

Huntington School of Fine Woodwork
April 2006 Monthly Report
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The month of April was a month of all months to remember. We were busy working on projects both big and small—picture frames made out of barn wood, a custom computer desk, trim for the YouthBuild house, bookshelves, and a lot of patio furniture.

We purchased a new molding machine to do baseboard and chair rail trim. We also bought a new band saw. We have had great feedback from everyone about the school, how and what we are doing for both the youth and adults.



The positive feedback is not just about our woodwork but also about our giving these students a chance, about giving them hope, about their learning something that is a dying tradition in both West Virginia and America.



The Dogwood Festival was a great success; many people from all kinds of career backgrounds were impressed that we are bringing back an old tradition of making solid wood products that are both attractive and sturdy. People commented that they were happy there is a program that not only helps the adults learn about

woodworking and join the workforce but also that the youth are being taught a way of becoming full-time employees in the workforce, instead of being out on the streets getting in trouble. People are glad to see these people making something of themselves by learning a trade.



We are preparing to say goodbye to five students; it is their time to graduate: Goldie Spry, John DeBerry, Dana Nitz, Cecil Rowe, Emmett Sewell, and Nathan Waggoner. They are the first alumni of the class 2005-2006 under my watch at the Huntington School of Fine Woodwork. They will be missed, not forgotten, because of their great work and dedication. They have helped change, mold, and make the school a better place to be than the streets. As the teacher, I thank them. It was my first time being a teacher, and I learned many things from them too. As they say, my hat is off to these people because they earned their wings the hard way. Congratulations on a fine, well-done job.

Now, the new students have begun their journey, and the month of May looks like it will be a bigger month than April, which is hard to top, but we are going to keep on training and building projects like the first class. We still have a zero percent accident rate, and we plan to keep it that way!

We had our first 6-month perfect attendance student, Emmett Sewell, who did not miss a day. Great job, Emmett!

