

WOODWORDS ON THE BRANDYWINE

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Dues are now Due:

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). To ease the work of the Treasurer, please pay at the December meeting.

November 17, 2004 Meeting Highlights:

This meeting featured tree ornaments and holiday decorations, especially the many and varied tree ornaments that members made for the Delaware Hospice Festival. Our thanks to all the volunteers who gave of their time to make them: Tony Albano, Bill Bristowe, Harry Coulsting, Rich Dell, John Dunbar, Roger Earley, Jim Given, Frank Hetzell, Jim Kirkbride, Rich Libera, Vince Passalacqua, Mike Reese, Tim Sabo, Ed Seagraves, Jerry Sheeran, Sherwood Shugart, Joe Tomeo, David Webber and Harry Welcher. Particular thanks to Mike Reese for leading this effort and co-ordinating with Delaware Hospice.

Members explained and demonstrated techniques and materials they used in making and finishing the ornaments. Most involved tiny turnings, meticulous scrollwork or both, and some involved ingenious ways of producing small and delicate items in quantity.

Members also presented other work. Buddy Gray presented a small stool with through mortises. Gary Hayes presented an impressive dropleaf table in figured cherry, inlaid with sand-shaded fans and other inlays in holly and ebony, and finished with spar varnish and tung oil. Your editor revealed the secret of "Irish adjustable shelves". Another member, whose name somehow got past your editor, presented a handsome dovetailed carrying tray. Please speak up, and be recognized next issue by name.

John Dunbar demonstrated cutting coves on a table saw, moving the workpiece diagonally across the blade. Using a simple parallelogram jig he establishes the correct angle for his two fences – the angle that will produce a cove of the desired width. Removing the jig he clamps two fences at that angle, parallel to each other, with the space between as wide as the workpiece. The fences confine the workpiece on both sides, so it can move only in one straight path. He then cuts the cove by feeding the workpiece across the blade in a series of passes, starting with the blade low and raising it in stages.

Bob Darnell won the raffle prize – a Drill Doctor.

December 15, 2004 Meeting Agenda:

This meeting will focus on planes, and will include a swap meet for planes and plane parts. Also, please bring interesting old planes and other old tools to show.

As in prior years, the Christmas raffle prizes will be several gift-wrapped surprise items, each worth around \$20.00. Winners will choose a wrapped prize. As always, please bring "show and tell" items. Those who do will receive two FREE raffle tickets.

News Item:

Congratulations to Mike Reese, whose Mission Style mantel clock took First Place in the Accessory Division at the annual Woodworks™ show at Fort Washington in November.

Sawdust recycling opportunity:

Hans Francke volunteers at the Woodshop at Pendle Hill, a conference and crafts center in Media where they also create ceramics. They need sawdust for the firing of black ceramics. If you have sawdust to spare please bring it in a large garbage bag to the next Guild meeting, and Hans will transport it to Pendle Hill. Or, call Hans at 302-475-9157.

The Guild's Hardware Library:

Did you know our Guild has calibration equipment that it loans out to members? Hardware Librarian Jerry Sheeran reports that we have a "Super Bar and Master Plate" that can be used to check the saw blade and arbor for runout, to align the saw blade parallel to the miter slot and to align the rip fence parallel to the miter slot. This can be used on a 5/8" or a 1" arbor, and can check the runout on any shaft type tool. We also have a magnetic "Jointer Pal", useful for setting jointer knives at the correct height. To borrow these devices and their instructions, contact Jerry Sheeran.

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.

Fashion Opportunity:

Your Guild offers truly cool hats and T-shirts, at thrifty prices. These are available at Guild meetings; see Don Ransom.

Tools for Sale:

Tony Albano offers a small shaper with many cutters for \$150. Call 610-268-3833 or see Tony at the meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

Balance forward at 10/27/04	1129.88
Newsletter for November	132.94-
Postage Stamps	9.00-
Dues Income	565.00+
Raffle Income at November Meeting	86.00+
Shirt Sale	10.00+
Ending Balance at 11/19/04	1648.49

By: Richard Libera, Treasurer

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 remaining dates are: December 15, January 19, February 16, March 16, April 20 and May 18.

Place & Time: We normally 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. Local radio stations broadcast closings, or visit www.wdel.com, News Center, SnoWatch.

Proposed Change re Board Meetings: Board Meetings are open to all Guild members who care to attend. The Board's ordinary practice has been to meet monthly, on the Wednesday evening that is one week after each Guild meeting. The Board contemplates changing this practice, so as to meet immediately after each Guild meeting. The Board is likely to decide about the proposed change at its next meeting, which will be held at Hodgson immediately after the December 15 Guild meeting.

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