

### TALLAHASSEE WOODCRAFTERS SOCIETY

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Next Meeting: Tues, December 8 @7:00 p.m.

This month's meeting will be a FIELD TRIP to Coe Percussion, maker of premier marimbas and xylophones. Wood plays an important role in these instruments. Owner Matt Coe has been at it for over ten years and will be on hand to tell us about his fascinating craft. Check out their web site at http://www.coepercussion.com.

We will meet at Coe Percussion, 682 McDonnell Dr. in the Railroad Square Industrial Park (see map on next page).



#### MEETING PROGRAM

November's program was a "Problems and Solutions" session for members to describe problems they've encountered on their projects and solutions they developed or to seek input from others.

**Spencer Cullen** started off with some issues he is experiencing building some frame and panel doors for his daughter's kitchen. He is using Red Oak. Spencer brought in several pieces to show. Some of the issues discussed included: stopping stain from weeping out of the Red Oak pores be-



### **BUY-SELL-TRADE**

Club member, Regine Maligne, has a panel saw she would like to sell. It can be fitted with just about any circular saw. Asking price is \$250.

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fore it dries, dealing with a crowned (warped) panel, and fine tuning the fit of the rails against the stiles. Members had many good creative suggestions and the topic generated interesting discussion on related woodworking topics.

**Rich Wieckowicz** mentioned TAP Plastics as a good source for anyone interested in incorporating Plexiglas into their projects or for making see through shop fixtures. They even have a host of u-tube videos showing techniques for working with the material.



**Jack Binns** noted that he salvaged some 6" wide plastic pieces from a video store that was closing. They were used for the video racks. Jack made a generous offer to share some pieces with club members. He has used it for shop jigs.

Val Tuck described a corner desk he made awhile back from a piece of mahogany that was 33 inches wide, 13 feet long, and over an inch thick that he inherited from his father. After much hand work and 5 coats of Behlen's rock hard table top finish, a truly stunning mahogany grain emerged. Val said he

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was sure that such a beautiful desk top would cause him to keep the top of his desk cleaned off. However, time has caused clutter to re-appear. There were no good suggestions provided for permanently de-cluttering a desk top.

**Joe Doker** said he is preparing to make a mission style coffee table and some matching end tables. The wood will be White Oak. The legs will be about 2 inches thick and Joe does not want them to be made of 1" pieces glued up flat. Joe asked about the feasibility of making each leg out of four pieces glued together with 45 degree mitered edges. Val said this is a suitable technique but the assembly is greatly aided by the use of a router with a lock miter bit. This produces an interlocking joint where the two pieces are easily aligned during glue up.

Directions to the December meeting field trip location.

