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furniture making
and woodworking
skills ...

Spring 2012 Newsletter

Open Day ...



We are busy planning our **Open Day** which takes place this year on **Saturday 14th July** and hope to make it as successful as last year and welcome lots of visitors back.

We've kept things fresh and interesting by inviting some new expert demonstrators and trade stands along, so do make a date in your diary as it's a a great day, with plenty to see and do.

We'll be keeping the website updated with information about our expert demonstrators so don't forget to log on to www.peterseftonfurniture.com and take a look.

Win a Short Course

We'll shortly be launching our popular competition to **win a short furniture making course with Peter**, which runs right up until Open Day on 14th July. Don't forget to enter on-line - visitors attending the Open Day will also get a second chance to enter the competition ...

WIN A SHORT
COURSE

Last year's competition was won by Bernard Owen of Sussex; he chose to attend our **3 Day Veneering and Laminating course** in January, and he was most pleased with the lovely tray he made and took away.

What's Coming Up ...

Peter Demonstrating

Hammer Peter will be demonstrating wood machining techniques at the Hammer/Felder In-House show in Milton Keynes on Saturday 16th June from 10am-5pm - see him there.

Celebration of
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**Celebration of
Craftsmanship & Design -
Chair Competition**

We are pleased to announce that we will be part sponsors of the winner's prize again this year for the **Chair Competition** at this fantastic Cheltenham exhibition. The standard of entries never fails to impress so do make sure you go along and look at the amazing array of furniture on display; the exhibition runs from 18th-27th Aug 2012

Professional Long Course

Here are our current long course students proudly displaying the oak Clissett chairs they made in March over 5 days. (We also run the same **5 day Chairmaking course** in August for short course students - this year it takes place on 20th-24th Aug 12).



The **9 month Professional Long Course** dates are:-
17th Sep 2012-12th Jul 2013

This year's students have been busy over their Easter break; one has been on work placement with a local cabinet maker, another has been for an interview with a local maker near his home town in Scotland and is hoping to get a job there in July. Two more have signed leases on their own workshops and another has been preparing and fitting out his own home workshop, all ready to launch their new businesses as furniture makers later in the year.

Last term, we went on some great field trips; the sharpening Tool Shop at **Tewkesbury Saw**, we saw the vast operation at Munday Veneers, and we visited Sykes and Whitmores' Timber Yards to give students a feel for sourcing and selecting their own veneers and timbers. We also dropped in on a couple of independent workshops including **Sean Feeney** and went to the **Gordon Russell Museum**, which is very local to us and a great place for aspiring designer/makers to visit.

We only have a limited amount of 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

Forthcoming Short Course Dates

French Polishing & Refinishing - 16th & 23rd Jun
Wood Turning - 30th Jun & 7th Jul
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

Saturday 16th June 2012

Hammer Felder UK In-House Show - Milton Keynes
10am-5pm

Saturday 14th July 2012

Open Day
Peter Sefton Furniture School
10am-4pm

18th-27th Aug 2012

Celebration of Craftsmanship & Design Exhibition
Cheltenham

Update - What's been happening ...



Hand Tool Day

We all had a great time when we hosted a Hand Tool Day in November with Classic Hand Tools.

Peter was doing his popular live tutorials on hand techniques and the competition to win a short course was won by Richard Leppard of Essex. As his prize, he chose to join us for a 5 Day Improver course and is here at the School this week thoroughly enjoying making his ash table with tapered legs. More about how he got on in the next Newsletter ...

Harrogate

Also in November, Peter was busy as an official Demonstrator at the North of England Woodworking and Power Tool Show in Harrogate demonstrating hand skills at his bench. He thorough enjoyed meeting so many of you at the show.



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Peter's Published Articles

Furniture & cabinetmaking Peter has been busy writing a 4 part series of articles for Furniture & Cabinet Making magazine on hardware:-

- Hinges
- Locks
- Shelf Supports & KD
- Drawer Runners

[Click here to view the series](#)



BRITISH Woodworking Also Nick Gibbs, Editor of British Woodworking came along to the School in September to do a bench test of the latest Dovetail Saws with Peter's new professional long course students. See their very interesting review which came out in the December issue by [clicking here](#).



Following on from the results of the bench test, the School is now selling **Thomas Flinn Saws** along with Clifton Planes, and you'll be able to see them and get a feel for them by trying them out at our Open Day in July.

Check out all Peter's published articles in the magazines by clicking on our [home page](#) or on [published articles](#) ...