



From The Shop



The newsletter of the Lehigh Valley Woodworker's Guild

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Next Meeting: November 18th, 2008 (3rd Tuesday!)

Location: ~~WOODCRAFT on Lehigh Street!!~~

Title: FREUD FACTORY REP presents! All things Freud!

Freud rep Jason Muchler Will show us some bits, blades, and surprises such as a new hand held doweling machine. Informative to be sure! The original Freud told me my parents hated me and it makes me the way I am.

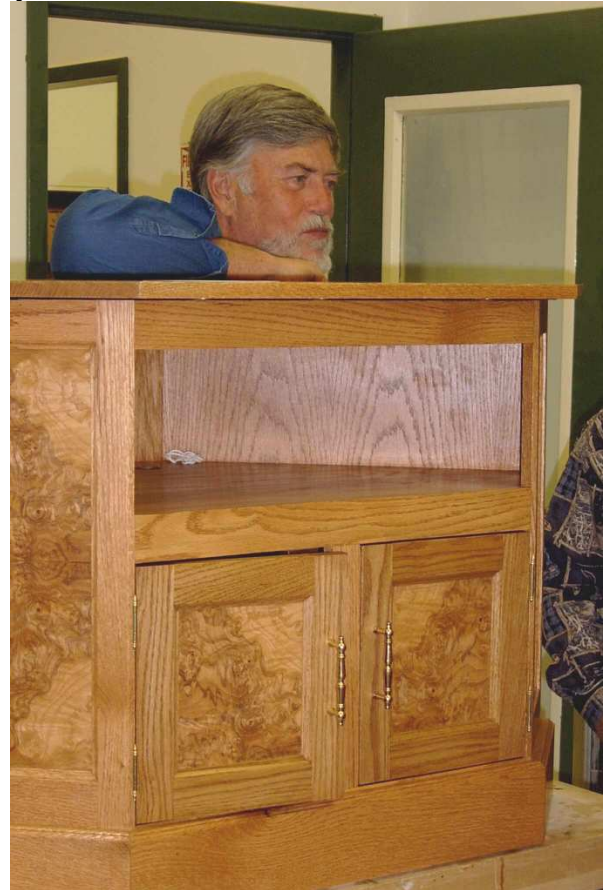
October Highlights: Woodworking contest.

Folks, in spite of best efforts to make a video, I have but 4 photos of the contest and I thank John Schaeffer of Woodcraft for sending them to me with some data. I would also like to extend our thanks to John for his assistance with setting up presentations. Melanie and Ray as well!

NEXT YEAR--- We will go BACK to having professionals rate the more advanced projects, the humble Steering committee rate the newbie stuff. We learned MUCH from them and the steering committee agreed that the contest is about learning AND achievement.

ALSO – in the interest of making sure ALL CONTESTANTS are documented, we will ask that each person tell us on a card who they are, what they made, what material went into the project, what finish was used. In addition, if desired, what special things you did to make the project (jigs or techniques). What special problems you had to overcome. What unexpected challenges were presented. The newsletter is not about the winners – it is about ALL projects submitted. The contest is as well. The only time I have seen a project judged unfairly was with a French door. The judges could not see that the fine work was obviously sabotaged by other contestants. (you had to be there).

The number 1 winner was someone named Ron Wiley. Someone said he has over 5 years of experience although to hear him talk one would not believe that. Actually it would depend on what type of experience one was referring to. Some folks have the unique talent of being truly average at everything they do. But looking at the photo, I figure Ron has either come a long way or had someone make this for him. Corner cabinet of Red Oak with walnut burl inlay doors \$50.00 winner! Could not happen to a nicer guy. Actually it could, but I was on vacation.



A great looking first prize winner in the experienced class. Ron Wiley made this. I guess that little piece of paper in the inside corner is for something....

Speaking of nice people, how about John Uhler , who won \$25 with is turned ornaments? This is very cool and John is a nice guy. \$25.00 winner.



These are very nice ornament turnings by winner John Uhler.



Well, the people's choice award, by Justin Roberts!

Justin Roberts won the "People's choice" award (\$100.00 Gift Card) for his Mission style table crafted from white oak. This looks to be a fine piece of work. Some interesting turnings to the left...



GUESS WHO SUBMITTED THIS?

Will Schmidt captured the judges eye and imagination with his free form sculpture. Will scored \$25 for this. Love his work.

Folks, to all who participated, thank you. To the winners, congratulations. The steering committee wants to make this the most important meeting of the year, and hopefully with more planning and structure, we can accomplish that.

UPDATE on Abu and the Moringa Community Woodworking Center

Sent to Judt Muth by Jeffrey Lohr.

