

WOODWORDS ON THE BRANDYWINE

Woodworkers Guild of Delaware

April, 2005

March 15, 2005 Meeting Highlights:

The theme was practical techniques for interior finish carpentry – tips on making, mitering and installing crown moldings, mounting hinges, and the like. Chuck Skelley did a detailed presentation on how to mount doors precisely, including fine points of mortising the doors and jambs and mounting the hinges and hardware – tricky, seemingly simple tasks. Among much else, he demonstrated the Porter-Cable adjustable hinge mortising template, explained the value of a 3 degree bevel on both door edges with the high side toward the hinge pin and demonstrated an efficient way to do it. He flagged various common and plausible mistakes and fielded detailed questions, of which there were many. Our thanks to Chuck for an impressively prepared presentation.

The other main topic was methods of mounting crown molding and making the shaped profiles meet precisely at corners, presented by Mike Reese, Don Ransom and Tony Albano. Don demonstrated his inside-corner jig, which offers a simple way to mark the correct cutting line on the complex curves of the molding profile. Mike demonstrated "power coping" – the technique of making beveled coping saw type cuts, using a powered jig saw. The result is a sharply beveled edge that conforms closely to the profile of the opposite piece of molding, for a perfect inside corner – it slightly cuts into the opposite piece. Tony presented and explained the Rockler jig that he uses for the same purposes, also with excellent results. Thanks to them all, and also to John Smock, who offered several worthwhile pointers as the meeting progressed.

During show and tell Rich Dell presented a handsome cherry pendulum wall clock with works from Klockit, finished in a urethane oil from Woodcraft. Bill Walters presented a gracefully curved bandsaw box done in ambrosia maple with bookmarked grain, and finished with Johnson paste wax. Ed Seagraves presented one of four maple "Treasure Boxes" he built as Christmas presents for the grandchildren, with mitred corners joined by contrasting walnut splines and finished in Watco Danish oil. David Webber presented a sturdy and well finished yard item – a stained oak feeding trough for the neighborhood deer, finished in Zar water-based exterior polyurethane. (David will forgive our doubt that deer can be bribed to eat the corn and spare the landscaping). Our thanks to them all.

Vince Passalacqua won the raffle prize, a boxed set of Lee Valley Forstner bits.

April 20, 2005 Meeting Agenda:

The theme of the meeting will be finishing and refinishing techniques and products. The featured presenters are special guests Peg Harshaw and her

husband Ed, who conduct a nearby Mohawk Finishing Products distributorship; they will cover finishing and refinishing techniques and tools, including color matching systems.

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 set of 28 brad point high speed steel drill bits, from 5/64" to 1/2".

Tool Chest/Cabinet Contest:

Time is slipping away -- entries for the Guild's contest for the best shop-built tool chest or cabinet 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.

Board Service Opportunities:

The Guild will elect its 2005-06 Board at the May 18 meeting. Please consider volunteering. The tasks are satisfying and not overly demanding, and by serving on the Board you can help to improve our Guild.

Hardwood Opportunities:

David Webber (610-793-1129) offers the sawed lumber from a large walnut tree on his property. John Smock (302-239-9111) reports a source of poplar. Also, last call on the oak tree on Paul Welsh's property (302-235-2080).

Refinishing Opportunity:

Bill Walters (302-475-6857) reports that his church is seeking someone with the right skills to refinish exterior church doors.

Fashion Note -- Spring Collection Debuts:

The long awaited Woodworkers Guild Spring Collection will debut at the April meeting. These distinctive and exciting caps and T-shirts are New! New! New! for 2005, and they have the additional advantage of precisely matching the 2004 models that well-dressed woodworkers prize. Also, their proceeds support the Guild, they publicize the Guild, and they help you meet other folks interested in woodworking – potential new members and even, for the professionals, potential customers. Buy yours from Don Ransom at the April meeting.

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; many thanks to members who help by contributing sawdust, used in firing ceramics. Please bring more to Hans Francke next meeting (preferably in large garbage bags) or call 302-475-9157.

Treasurer's Report:

As shown by figures below, the Guild's finances are in good shape. Our cost for meeting at Hodgson is now reduced by about \$500 per year, thanks to President John Dunbar's good work in officially registering our non-profit status with IRS. The newsletter and the annual picnic are our largest costs.

Balance forward at 2/19/05	2579.54
Dues Received	175.00+
March Raffle Income	65.00+
Gift In Memoriam (Glenda Diemedio)	40.00-
Mailing Labels, etc.	28.52-
March Newsletter	119.97-
Raffle Prizes (March, April, May)	388.40-
Ending balance at 3/27/05	2242.65

By: Richard Libera, Treasurer

2004-05 Meeting Schedule:

Guild meetings are on the third Wednesday of each month of the school year, September through May. The remaining dates are April 20 and May 18. 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 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.** Board Meetings are monthly, and are open to all Guild members. The Board ordinarily meets immediately after each Guild meeting.

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