



## Brandon Wood Workers Newsletter



President Lloyd's Letter:

Greetings all,

I have a quick update for you. First one is the April 11th program.  
Fraser Smith--wood sculptures---Carved wooden quilts.

May 9th program will be the 2x4 contest. You still have time to buy your 2x4.  
The contest is open to all club members, and you can make more than one entry.

June 13th program will be the clock contest. I still have clocks. You can get one  
at April or May meeting.

July 11 program will be Jack Smith---Wood burning

Hope to see you all at April 11th meeting.

### **Minutes of the March Meeting:**

#### **Brandon Woodworkers March 14, 2006**

##### **Program:**

Archie Bowyer, a member of the Woodcrafters Club of Tampa, described his 50-years scroll sawing. He said he started with a coping saw as a youngster, making doll furniture for his younger sisters. He moved up to a jeweler's saw, which is similar to a coping saw but with finer teeth. For his first Christmas as a married man, his wife bought him a Sears scroll saw. He brought in a sleigh he made with it 55 years ago and also a more modern and sophisticated fret sleigh.

Archie said he still makes doll furniture, but now it is for his wife who collects dolls. He explained that dolls come in a myriad of sizes so he has to scale the furniture to the specific doll. He also makes scale furniture for doll houses.

Archie brought a variety of pieces to show ... table and chairs, cradle, bench, flowers, baskets, 3D projects, fret clock and 3D ornaments.

One of the nice things about scroll work, he said, is that pieces can be made to suit individual tastes of those to whom he gives them.

##### **President's Report:**

Lloyd Hart reported that Vice President Jay Kent has resigned for personal reasons and asked for volunteers for the position. Ruth East volunteered for the job.

Thank you Ruth

**Treasurer's Report:**

Brady Placek said the club had \$1,533.85 last month and the current balance is \$1,474.11. He said club dues are overdue and that there are 25 paid up members.

**Toys:**

Grover Good reported there are 25 complete cradles and 45 cars. Grover, who has patterns for cradles, asked members to let him know if they are making cradles and how many so he can secure the appropriate dolls and bedding.

**Library:**

Terry Sanchez took over the club's library at the start of the meeting so he had nothing to report.

**Newsletter:**

Bill Dixon has volunteered to keep the newsletter up to date. He agreed to send minutes to club members in PDF form so everyone can read them. There was some mix-up on the club's website on the current minutes.

**Open Shop:**

Brady Placek reported that 12 people attended his "open shop" on March 4. He said the group talked about projects and woodworking and that the session was good bonding outside a meeting scenario.

John Fischer volunteered his shop to be next. That will be on April 1.

John's instructions on how to get there follow the minutes.

**Programs:**

Tim Humberson said he would be able to get Fraser Smith for the April 11th meeting. Fraser is the artisan who makes "wooden quilts." You can see pictures of them by going to <http://gofraser.com/photos.htm>. As Tim points out, you have to walk up and touch them before you realize and believe they are made from wood. Smith has some of his works in the Smithsonian Institute.

Clocks were distributed at the February 14 meeting for the annual "make a clock" session. This was originally planned for the April meeting but, since Mr. Smith is able to make it in April, clocks will be the June meeting. For those who may be interested in entering your clock in a national contest, go to [www.klockit.com/clockcontest.aspx](http://www.klockit.com/clockcontest.aspx). The clocks that were distributed came from Klockit, so you are eligible to enter. Klockit gift certificates will be awarded as prizes and they range from \$100 to \$500. All entrants will get a \$5 gift certificate. For more details, go to the company's website.

The May meeting is the annual 2x4 contest. If you don't already have a 2x4, now is a good time to get one so it will acclimate before you start making something from it. For those unfamiliar with the rules ... build something from at least 75% of an 8-foot

construction 2x4. Any kind of adhesive or hardware is acceptable but the only wood must be the 2x4. The project can be painted, stained, varnished or raw.

## **Open Shop: Location**

10 am to noon

April 1, 2006

Directions from Brandon area: (Others can Map quest my address if they wish or they can email me)

Go South on I-75 to exit 240B. Immediately after getting on SR674 from I-75 there is a traffic light (30th St) turn right and go as far as the road will take you.