Judy,

Thank you for your call Sunday evening Oct 19 with request for an update on Abu and our West Africa Woodworking project for reporting to the members of LVWG at your next meeting. There is a huge amount

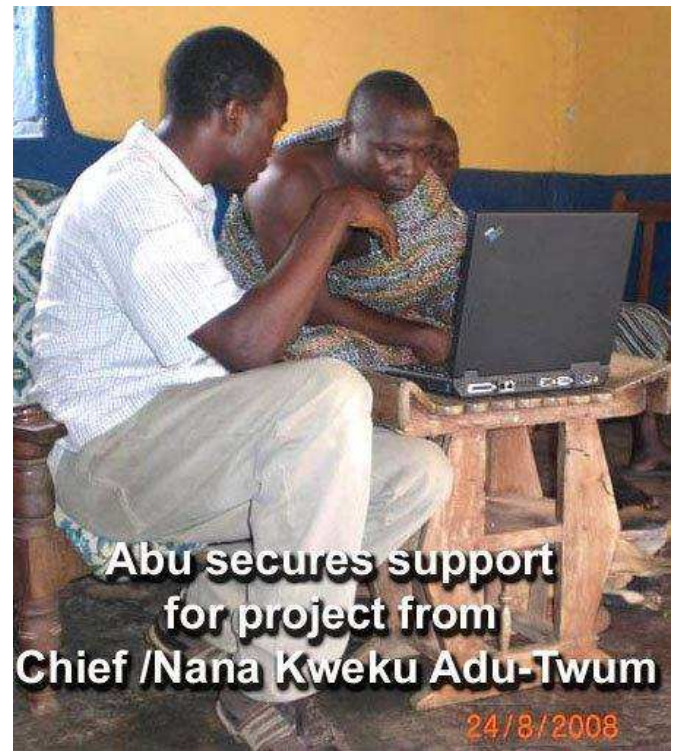
of progress to report since Lehigh Valley Woodworkers Guild was so kind to host Abu and myself for our presentation on Mr. Jeffry's Third World Machine Shop. Thank you again to the guild for your support and donations from the meeting of July 17, 2008.

I am excited to report that we now have an excellent web site solely devoted to the project rather than just pages within my own jefflohr.com web site. The new project web site is:

<http://www.moringacommunity.org/>

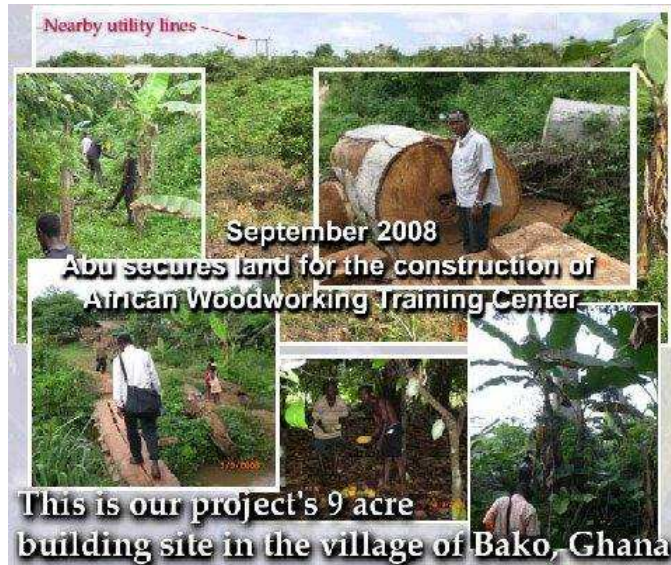
If you and the good folks at LVWG have a look at the new Moringacommunity.org web site you will discover several references to the kindness and thoughtfulness of the **Lehigh Valley Woodworkers Guild**.

Text alone can get fairly tedious so I'll embed a few photos below of our amazing project progress we have made in Ghana since Abu's return home 3 days after our presentation at the LVWG August 17, 2008 meeting. Please scroll down below the photos for additional text that explains the photos.



Remembering that Abu's communication to date with Jeffrey Lohr had been through waiting in line at an Internet Cafe in Ghana. Among many other things, we sent Abu home with his own computer and a power point projector as a tool to move the project ahead in Ghana. Since his return, Abu visited several villages, tribal chiefs, and village elders to secure a building site for our Moringa Community Woodworking Center. Abu drove a hard bargain with all, when one chief would only give a small amount of land, Abu moved to the

next village. After only a few weeks Abu connected with **Chief Nana Kweku Adu-Twum** of the village of **Bako** and not only did we secure a 9 acre land parcel but the Chief assigned Abu 5 men a day to help clear the land for our center. Additionally our land is only two utility poles away from having public electricity. This is a very huge deal in Ghana!



