

WOODWORDS ON THE BRANDYWINE

Woodworkers Guild of Delaware

March, 2005

February 16, 2005 Meeting Highlights:

Our thanks to Hans Francke and to Tom Jenik, who did a joint presentation on chairs. First Hans showed slides of various types of chairs, some of which he built. The chairs ranged widely from \$6.00 plastic chairs to the distinctive and expensive rockers of Sam Maloof. Hans focused mainly on 20th century chairs, many of them non-traditional, by such designers and makers as Reitveld, Aalto, Breuer, LeCorbusier, the Eames brothers, Miyazaki, Nakashima, Muggleton, Kenway, and Lovegrove. Tom then discussed detailed techniques for repairing weary and damaged chairs, illustrating his talk with repaired and unrepaired chairs he brought along for the purpose.

Thanks also to Steve Reynolds, who demonstrated the technique of flattening a cupped and twisted board with hand planes, discussed and demonstrated the basic types of planes and shared tips on adjusting and sharpening planes.

Jeanne Noblitt presented a handsome oak hat rack in a clear spray lacquer. Rich Dell presented a drum sander he built, using mechanical components from stockroomsupply.com. Dick Merrill presented an ingenious portable miter saw station with foldaway extension wings to support long stock, and a stop system for accurate repeat cuts. Our thanks to them all.

We raffled two prizes. Bob Darnell won a model of a Reitvelt chair donated by Hans Francke. Hans, however, won the Porter Cable biscuit joiner donated by John Dunbar. Thanks to Hans and John, and congratulations to Bob and Hans.

March 15, 2005 Meeting Agenda:

The theme will be practical techniques for interior finish carpentry – tips on mounting hinges, making and mitering crown moldings, and the like. Chuck Skelley will demonstrate router techniques for mortising doors and door jambs to receive hinges and hardware. Mike Reese will demonstrate "Power Coping" of crown molding and other techniques. Don Ransom and Tony Albano will demonstrate jigs that make short work of some tricky crown molding cuts.

As always, please bring "show and tell" items. Those who do will receive two FREE raffle tickets. This month's raffle prize will be a boxed set of Lee Valley Forstner bits, from 1/4" to 1" by 16ths.

Safety Note:

Thanks to Frank Hetzel for his report on a scary incident and a hazard. Frank had used his lathe to polish something, at top speed. Hours later he mounted something else in the chuck and turned on the lathe. It ran up to top speed -- too fast for his present purpose. He turned the speed down, too suddenly. The flywheel effect of the heavy whirling chuck unscrewed it from the slower-turning spindle and lobbed it toward Frank. By good fortune his injury was minor.

In Memoriam:

Glenda Diemedio recently died after a prolonged illness. For many years Glenda, her husband Val and his brother Dominick have done the cooking for the Guild's annual picnic. Our condolences to Val and the family.

Tool Chest/Cabinet Contest:

The Guild's contest for the best shop-built tool chest or cabinet is underway; entries will be presented and judged May 18.

Future Meeting Themes:

The Board is looking for your suggestions as to future meetings, especially for meetings that will emphasize machine work. Please talk with John Dunbar or with Program Committee members about this.

Last Call on Dues!

Dues are \$35.00 or \$40.00 for a family membership. If you are paid up your Woodwards mailing label shows the date 12/31/05. If not you are way overdue. Send your check to 402 Apple Road, Newark, DE 19711 or pay Treasurer Rich Libera at the March meeting – otherwise your membership terminates March 17.

Tools and Equipment for Sale:

Dave Sokolowski offers a 10" Delta contractor's saw with mobile base and a corian extension table, with a router cutout, for \$350. See Dave at the March meeting or call him at 410-398-3564.

Past member Tony Severino (302-234-1749) offers the following: Delta 10" tilting arbor Unisaw with 30" Unifence, \$1,200, Craftsman 15 1/2" drill press, \$300, Delta hollow chisel mortiser, \$100, Delta 12" disc sander, \$100, Rockwell (Delta) 14" band saw with riser block, \$500, Delta 12" variable speed wood lathe with stand, \$350, Delta 13" surface planer with bed rollers, \$750, Oneida Cyclone dust collection system with ducts, \$1,000, Wallace 3 phase 8" short bed jointer, \$300, Newton heavy duty 3 phase 2 head horizontal boring machine, \$300,

Sears 10" table saw, \$300, Heavy duty router table with Porter Cable router and bits, \$300, Phase converter, \$50, Wood storage rack, \$100, Mixed hardwoods including mahogany, cherry, walnut, oak, poplar, some exotics, \$500 Stihl 042 AV chain saw with 24" bar, \$300.

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 and Giordano's of Kennett Square.

Sawdust Recycling Opportunity:

The Woodshop at Pendle Hill is a good cause, with an ongoing need for sawdust to use in firing ceramics. Please bring sawdust to Hans Francke at the next Guild meeting (preferably in large garbage bags) or call him at 302-475-9157.

Treasurer's Report:

Balance forward at 2/3/05	2340.38
Dues Received	315.00+
February Raffle Earnings	61.00+
Mailing Supplies	19.90-
February Newsletter	116.94-
Ending Balance at 2/19/05	2579.54

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. The remaining dates are 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 **business** 896 (Glasgow Avenue, old 896) 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.

Board Meetings: Board Meetings are monthly, and are open to all Guild members. The Board ordinarily meets immediately after each Guild meeting.

Woodwords on the Brandywine
March, 2005

Woodworkers Guild of Delaware
402 Apple Road
Newark, DE 19711

LAST CALL ON DUES!

WOODWORKERS GUILD OFFICERS FOR 2004-05

President:

John Dunbar, 302-376-1927

Vice President:

Don Ransom, 302-655-5054

Treasurer:

Richard Libera, 302-368-8035

Secretary:

Chuck Skelley, 302-737-2033

Newsletter Editor:

Paul Welsh, 302-235-2080

Librarian & 2nd Treasurer:

John Baker, 302-834-1548

Hardware Librarian:

Jerry Sheeran, 610-268-3467

Raffle Manager:

Charles Given, 302-292-2724

Program Committee:

Tony Albano, 610-268-3833

Roger Earley, 302-998-4855

Vincent Passalacqua, 302-378-3649

Mike Reese, 302-477-1071

David Sokolowski, 410-398-3564