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Next Meeting: Tues, February 9 @7:00 p.m.

It's time for election of officers. We will address this important item at the February meeting. Austin has agreed to continue in his current position as Treasurer so what we need are individuals willing to serve as President, Vice President, and Secretary. I plan to continue as newsletter editor. The remainder of the meeting will consist of a round table discussion of tricks, tips, and issues.

Please consider contributing just a little extra effort to assist your club in one of these positions. Such unselfish contribution from our members it what keeps this fine organization going.

The January meeting will be held at our regular meeting place, Tri States Automotive, 745 W. Gaines Street in Tallahassee (see map on next page).

Highlights From the January Meeting

Show and Tell

Roger Walton brought in some fine router bowls he made. He finds this is a good way to use some of his lumber scraps. The contrasting woods made for a strikingly beautiful look.



Roger Walton with one of his router bowls.

Roger provided some specifics about how he does it.

"I used a 1.25" bowl and tray bit with top bearing and a collet extension. Both were purchased from Mikestools.com and were made by CMT. I made the templates which define the inner shapes from 3/4" MDF. The outer shape is

cut with a band saw after the inner routing is complete. I use a plunge router and start by allowing the bearing to ride on the template. Then drop the bit 1/16" to 1/8" after each pass and as the depth becomes greater, the bearing will start to ride on the bowl walls. Continue "hogging out" the bowl until the final depth is complete. If the bit is sharp and the cuts are not too deep on each pass, very little inner sanding is required. After the outer shape is cut with a band saw, sanding is best done with a belt sander with a worn-out 120 grit belt. Finish sanding to 220 grit by hand."

Great job, Roger.

Meeting Presentation

Have you wondered how the big cabinet shops around the world are

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A FOND FAREWELL

It is with much sadness that we note the passing of one of our long standing members, Les Williamson. Les passed away Saturday, January 30th at Big Bend Hospice.

Les was a member of the Tallahassee Woodcrafters Society from its earliest days and was our second club president, serving in that position for three years. He is survived by his loving wife, Jennie, who also served a couple of terms as our president.

Due to his declining health, Les was not able to attend many of our meetings in recent years. He did, however, attend our most recent meeting where he shared photos of some of his fine projects and displayed his characteristic wit and charm.

Visitation will be held Saturday, February 6, at Culley's Meadow Wood Funeral Home, Timberlane Chapel (Ph. 893-4177). See Les's obituary in Thursday's Tallahassee Democrat for additional details.



## MEETING HIGHLIGHTS *(Continued from page 1)*

doing woodworking these days? Our presenter at the January meeting, Mark Pelt, was just the man to tell us. Mark serves as International Trainer and Developer of New World Markets for the Planit cabinet making software company.



Mark Pelt, of Planit Software, addressing the January meeting.

Planit is the primary company providing software that runs the new computer controlled CNC machines that modern shops are using. Mark travels the world assisting cabinet shops with transitioning to this hi tech system.

Mark told us about “nested based manufacturing” which is a cabinet making system developed jointly by Planit and some U.S. based machine manufacturers. This system cuts down on materials handling by having the machines “bring” the tools to the piece of material, such as a piece of plywood, to do all of the cutting, boring, and shaping of all the components made from it without anyone having to move the pieces.

Mark noted how in past years the United States and Europe have lost much of their commercial woodworking to China, Mexico, and other third world countries. However, the savings realized by nested based manufacturing has allowed us to begin gaining back market share.



Boring head of a CNC machine.

Mark showed a number of photos of this modern equipment and of explaining how it works. This was a very informative presentation.

## ATLANTA INTERNATIONAL WOODWORKING FAIR

The International Woodworking Fair (IWF) is held every other year in Atlanta and this is the year. It runs from August 25th—27th. This is probably the largest woodworking trade fair there is. Buying tickets as a “team” knocks off half the normal \$20.00 fee. Spencer Cullen has offered to serve as the team leader for purchasing tickets for anyone planning to attend. But, you need to let him know by June 1st. You can call Spencer at 878-8409.

For more details about the IWF, visit their web site at: <http://www.iwfatlanta.com/>

Directions to the regular meeting location.