Many of the Lehigh Valley Woodworkers Guild members will remember Abu describing that a bicycle with extra rebar welded to the frame was the typical Ghana pickup truck. This was humorous but nonetheless the reality of this was a very real limitation for getting our work crew and building supplies to the Moringa Woodworking Center construction site.

I think the LVWG members who attended the July 17 meeting and heard our presentation will remember how totally committed I am to this project. Also all will remember how remarkable Abu is with his passion to help his country. Up until two weeks ago, everything that had been accomplished on the ground in Ghana was strictly done on the force of Abu's word that woodworkers in America were going to help the project. Although Moringacommunity.org has only managed to take in \$14,200 in donations to date, (all of which has long since been spent by the way), myself and my good friend Ralph Morini of Hazelton personally funded the purchase of our MORINGA COMMUNITY PROJECT TRUCK pictured below. Abu has had this truck now one week as of today October 20, 2008 but this was an enormous gesture on the part of Moringacommunity.org to not only keep momentum going on the project but also to keep it going. The picture below tells it all but in short, the truck will enable building materials to get to the construction site. As you can see the truck is now the Bako Community Bus for getting an ever growing staff of African Volunteers to the job site to build our center.

As you can see, our African volunteers are enormously excited about the tangible addition of Hope to their

future with the purchase of this truck to better enable progress on construction of our training center .



Caption reads "Wheels of Progress moving out project ahead in Bako."



Thank you for the opportunity to update you on the progress made by Moringacommunity.org since our July 17, 2008 presentation at Lehigh Valley Woodworkers Guild. I am so very hopeful the members of Lehigh Valley Woodworkers Guild will continue to help Moringacommunity.org with this high quality grassroots effort to improve the lives of people so much less fortunate than us through Woodworking.

Please visit <http://www.moringacommunity.org/> to keep up to date on our progress.

If anyone would care to help us, we are in desperate need of cash. Our current bank account is pitiful. Tools we have to get from other sources in Europe that have 230volt 50 hertz powertools. It is also prohibitively expensive to ship tools from the USA even if they would be the correct voltage models. Monetary donations are the most needed at this juncture. Please encourage friends, communities, and organizations to get behind this effort of good will. We are an organization of unpaid volunteers so any and all donations go directly toward the end and primary goal of the project, not salary overhead.

We are working on our 501C3 nonprofit status but in the mean time, please make any donations to our current fiscal sponsor.

PGMC Helping Hands, with Memo on check (**For Moringacommunity.org**)

Donations can be sent to:

Moringacommunity.org
C/O Jeffrey Lohr
242 N. Limerick Rd.
Schwenksville, PA 19473



Thanks one and all,
Sincerely

Jeffrey Lohr

Sort of puts it all in perspective, eh folks?

**Chuck Bender update –
Woodworking forum and other
information.
And an Apology!**

(writers note: I had cut and pasted the attached into an e-mail and sent it from my other e-mail system. The send of this e-mail failed and I did not see it as I only use that e-mail system for Guild work and did not log on again till today. Chuck Bender was at a show in York. While it is a bit far for most of us, Some may have ventured if you have known about it. I owe Chuck an apology for not having been more diligent in sending the attached.)

Hello,

I just wanted to let you know that our woodworking forum is back up and running again. You can use the link in the "Information" box on our [website](#) or, if your email program supports it, you can click on this [link](#) to go there directly. Since we were overwhelmed by spammers on our last forum, we had to change programs. This means we lost any posts and registered users we had. If you were previously registered, please register again and start posting (reposting of previous questions and answers is encouraged). If you weren't registered before, what are you waiting for? This is your chance to get the answers you've been seeking to your woodworking questions.

Additionally, the show circuit starts for us next weekend (November 7, 8 & 9) with the [WoodWorks](#) York, PA show. If you are nearby, or even if you aren't, it's worth the trip. Make sure you sign up for one of my classes throughout the weekend (there are LOTS of other great classes by some of the best woodworker's I know being offered). Check it out if you have the chance. See you at a show soon, if we don't see you in the shop first.

Chuck Bender

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2008 Meeting Calendar:

Month	Topic	Speaker
November 18th	FREUD DEMO!	Freud tools –arranged by Woodcraft
December 16th	Christmas Party!! Yes, I said Christmas.	
January 20th		
February 17th		
March 17 th	Toxic effects of wood!!	Dr Dolphin – Lehigh Valley Medical Center

Next Meeting: November 18th, 2008 (3rd Tuesday!) 7:30!! That'd be P.M.

Location: Lehigh Valley Senior Center. **Location:** Lehigh Co. Senior Center
1633 Elm Street
Allentown, PA

Topic: Freud Factory Rep on all things Freud.