

WOODWORDS ON THE BRANDYWINE

A Publication of the Woodworkers Guild of Delaware

September, 2004

June 16, 2004 Meeting Highlights:

Our thanks to Philadelphia wood sculptor Tom Bazis, who presented several of his distinctive and handsomely sculptured rocking chairs, explained the principles underlying their design, and demonstrated some of the techniques he uses to build and finish them. The joinery involves sliding dovetails and large mortised dovetails, and Tom does much of the carving with a DeWalt 88 Die Grinder and a DeWalt 402 Angle Grinder with a 5/8" by 1 and 1/8" Disston rotary rasp.

Thanks to Tony Albano, who presented beautifully sculptured figures in Holly and Cherry.

Thanks also to Woodcraft and Manager Mike Okner, who hosted the meeting and provided refreshments at the impressive new Woodcraft store on the Northbound side of Route 13, just below Hare's Corner.

2004-05 Meeting Schedule:

Dates: Guild meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month of the school year, September through May. This year's dates are: September 15, October 20, November 17, December 15, January 19, February 16, March 16, April 20 and May 18.

Place & Time: We meet in the Carpenter Shop at Hodgson Vo-Tech High School in Glasgow, DE from 7:00 pm to about 9:00 pm. The shop is open to us around 6:20 pm. The school entrance is on old 896 (Glasgow Avenue) south of Rte. 40, and the shop is in the rear by the dust collection system. Park in the side lot near the shop; **violators of parking rules may be towed.** Whenever the school is closed due to weather, that evening's meeting is cancelled.

Board Meetings: The Board of the Guild ordinarily meets one week after Guild meetings, on the following Wednesday. Other Guild members who care to attend are welcome. The next Board meeting is scheduled for 7:00 pm September 22 at the home of Tony Albano, 353 Indian Run Road, Avondale PA.

September, 2004 Meeting Agenda:

The meeting will be Wednesday, September 15 at 7:00 pm. Please bring "show and tell" items. The raffle prize will be a Veritas shoulder plane. Our special guest

will be Doug Mooberry of Kinloch Woodworking Ltd. To preview his exceptional craftsmanship and artistry, visit www.kinlochwoodworking.com.

Annual Picnic:

The Picnic will be Saturday, October 2 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at the picnic area of DuPont's Chestnut Run Plaza (off Rte. 48 near its intersection with Rte. 141). There will be fun, fellowship, food and raffle prizes for members, guests and children. So bring out the whole family, including children and grandchildren, for a good time. Please sign up at the September meeting, so we can plan the number of prizes and the amount of food.

Many thanks to Val Diemedio and his brother Dominick, who have volunteered to run the picnic. Please help them; it's a big job and many hands make light work.

Treasurer's Report:

Balance Forward at 4/28/04:	\$1861.09
Filing Fee for Non-profit Status:	150.00-
May Raffle Prize:	166.50-
May Newsletter:	120.32-
Prize ribbons for Box Contest:	35.00-
June Meeting Mailing:	34.04-
Stamps, envelopes, etc. (Office Supplies):	24.85-
Raffle Earnings:	96.00+
Shirt/hat sales:	25.00+
Ending Balance at 8/11/04:	1451.38

By: Richard Libera, Treasurer

Tool Sources:

There will be a tool flea market September 12 from 1:00 to 6:00 pm at Lampeter, PA (On Rt30 near Lancaster, PA) 717-786-1383. Brown Tool Auctions will hold a two day tool flea market October 22-23 at the Harrisburg Sheraton Inn. 800-248-8114.

For an interesting source of antique tools visit www.mjdtools.com.

Note about dues:

The Dues for calendar 2005 are \$35.00, or \$40.00 for a family membership. Dues are payable before 12/31/04, preferably by check (that minimizes errors). Many members pay at earlier meetings, including September and October. This promptness is appreciated, because it simplifies Board planning and the work of the Treasurer.

Benefactors of the Guild:

Several merchants, suppliers and restaurants have been generous in supporting the Guild; please keep these friends in mind when you make purchases: Woodcraft, Highland Hardware, Lee Valley and Veritas, Café Gelato, Fair Hill Inn, Eagle Diner, Giordano's of Kennet Square and The Learning Station.

Oak Tree Available:

Paul Welsh's community association has a dying oak tree, located on his property. He and the association would be willing to give the wood away to an experienced woodworker who would safely cut the tree down and remove the stump and debris, at his or her own risk and expense. The tree is reasonably straight and tall; at 6 feet above ground its diameter is a little over 15". If interested call Paul at 302-235-2080 by September 15, or speak with him at the September meeting.

Historical Note:

Woodworking is among the most ancient human activities. According to historian Jacquetta Hawkes, "Advanced professional carpentry began in early dynastic times [in Old Kingdom Egypt] as soon as the copper workers had produced the necessary adze and axe blades, pull-saws, chisels and drills. So inventive were these early carpenters that already during the first dynasty [That's about 5000 years ago] all the main principles of jointing had been perfected, while carving and inlaying with varied woods, with ivory and faience were freely used for enrichment.... This same sense of the astonishingly swift arrival of perfection is clinched by the elegance and craftsmanship displayed by the furniture once used by the mother of the builder of the Great Pyramid" Hawkes, *The First Great Civilizations*, pp. 367-68 (Knopf 1973).

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