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**Next Meeting: Tues, February 12th @7:00 p.m.**

The February meeting will be an open forum round table format.

Don't forget your show and tell items.

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

Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month.

## Highlights From the January Meeting



The January meeting was an open forum. We started off with some interesting discussion about steam bending. In particular, the talk was about constructing steam bending chambers. **Joe Doker** described a steam chamber he made of large schedule 40 PVC pipe. He noted that the schedule 40 PVC gets pretty limp when heated by the steam so

it must be well supported along its length. It was suggested that schedule 80 would work better but it is quite a bit more expensive.

**Buy, Sell or Trade**

Lumber Logs—two individuals told us at the Wildlife festival that they have lumber quality logs available that they would like to give to someone who could come get them. See the article below about the Wildlife, Heritage, and Outdoors festival for more information.

**Austin Tatum** sadly told about the disappearance of a number of large burl trees over the holidays in the vicinity of the Governor's mansion. It seems Austin, and several of his bowl turning cohorts, had been eyeing the trees longingly over the years. Speculation is that it was done legitimately but the timing is interesting.

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## SPLINTERS: Mike Reilly and Joe Doker at the St. Marks Wildlife, Heritage, and Outdoors Festival

On February 2nd we once again set up a Tallahassee Woodcrafters booth at the annual Wildlife, Heritage, and Outdoors festival at the St. Marks Wildlife Refuge. We followed the same setup as last year—Mike demonstrated spindle shaving and I sharpened knives.

The site of Mike sitting on his shaving horse peeling off shavings using a draw knife is a real attention getter. Numerous guests stopped to watch and to ask him about chair making. Mike had brought along one of his Windsor chair to show the finished product.



Mike Reilly demonstrates spindle shaving

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Austin also said he was contacted by representatives of the Monticello Opera House about the possibility of getting some help from the club for some of their projects. Austin will get some more specifics and report back to us.

It was noted that Ace hardware is selling Sears brand stuff now. **Jim Gerus** recounted finding an old beat up Sears Craftsman wrench on the ground when he was a kid. He picked it up and promptly took it to the local Sears store and got a brand new one under their lifetime warranty.

**Mike Reilly** informed us he recently acquired a Saw Stop brand table saw. This is the saw that will not let you cut yourself. It jams the blade to instantly stop it if a body part comes in contact with it. An interesting discussion followed and it was a treat to hear a first hand account of this fine machine. Mike said the instructions and parts packaging was the best he's experienced.

Other topics discussed were; the new "makers space" getting underway in Tallahassee, 3-d printers (FSU has a couple of them), the new shop smith convertible tool, changing fluorescent light ballasts, and **Val Tuck** cautions against using a tack rag when applying waterborne finishes.

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Two individuals stopped by our booth to tell us they had lumber quality logs available on their property if someone wants to come and get them. George Hensarling has a live oak log, 30 inches in diameter and 10 feet long. He can be reached by email at [George@hensarling.org](mailto:George@hensarling.org). Scott Buchanan has logs available from a number of species. He can be reached at [riverspook@gmail.com](mailto:riverspook@gmail.com).

Our signup sheet was signed by six woodworking enthusiasts.



Whooping Crane Handler's Costume

A few other festival scenes



Net making

Directions to the regular meeting location.

