

Summer 2012 Newsletter

OPEN DAY
Saturday 14th July 10am-4pm

Peter Sefton Furniture School is having an Open Day. Find out more about us and our Courses, meet our students and see their work.

Learn from the Experts... Professional Demonstrations - pick up advice, tools and products

- 🍷 Derek Jones - Editor, Furniture & Cabinet Making
- 🍷 Hand-Made Saws by Thomas Flinn & Co
- 🍷 Peter Sefton - Joint Cutting and Hand Skills
- 🍷 Anthony Bailey - Editor, Woodworking Plans
- 🍷 Richard Maguire - Maguire Workbenches
- 🍷 Hand Tool Care - Matthew from Workshop Heaven
- 🍷 Tom Sustins - Intelligent Workshop

We are really looking forward to seeing you at our Open Day on 14th July and have a great **Schedule of Events** planned including Peter's popular live tutorials on hand techniques. Log on to

WIN A SHORT COURSE

www.peterseftonfurniture-school.com and take a look and while you're there, don't forget to enter our competition to **win a short furniture making course with Peter.**

Last November's Hand Tool Day competition to win a short course was won by Richard Leppard of Essex. He chose to join us in April for a **5 Day Improver course** and had a great time making his ash table. In his words;

"the extras in knowledge and other skills that Peter gave was fantastic and priceless ... This is one school that I will recommend to people who want to learn Furniture Making. I will definitely be going back to attend some of the other courses that are on offer."



Thanks Richard (second from left) -

Professional Long Course

In this final term Sarah has been working hard with the students, on the topic of setting up their own businesses; students create their own business plan and learn about all aspects of marketing and website design.



We are very proud to have 2 students exhibiting this August at Celebration of Craftsmanship in Cheltenham; John Rook with his K Desk, a desk of John's own design made from Purple Heart and ripple sycamore.



Rick Howie is also exhibiting and has made a large maple and walnut curved display open cabinet. Technically it has been very challenging, laminating a large pair of curves so accurately.

Alisdair, who joined us from Scotland, will be working alongside John Rook in his workshop, later this year. Another of our students has

we look forward to welcoming you back to the School on our **Wood Finishing** and **French Polishing** courses.
info@peterseftonfurnitureschool.com



There will be plenty of tools on sale on Open Day; as well as Workshop Heaven, Thomas Flinn Saws and Intelligent Workshop, the School will be selling brands such as Veritas, Thomas Sorby, Ashley Iles, Clifton, Abranet, Swann Morton, Titebond ... to name but a few.

News ...

If you want to make payment for your course or tools on a card, we are pleased to announce that we now take all major credit cards.



What's Coming Up ...

Forthcoming Short Course Dates

Check out all the new **Short Course** dates that have just been added to the website. Here are just the latest dates:-

Wood Machining 2 or 3 Day - 18th-20th Jul

Wood Finishing - 21st & 28th Jul

Beginners - 23rd-27th Jul

Improvers - 20th Jul-3rd Aug

Chairmaking - 20th-24th Aug

To check availability or to make a short course booking, call Sarah on 01684 591014 or **email** for more information.

Events and Diary Dates

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18th-27th Aug 2012

Celebration of Craftsmanship & Design Exhibition
Cheltenham

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Update - What's been happening ...

We welcomed Mark Thomson to the School in May; a Furniture Studies teacher from the University of Victoria in Australia, who has been awarded an International Fellowship. He approached us as he wanted to research how furniture finishing is delivered elsewhere in the world and Peter was happy to share some tips and found it very useful to see what other Schools are doing ...



Peter met Quentin Smith, President of the Marquetry Society and founder of **QJS Marquetry**, whilst he was demonstrating at the Harrogate Show and invited him along to our April **Veneering and Laminating course**.

Peter and he shared some great tips with each other on marquetry and he gained from Peter's wealth of experience in veneering.

Peter expanded the School's range of wood machines and took delivery of the new Felder A741 Surface Planer last month; the School's machine shop now has the flexibility of both our current Hammer Planer/Thicknesser, as well as a dedicated Planer. There are still places left on the next **wood machining course** in July, so do get in touch to find out more ...



been offered a job working in a high-end workshop, with a top maker, and Nick is starting his own business and has signed a lease on his own workshop.

What a long way our students have come in such a short time! To think that last September they joined the 9 month course with no experience of furniture making at all and two are now exhibiting at one of the most prestigious exhibitions in the country, as a launch pad for their new businesses ...

We wish all this year's students every success with their future commissions, new businesses and jobs!

Have you been inspired? The **9 month Professional Long Course** dates are:-
17th Sep 2012-12th Jul 2013

We do still have places left on the **Professional Long Course**, so if you are interested in joining us in September, and want to visit the School to have a look around and chat with Peter, please call on 01684 591014 or **Email** for details...

Peter's Published Articles

Furniture & cabinetmaking Peter has written **articles** in the May and June issues of Furniture & Cabinet Making magazine on:-

- 5 Ways to Make a Drawer Box
- Hammer A3-41 Planer and Thicknesser Review

Click here to take a look



Check out all Peter's published articles in the magazines by clicking on our **home page** or on **published articles** ...