



Issue #10

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I know our subscribers live all over the world, but hope the February/March weather has been as good for each of you as it has been here in the Shenandoah Valley. A little concern about the daffodils, crocuses and day lilies poking up, but know that they are in Nature's hands.

The past few weeks have been hectic planning our calendar for this year. We've filled it with classes in the spring and fall and somewhere in there we've scheduled the filming of the PBS show. We are really excited about this opportunity. We'll keep you filled in as it progresses. We'll be shooting the pilot in the coming weeks and I guess we'll know more after that!

It took the better part of 4 weeks due to oil dry times but the Walnut Kitchen Counter Tops for Crystal's kitchen were installed this past Saturday. She was really overwhelmed with their beauty and is now anxious to finish a few details. We'll share some photos next week. MW Members will be seeing some of the install in this week's Mastering Woodworking show.

Progress continues to be made on the projects we're working on in the Mastering Woodworking show and we're thrilled at the number of you who have joined us over the past month. Our Premium Members are loving the new membership option on our website. Check out the details later in the newsletter so that you can catch up and don't miss any of the new stuff!

Sherrri

**ONLY A FEW SPOTS LEFT - CLASS REGISTRATIONS CLOSE MARCH 15TH
DON'T MISS OUT!**

Below is a reprint from last month but in case you missed it, please check it out as the registration deadline is approaching quickly, March 15th!

Learning Never Ends

...at least it shouldn't. Most of us think about education as being something very formal and should in the end, advance us toward some career or financial goal. But, what if you could learn about anything you wanted, just for the pleasure; like woodworking or furniture making!

Through the years, we have held many classes at our workshop and always learn something new from the woodworkers who join us, even if it is learning a better/easier way to teach.

How Do We Choose Our Class Offerings?

We listen to the woodworkers who email us and post on our Facebook page. Charles pays attention to many of the woodworking forums so that he gets a feel for where there are struggles and determines if he can be of help by offering classes.

We take a lot of time planning the projects that go with the classes we are offering, however, our classes are not designed to be just about 'the project' (just a perk that you create something to take home with you) but we plan skills to be taught and thought processes in the procedures to make you better at your woodworking hobby or profession. The project is a means of applying what you know with what you will learn in our classes.

We certainly wish that we could just invite everyone in and teach them everything they

want to know, but that isn't possible, however, if you are looking through the catalog and the cost of the class is what is stopping you, drop us and email, often times we can work out a payment plan. The most important thing is to get your spot in the class of your choice held for you as soon as possible.

Here are a few things to know about taking a class with Charles

- You WILL make life-long friends with other woodworkers as well as Charles
- You WILL learn something new!
- You WILL have a sense of accomplishment and purpose when in your workshop
- You WILL expand your hobby or professional skill
- You WILL make memories
- You WILL find your confidence
- You WILL NOT be sorry you took the class

Okay, enough about that, we are here to answer any questions you might have about the classes, just drop us an email at charles.cnw@msn.com or sherri.cnw@msn.com.

Here is the link to check out the catalog and information about how you can register.

[CLICK HERE TO VIEW CLASS CATALOG](#)

2017 Classes

Basic Furniture Making - April 10 - 14, 2017

Six Leg Huntboard/Sideboard - April 24-28, 2017

Finishing A to Z - May 4 - 6, 2017

Three Drawer Chest/Nightstand - May 15 - 19, 2017

12-Tin Pie Safe - June 5 - June 9, 2017

Boston Tea Table - June 19 - 23, 2017

Mackintosh High Back Chair - September 25 - 29, 2017

Finishing A to Z - October 5 - 7, 2017

Designing Boxes & Chests - October 19 - 21, 2017

We love hearing from you.....

Shortly after our newsletter went out in February we received the following from one of our subscribers. Please, don't keep things secret, share them with us and others.

Hello Sherri and Charles,

As I was reading your newsletter I saw you requested to know more about some of your readers.

Well here is my story and how Charles helped me start a second career.

I have been a hobby woodworker most of my life. To pay the bills and raise a family I worked as an electrical engineer starting in 1977. After so many years I started to burn out. Just tired of the corporate world and I needed to make a change. So here was my plan.

I started a part time woodworking business. The plan was I would build a small business and when I turn 62-1/2, I would retire from engineering and do woodworking to keep me busy and make a little cash.

As I laid out my plan the weak spot I had was finishing. I had been watching Charles on you tube since the early days. 2007 maybe was when I found Charles. Used to watch his videos at lunch. Loved his down home no nonsense style.

Any way I started my business and picked up a few small jobs that went well and made a little money. Then I attended one of your finishing classes. Four years ago maybe? I remember Charles telling us

that we are going to get a lot of info in a short time and most of it won't make sense till we get home and start building stuff. He was exactly right the more I did the more I understood what he told us.

I laugh every time I get ready to stain a large area like a table top. I always say just before I start to apply the stain. Just like Charles says "this is no time to be polite".....lol

Any way here is what happened.

I started my business part time 5 years ago, after 3 years doing it part time I became so busy that I quit my engineering job and the last two years have been woodworking full time.

