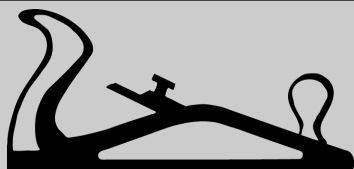


Siskiyou Woodcraft Guild



SHOP CHATS

Shop-Chats are our method of getting together during the year to see what other members are doing and how they go about it. Exploring other shops can often reveal ways to improve one's own shop. We try to find new locations and/or new members to have us over for a visit so that we have 'fresh' shops to tour. We hope to 'explore' your work, hear tool opinions, and tips for getting 'it' done right. Sharing snacks and stories allows us to learn more about our skilled members.



Sue peaks over Mark Parker's beautiful bubinga Greene & Greene style display cabinet at the 2019 Thanksgiving Weekend show. The show is a lot of work and we appreciate all the family and friends who volunteer their time to help out! (And their patience as their significant other suggests the need for another woodworking tool!)

Message from the President

Hello Wood Mechanics,

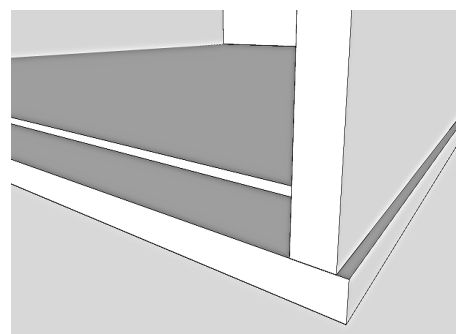
So there I was at Beavertooth Oak in Medford buying pre-finished maple plywood for case-work. The fork-lift operator says to me something like: "I sure got to be so gentle moving this material as it's so slippery and the whole load could easily slide off...". Well, that got me thinking (one of those rare moments) about my drawer design. I have limited experience with drawer guides. Most drawers that I've built fit on a shelf or side rails. The few guides I've used years ago are the center rail style - one purchased (the T shaped version with plastic plate) and another one shop made (think of a sliding dovetail type rail and wooden plate). While I admire the modern, soft-closing and smooth rolling systems, I have yet to use them. Now, I was buying some really slippery stuff. Hmmmm, what-to-do? Here is what I decided to try and, no, I did not google this!

First, with the $\frac{3}{4}$ " maple plywood, I built the cabinet that has 3 cavities, about 11" tall x 28" wide x 36" deep. Each cavity houses a drawer. Remember that just the fronts and trim are seen when everything is closed up.

Then I cut three drawer bottoms from $\frac{1}{2}$ " pre-finished maple plywood, so the bottom side edges are snug to the cavity walls but with enough gap to fit a $\frac{3}{4}$ " walnut drawer front. If necessary, I hand planed each bottom to custom fit into their cavities (labeling each to it's location).

Next, I cut $\frac{1}{8}$ " deep rabbets along the top edges of each drawer bottom to accept the $\frac{3}{4}$ " plywood front and back as well as the $\frac{1}{2}$ " sides.

However, note that the rabbets for the drawer sides are actually cut $\frac{5}{8}$ " wide. While the drawer bottoms fit snug against the cavity walls, the drawer sides will have an $\frac{1}{8}$ " gap. The sketch below shows one corner with the side installed but without the front. The front and back will be flush with the bottom.



Finally, the beautiful walnut faces are attached to the fronts.



What I built are stable drawers with pre-finished surfaces, a snug fitting and slippery bottom, tidy screw positions along the side corners, and counter-sunk screws up from the bottom into the verticals. There was no lost space or extra cost for hardware. I did round over the top

edges and put finish on the visible plywood raw edges. I found this to be a sturdy, slippery, light, bright, and big box that seemed fairly 'simple' to produce. Do not try this for yourself as I can not guarantee that it will work for everyone!

Why am I going into all this technical detail? To test my writing skills or your level of comprehension and visualization? NOT! I wish to give a small example of the kinds of (crazy) design challenges we are often faced with while doing custom work and to demonstrate that there can be many ways to build similar products. Also, I am admitting to using screws in my work! - something which people have 'heard' is not allowed in the SWG, especially by it's president. I hope this doesn't disappoint anyone as it is only a response to finding good ways to work efficiently and effectively. Every project has it's own parameters and priorities, and we woodworkers try our best to accomplish work that balances all the details and costs into a quality product. May we create in 2020 many wonderful and inventive parts and pieces that go together to make special items for our clients, family, and friends.



Stay sharp & work safely, **-Tom**

Winter 2020 Activity Schedule

2/1: Sat. 10:00-noon.

Annual General Meeting:

At the AHS shop (on the Eastern corner of Siskiyou Blvd. and Morse St.) in Ashland. This is our biggest gathering of members during the year. We hope to have a full room and let people introduce themselves, assisting us in 'putting a face' to the many names on our SWG list. The coming year's activities will be presented and planned for. Election of the Officers and Steering Committee will be held. Seating, coffee, and muffins will be available. Bring your checkbook or \$30 to get your 2018 membership card at the early pay price.

After Feb. 29 the dues is \$35. Dues can be sent anytime to the guild's address at:

Siskiyou Woodcraft Guild
60 Fifth St, Ashland, OR 97520

2/18: Tues. starting at 5pm.

Insight Into Woodworking Teachers Meeting and Dinner at Brent's home.

3/7: Sat. starting at 10:00am **Insight Into Woodworking Classes** location TBA. Contact David Stan for more info or check our web-site in Feb. to see the full schedule.

??? ShopChats: These simple tours allow members to connect and learn about some new projects, methods and tools. We are looking to have 'new' places to gather at so don't be shy. There will be a sign up sheet at the AGM (see above) to help develop our visit schedule for the year. Or you can contact me to set up a date for your 'chat'. We can even do a short notice e-invite any-time for a 'flash-chat' if you have some work in progress or completed that you'd like to share with SWGers. Final TBA dates and places will be announced by e-mail and listed in our website.



By the way, if you ever forget the schedule for our various meetings, Jeff has included a month-by-month event calendar on our website. Go to the Event section, then click on Calendar!



OUR MISSION

The Siskiyou Woodcraft Guild is a regional association of woodworkers encouraging a wide range of skills, knowledge, and interests. Our mission is to offer fellowship by providing networking among our members. We value the principles and practices of fine woodworking by encouraging technical discussion and development. We promote an appreciation of quality workmanship to the general public by providing access to our products, experience, and design expertise through shows, classes, and other events.

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