At the intersection of 30th and 19th Avenue, turn left on 19th. Follow that some distance to the 4-way Stop street (12th St. NE). Turn left on 12th and go past the @#\$%&\*@# houses under construction. I am the first house on 12th on the left side (grey stucco under a bunch or grandfather oaks).

The address is 1519 12th St. NE

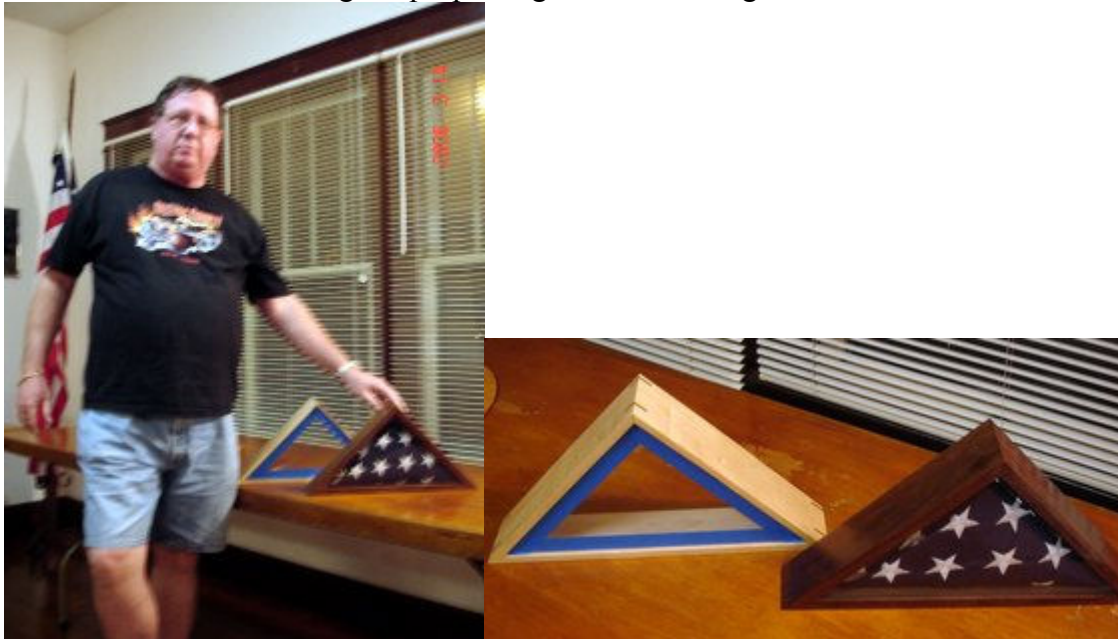
See you on April Fools Day!!!!

John Fischer

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## **Show & Tell**

Bill Dixon displayed two flag display boxes. He explained that he was making them for him and his neighbors who had been rewarded with flags flown in Afghanistan by a Special Forces soldier for helping his wife while he was in Afghanistan. Bill explained the difficulties in achieving the proper angles for the triangular box.



Charles King displayed the wolf intarsia that he made of sycamore, sassafras, cherry bass, walnut and walnut burl.



Glen Myrie brought in a round table that is a copy of one in a New York museum. The base was made of ebonized mahogany, Japanese ash and zebrawood. The table top had arc sections of wenge, padauk, bloodwood, teak, zebrawood, fiddleback walnut, with a rim of mahogany and some gold leafing between sections.



Don Heckman showed an intarsia wizard he made from mahogany, aspen, bloodwood, walnut and bass. This is his second wizard. The other 133-piece project, he said, he did 6 to 8 years ago.



Terry Sanchez showed an oak gavel he made. He said he had agreed to make three for a potential client and decided to do a test in oak. He said the woman never called back after he gave her a price for gavels in exotic woods.



Tim Humberson showed three pieces of fretwork. One was a pair of hearts that had a red plastic backing and two separate crosses. Tim also had three deer antler letter openers. The antler pieces were leftovers from pen making but were too small for anything else.



**50/50 Drawing**

John Sheldon won \$21 in the drawing.



New Members this meeting are:

Jack Besavitch, Howard Fawley, Charles King

**Please remember to bring your dues to the April meeting.**

If you can not be there mail them to Brady Placek.

This will be the last newsletter to the old roster. There are 40 members on the old roster and 25 members on the new roster.

**Additional pictures from the meeting can be found on the web site.**

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