I believe that my quality finish is getting me business. Remember if you can't finish you can't build.

What I am finding s people are tired of buying junk furniture. They want something built to last and willing to pay more for quality. But it must have a quality finish.

I believe Charles and attending his finishing class has had a direct impact on my success. Thanks Charles.

You can see some of my work on my website.

[Www.sebaldwoodworks.com](http://www.sebaldwoodworks.com).

I know you understand when I say I need to update and add more pictures to my website. But being I am everything from being the chief, cook and bottle washer it's hard at times to get everything done.

Jerry Sebald

APPRECIATION' DRAWING

With each issue publication we randomly draw three names from our newsletter subscribers and send them a great woodworking item, compliments of [Woodcraft](#) and Charles Neil Woodworking.

This month's winners are:

K. Einspahr., Chelan, WA

Timothy C., Crofton, MD

Michael H., Clinton Twshp, MI

Each winner will receive the following gifts:

K, you will receive a [Kreg Drawer Slide Jig](#)



Timothy, for you, we have a [1200 Lumen Area Light](#)



Our third winner, Michael, we will be sending you [Wixey Mini Digital Height Gauge](#)



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Upcoming Calendar

March 19-25 – Private Class

March 26 – April 8 – Private Class

April 10 – April 14 – Basic Furniture Making Class *(details in 2017 class catalog)*

April 24 – April 28 – Huntboard/Sideboard Class *(details in 2017 class catalog)*

May 4 – May 6 – Finishing A to Z Class *(details in 2017 class catalog)*

May 15 – May 19 – Three Drawer Chest/Nightstand Class *(details in 2017 class catalog)*

June 5 – June 9 – 12-Tin Pie Safe Class *(details in 2017 class catalog)*

June 19 – June 23 – Queen Anne Boston Tea Table Class *(details in 2017 class catalog)*

September 25 – September 29 – Mackintosh High Back Chair Class *(details in 2017 class catalog)*

October 5 – October 7 – Finishing A to Z Class *(details in 2017 class catalog)*

October 23 – October 27 – Designing & Making Boxes and Chests Class *(details in 2017 class catalog)*

FREE SHIPPING

Starting now, through midnight Thursday, March 9th, FREE SHIPPING on all US Domestic orders placed through our online store!

Use the coupon code "FREE2017" at checkout.

This is a special that is only available to our newsletter subscribers so if you don't use the coupon code, you won't get free shipping!

****If for some reason the code doesn't work for you, please email me at sherri.crw@msn.com. Never know when there is a bug lurking!*

Premium Membership

Win a 3.6 V Lithium Ion Cordless Screwdriver Kit!

Join as a Premium Member and be Entered in the March Drawing

While doing the revitalization of our membership sites, we are now offering a new membership level which offers:

- Access to *Mastering Woodworking with Charles Neil AND Finishing Online Class Videos*
- Exclusive Forum access for both sites
- Exclusive Email address to contact Charles
- 10% Discount on all products (except subscriptions) from our Online Store

Mastering Woodworking: Our weekly show is available via our website. There is a new webisode each Thursday (with the exception of those 5th Thursdays we have occasionally). Our goal is to increase your knowledge and build your skills in woodworking as well as give you the confidence to build anything you can imagine in your workshop. Occasionally we travel and take you with us to see interesting pieces in museums, talk to interesting people and sometimes, just have some fun.

Finishing On-Line Class: This collection of videos is simply Charles sharing his finishing knowledge and 'letting it rip', very straight forward. Those who have experienced his in-house finishing class will not only see what they learned but far beyond. Those who have not been able to attend, well, you will be getting the class and more. You can only put so much in a 3-day class, in a book or on a DVD. This format has allowed him to expand on every topic and add a lot of information you may not have seen before.

Your membership offers you complete access and the opportunity to study, learn and review at your own pace.

Multi-Month Membership

(Includes both MW & Finishing)

[Premium Annual...\\$16.00/mo. \(\\$192.00\)](#)

[Premium Semi-Annual ...\\$17.00/mo. \(\\$102\)](#)

[Premium Quarterly ...\\$18.00/mo. \(\\$54\)](#)

Monthly Recurring Billing

(Individual Site)

[Mastering Woodworking...\\$21.95](#)

[Finishing Online...\\$10.95](#)

**All Premium Members as of 3/15/2017
Will be Entered in a Drawing**



**Drawing will be Held March 16th!
Only Premium Members Are Eligible**

Current Subscribers:

You may changeover to the Premium Membership now to take advantage of the savings, even if you are pre-paid.

1. Choose the membership that best fits your needs.
2. Click the [Link Above](#).
3. Complete transaction.

Upon receipt of the new membership (this may be the next day) We will:

1. Credit any pre-payment of a previous subscription.
2. Cancel any previous subscription(s).
3. Note your account in our store as a Premium Member
4. Register you on both forums.

New Member:

1. Click on the Link Below
2. Choose the membership that best fits your needs.
3. Complete transaction.

Upon receipt of the new membership (this may be the next day) We will:

1. Note your account in our store as a Premium Member
2. Register you on both forums.