trek een om mee te begin. As jy nie van die een hou wat jy eerste trek nie, sit dit eenkant en trek weer een. Hou so aan totdat jy die een trek waarmee jy wil begin. Moet net nie dat vrouliëf trek nie want dan verloor jy al jou buigsamheid.



I spent the festive season at home without doing much woodworking. I did, however, follow my own suggestion and turned a few X-mass presents that, surprisingly, went down very well with the recipients. I'll have to do it again next X-mass. My sister-in-law and her husband were on visit from Dar-es-Salaam and she was telling me that there is a thriving 'woodworking' business in Dar catering for the locals. For some reason or other they only make wardrobes and cabinets that are one meter tall. This poses a problem for the ladies who have no place to hang their dresses. The exterior is usually well finished and sometimes carved but inside they don't even go to the trouble of planing out the rough saw marks. Coconut-oil and good old Cobra are used as finishes. Maybe this is 'arts-and-crafts-a-la- Afrique'.

I wish you all a wonderful and productive 1999.

Vlaai

JAARPROGRAM 1999

Die komitee is in die proses om die program vir hierdie jaar te finaliseer. Lede is welkom om enige voorstelle in die verband met die voorsitter te bespreek tydens ons eerskomende

byeenkoms. Dit geld ook vir die draai sub-groep wat elke tweede Dinsdagaand van die maand vergader.

Die programme sal in die Februarie uitgawe van *Tambotie* publiseer word.

DIE VOORSITTER SPRAG

DIE JAAR 1999

Ons staan aan die begin van 'n lekker en opwindende jaar met baie uitdagings aan elke houtwerker. Alhoewel ons somtyds negatief voel oor dinge wat in die land gebeur, is dit insiggewend om te sien dat hierdie gevoel selfs in Amerika teenwoordig is. Ek wil graag die volgende aanhaal uit Tim Snyder se hoofartikel in "American Woodworker" uitgawe van Desember 1998.

"If you're bracing for commentary on politics, morality, or investment strategy, don't worry. There are plenty of other places you can go for these opinions. I do have one thing to say, however: It's great to be a woodworker.

Political issues, stock market performance, and legal maneuvering, are marvelously far away when you step into your workshop and get immersed in a project. And when woodworkers get together, we don't indulge in fuzzy definitions or hide behind technicalities. We like straight talk. There is no mistaking the feel of a sharp edge or the look of a tight joint. Sure, we like to debate on sharpening techniques, tool reviews, furniture styles and other subjects. But we're united in our pursuit of good work and improved skills. In fact, our interaction with each other almost always brings about this positive result. We've got common ground that's solid, honest, and open to anyone who loves to work with wood."

In die begin van 1999 wil ek my verder vereenselwig met die misie van "American Woodworker" naamlik dat ons as 'n Vereniging moet bou aan 'n gemeenskap van houtwerk entoesiaste. Dit kan ons doen deur ons gesellige maandelikse byeenkomste interessant en stimulerend te hou, meer van mekaar te leer en ook ander deskundiges te betrek.

Met hierdie paar woorde wens ek dat 1999 die beste houtwerkjaar sal wees wat u mag ervaar en dat al daardie verborge projekte gestalte sal kry.

Nuwejaars groete,

Chris Serfontein.

INTERNET

[Harvested from Good Woodworking]



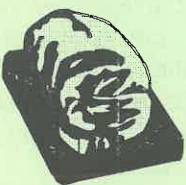
Wood Cutting Boards

Food microbiologists at the University of Wisconsin's Food Research Institute found that, in some unknown way, wooden cutting boards kill bacteria that normally survive on plastic boards. In their experiments

they found that 99.9% of the bacteria on the wooden boards had died after three minutes and no samples could be recovered, yet the bacteria on the plastic had flourished.

I know what your question is. It wasn't a special wood, they contaminated seven different wood species and the results where the same.

HOORAH FOR WOOD!



The prices of woodworking magazines have increased horrendously. This is going to affect the contents of this column. From now on "magazine browsing" will be my recourse.

GOOD WOODWORKING : ISSUE 74

Price: R45,25

- Nice hall table.
- Marquetry inlaying.
- Turning beads.
- Router test.

FINE WOODWORKING : NO 133 DEC 98

Price: R81,00

- ♦ Krenov discusses grain.
- ♦ Three bookcases to make in a day, a weekend or a week.
- ♦ Tablesaw fences.

THE WOODWORKER: ISSUE 11

Price: R46,75

- Modified fence for ripping with radial arm saw that works.
- Hints on converting your own timber.
- Niall Ashmore discusses the importance of accurate measuring and marking.

PRACTICAL WOODWORKING: NO 11

Price: R46,25

- ♦ Shaker table.
- ♦ Part 1 on using the router.
- ♦ A nice bookcase in pine.
- ♦ For the turners: an interesting plant container.
- ♦ Good article by Jim Kingshott on machine planing.

NOTICES

NEXT MEETING

Our first meeting for 1999 will take place **Wednesday 27 Jan** at **GELMAR** in Silverton. From the main street in Silverton turn into Dykor ave. Follow this to the 4-way stop just before the overhead railbridge. Turn right and immediately right again into the little shopping centre.

There will be an introductory talk and dem on relief carving for cabinetmakers by a lady who trained in Europe. This will be followed by a discussion of European hardware fixtures and various others by GELMAR.

See you there.

JAAREINDFUNKSIE '98

Ek glo dat die wat daar was met my sal saamstem dat dit 'n baie aangename en ontspannende aand was. Ons het lekker gesels, baie geëet en so 'n bietjie van die wingerdvoggies geniet. Natuurlik het die rustigheid en plaas-atmosfeer baie bygedra tot die algemene gevoel van genoegdoening

Baie dankie aan die manne wat die reëlings getref het en aan Okkie en Elaine vir die beskikbaarstelling van hulle pragtige perseel.

FOR SALE

The **Woodcraftsman Association of Durban** are in the process of having a number of moisture-meter- kits made up in Pietrmaritzburg. They have tested a model and are satisfied with the results. Our committee have placed an order with them for 20 kits and these could be available sometime next month. The estimated price should be under R50.00.

Interested members can contact Chris at our next meeting.

NUWE LID

So aan die begin van die nuwejaar wil ons vir **Nico Pieterse** van Birchleigh baie welkom heet by die Vereniging. Nico is 'n administratiewe bestuurder en hou hom besig met restourasiewerk. Sy huis telefoonno is 011-9721366

FOR YOUR
DIARY



NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS

Notice is hereby given in terms of the constitution of the **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** of the **Pretoria Woodworking Association** to be held at **18h15 on 24 February 1999** at the premises of **BUCHELS**, Vermeulen Street entrance.

Agenda

1. Welcoming
2. Confirming quorum
3. Finalizing of Agenda
4. Previous minutes
5. Matters arising
6. Treasurers report
7. Chairman's report
8. Election of new Committee
9. General

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KENNISGEWING AAN ALLE LEDE

Kennis word hiermee in terme van die grondwet gegee van die **ALGEMENE JAARVERGADERING** van die **Houtwerkvereniging van Pretoria** wat om **18h15 op 24 Februarie 1999** gehou sal word by **BUCHELS**, Vermeulenstraat ingang.

Sakelys

1. Verwelkoming
2. Bevestiging van kworum
3. Vaststelling van Sakelys
4. Vorige notule
5. Punte voortspruitend
6. Tesouriersverslag
7. Voorsittersverslag
8. Verkiesing van nuwe Bestuurskomitee
9. Algemeen