

# WOODWORKS GAZETTE

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## From The Bench

Dovetail. This is not the back side of the little brown bird, but a term used in furniture construction. The dovetail joint is most commonly used in drawer and box construction. The joint consists of two parts: a pin board and a tail board. The pin and tail are cut in a trapezoidal shape and then interlocked with glue to make one very strong joint. This type of joinery dates back to the first dynasty of ancient Egypt. The proof is in the tombs, since there were some coffins to be made! Such labor-intensive box construction was usually reserved for the final resting places of the very wealthy. As time moved on, craftsmen of the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> century were judged on their ability to make a strong yet attractive dovetail joint. Continued practice would determine how successful they would be. In today's world, we have routers and jigs to make a very nice dovetail joint. However, there is nothing finer than a good hand cut dovetail. Consumers continue to view the dovetail as an indicator of high caliber fine furniture.

-Troy

### IN THE NEWS:

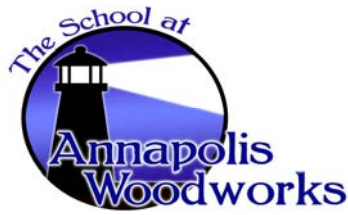
Glen-Drake Toolworks has come out with an interesting new tool: a double handled dovetail saw. The Wild West Joinery saw is \$190 and sounds like it could be a heck of a deal for somebody. Two handles improves the balance and attitude of the saw, making it easier to maintain vertical when starting and during a cut. This old dog is staying with the traditional, three-fingered pistol grip dovetail saw. I've been using the old style for many years and it works just fine for me.



### Current Project Update:



Handcut Dovetail Box. This class was offered Feb 2 and was well received. We will offer it again in the near future.



## Class Recap



We are Turning (pun intended) this year into a great one. The Basic Woodturning Class on Jan 26, was one of our first of the year. It was very exciting as we had several turnings try to dismount the lathe. All in all, the students persevered and the blocks of wood evolved into quite nice looking bowls. Pictured from left to right: Troy, Herb Harris, Doug Thompson, Gary Baskinski, John Officer, Chris Spalding & John O'Rourke.

## IN APPRECIATION

The School at Annapolis Woodworks would like to thank the Annapolis Home Depot off of Defense Highway for their generous donation of drywall for the shop. The manager there was extremely helpful in helping us acquire the drywall.

We would also like to thank Peggy & Bobby Beall for donating the cabinets for the shop kitchen. We are fully equipped (aside from the dishwasher...) so students can bring & heat their lunch or order from the Davidsonville General Store's yummy deli menu.

### Upcoming Class

Sharpening Class on March 6, 2008 6:30pm – 9:30pm \$70

This class is designed to help woodworkers understand the principles of sharpening. With newfound skills, students will be able to sharpen anything. This class requires tools...dull ones that are ready to be sharpened. Sharpening may include turning chisels, bench, mortise, paring chisels, any shape or size carving chisels, plane irons, chain saw blades and hand saws (cross cut or rip).

## CLASS SCHEDULE

COURSE	TUITION	DATE/TIME
Intermediate Woodturning	\$135	February 23 8:30a – 5:30p
Sharpening	\$70	March 6 6:30p – 9:30p
Kitchen Nook Table	\$660 + materials	March 10-15 8:30a – 5:30p
Bowback Chair	\$700	March 17-21 8:30a-5:00p
Pen Turning	\$75	April 10 6:30p - 9:30p
Basic Woodturning	\$135	April 13 8:30a - 5:00p
Routers 101	\$120	April 26 8:30a - 5:00p
Steambending	\$80	May 8 6:30p - 9:30p
Shaker Nightstand	\$600 + materials	May 12-16 8:30a - 5:00p
Intermediate Woodturning*	\$135	May 31 8:30a - 5:00p
Sharpening	\$70	June 5 6:30p - 9:30p
Classic Shell Carving	\$150	June 15 8:30a - 5:00p
Shaker Rocker	\$750	June 26-29 8:30a - 5:00p
Pen Turning	\$75	July 10 6:30p - 9:30p
Basic Woodturning	\$135	July 19 8:30a - 5:00p
Hand Plane Clinic	\$750	July 21-25 8:30a - 5:00p
Hollow Form Turning*	\$135	August 9 8:30a - 5:00p
Bandsaws 101	\$120	August 23 8:30a - 5:00p
Intermediate Woodturning*	\$135	August 30 8:30a - 5:00p
Sharpening	\$70	September 4 6:30p - 9:30p
Cabriole Leg w/Ball & Claw	\$250	September 13-14 8:30a - 5:00p
Square Bowl Turning*	\$130	September 21 8:30a - 5:00p
Shaker Stool	\$250	October 4-5 8:30a - 5:00p
Basic Woodturning	\$135	October 18 8:30a - 5:00p
Blanket Chest	\$500 + materials	October 21-24 8:30a - 5:00p
Spindle Turning	\$500	November 6-9 8:30a - 5:00p
Comb Back Windsor Chair	\$800	November 10-14 8:30a-5:00p
Intermediate Woodturning*	\$135	November 22 8:30a - 5:00p
Sharpening	\$70	December 4 6:30p - 9:30p
Pie Crust Tray	\$260	December 6-7 8:30a - 5:00p
Bookcase	\$650 + materials	December 8-12 8:30a - 5:00p
Turned Christmas Ornaments*	\$130	December 14 8:30a - 5:00p
Turned Christmas Ornaments*	\$130	December 20 8:30a - 5:00p



## BUY/SELL/TRADE

Leigh Dovetail Jig (DR24) Brand new, still in box with assorted bits/bushings. Call Robert 410-353-9418

Used Bandsaw (Meat saw...can be converted to great wood saw) \$600 call Skip 410-827-9425

Several Used Professional Grade Items for Sale including: Mortiser \$700, Radial Arm Saw \$1400, Table saw \$1200, Band Saw \$1500 contact Syl Schieber at [Syl.Schieber@WatsonWyatt.com](mailto:Syl.Schieber@WatsonWyatt.com)

Router Table, made by Magna Industrial Tool Co. \$100 call Troy 301-261-4484

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