



# Crosscut

Newsletter of the Witwatersrand Woodworkers' Association  
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◀ Candleholders by Chris Becksvoort – see  
<http://chbecksvoort.com/lighting.html>

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**Next General Club Meeting on Wednesday, the 13<sup>th</sup> August 2014** from 18h00 at WWA clubhouse at the Living Link Hall. Kai Hallerman will be speaking on Dimar router bits.

**Next Turner's monthly meeting is on Monday, the 4<sup>th</sup> August 2014** at 18h00 at the WWA clubhouse at the Living Link Hall. Toy turning demo held over from July by Steven Barrett. Wood of the month – Matumi.

**Demo by Chris Pouncy** from Robert Sorby (UK) on **Tuesday, the 5<sup>th</sup> of August at Hardware Centre** 17h30 for 18h00 start. If you plan to attend, you must RSVP to Joe at 011-791 0844 for catering

## News

**July 2014 Turner's Meeting** – Due to the unavailability of a key to an interior door that is not normally locked, the meeting hall was not available for the turner's meeting. The demo scheduled for July will be held at the August meeting.

**July 2014 Meeting – Maglock workholding.** Stephen from Tork Craft demonstrated the Magswitch work holding range of products.



## **Club Notices**

**Membership cards.** Please collect your 2014/2015 membership cards from Graham at future meetings. (Provided you have renewed your subscription, of course.) The design of the card has been changed to include the validity date and your first name is in a large type, so you can use it as a name tag as well.

**Hobby\_X Midrand** is at Gallagher Estate, Midrand from Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2014. 10h00 to 18h00 weekdays, 09h00 to 18h00 Saturday, 09h00 to 17h00 Sunday, Entrance is R50 and R20 for children. Visit [www.hobby-x.co.za](http://www.hobby-x.co.za) – the WWA does not usually take part in this show – once a year is enough!



## **Regular Events:**

**Toymakers.** The toymakers meet on the first and third Mondays of every month, at 09h00 till 12h00 at the new clubhouse. Contact Eddie Marchio on 011-678-8062 or [rm22 AT mweb.co.za](mailto:rm22 AT mweb.co.za) for more information.

**Wednesday Workshop.** The Wednesday evening workshops are on the first and third Wednesdays of every month at the new clubhouse, from 18h00 till 20h00. Contact Grant Mackay on 082-391-9769 or [mackay.grant AT gmail.com](mailto:mackay.grant AT gmail.com) or [gmackay AT worldonline.co.za](http://gmackay AT worldonline.co.za) for more information.

**Saturday Workshop.** Ken Bullivant holds a Saturday workshop at his house in Boksburg. The location is 13 Franklin Avenue, Comet, Boksburg on the first Saturday of the month from 09:00 to 12:00. They decide on an annual project and work throughout the year making it. Individual projects are discussed and problems solved. Ken also offers private lessons too. Contact Ken on 082 809 0020 if you wish to take part.

**Saturday Turning workshop.** Schalk van Niekerk conducts Saturday morning turning workshops at his premises in Germiston. (At the old East-African Timbers premises) Membership is R400- per year, R30- per meeting. He can accommodate up to 12

people in a session with the lathes he has available for teaching, which include 5 Records, 5 mini-lathes (3 Woodsters, 1 Adendorf and 1 Jet), a VB30 and a Union Graduate They meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays of the month from 8h00 to 12h00. Contact Schalk on 082 443 4972 or [schalk@onegoodturn.co.za](mailto:schalk@onegoodturn.co.za) or Johan Kramer on 083 251 0183 See [www.onegoodturn.co.za](http://www.onegoodturn.co.za) for examples of Schalk's work.

## Shaker furniture from Chris Becksvoort

Those who read Fine Woodworking magazine will be familiar with the work of Chris Becksvoort who specialises in Shaker reproductions made mostly in Cherry. Most of the joinery is done using hand tools to create accurate reproductions of Shaker furniture. Chris also teaches so his work is readily accessible to people who wish to pursue handmade furniture techniques. Close to 60 articles by him have appeared in FWW from 1987 onwards, so he has made a name for himself, and his work is very much in demand. A look at the pictures of his work reproduced below and the prices he charges suggests that it is possible to make a living making fine furniture.



The descriptions accompanying the pictures are from his web site.

### Shaker Hanging Cabinet (18H x 14W x 6 1/2D)

This diminutive Shaker cabinet originally, in pine, had a one board door. I think it looks much better with a frame and panel door. The interior has two removable shelves. Can be wall hung or placed on a shelf or sideboard. For jewelry, spices, letters or small treasures. also available in pine.

\$950. in cherry  
\$925 in pine



### Stool (31 H x 17 W x 15 D)

A comfortable stool available in 25, 27 or 31 inch heights. Can be used straight on or sideways. Leather and foam seat, cherry base. \$750.

Chris lives in Maine close to the Sabbathday Lake Shaker village which he contributes to and is no doubt a source of inspiration his designs. Most of his work is in locally grown Black Cherry which is carefully selected for grain orientation and appearance.

(See <http://chbecksvoort.com/> for more.)

### Small Wall Cabinet

22H x 10W x 8D

My smallest wall cabinet. For the bedroom, bath, living room or office. Has one drawer and one adjustable shelf. With carved door panel or antique glass, for use as a display cabinet. Mounts to a single wall stud. \$2,100.



### Low Book Case

36H x 72W x 13D

A functional, yet extremely attractive book case, with exposed hand-cut dovetails and a six-panel back. For the library, office or living room, not only a book case but also a sideboard.

With no drawers and 6 adjustable shelves, \$4,200.

With one drawer (shown) and 5 adjustable shelves, \$4,500.

With two drawers and four adjustable shelves, \$4,800.

With three drawers and three adjustable shelves, \$5,100.

### Round Stand

25H x 18W x 18D

the classic Shaker candle stand. This one is patterned after a tripod stand designed ca. 1850 in either Hancock, MA, or Mt. Lebanon, NY. It is light, graceful and functional, the epitome of good design.

\$1,500.



### Haystack Chairs

Side chair (32 H x 20 W x 20 D)

Arm chair (32 H x 23 W x 20 D)

This design was inspired by one of my first visits to Haystack on Deer Isle, ME. The prototype sat in the attic for almost 10 years, and has finally become a reality. The contoured seat is cushioned and covered with black leather, while the back and frame are cherry. Danish? Perhaps. Comfortable?

Beyond a doubt!

Side chair \$825.

Arm chair \$1,025.





### Shaker Wall Clocks

(34 x 11 x 4 1/2)

Originally built by Br. Isaac Newton Youngs of the Mt. Lebanon, NY community. The movements are hardened brass, weight driven, 8-day wind up, of the highest quality. Clocks can be hung from Shaker peg boards or can be stood on shelves. Available in either oiled black cherry or ebonized cherry with a satin varnish spray finish. Handsome either way.

\$3,750



**Router Table Top**  
Heavy duty MDF tabletop sizes: 810mm x 650mm x 35mm. 3/4" x 3/8" aluminium mitre gauge. Includes a set of 235mm x 305mm universal router table insert. 2 adjustable snap-out centre rings. Steel safety guide pin & 4 corner hex screw holes to table height

Clamping router table with solid wood hold back. 2 sliding MDF fences with aluminium T-track. Include dust collection housing with 2 1/2" port and a 4: to 2 1/2" reducer. The heavy duty stand has non-skid adjustable feet under each leg.

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