

Changed Date and Nifty Place for April Meeting:

Because the Hodgson shop is unavailable to us the third Wednesday in April a different date was selected, and reported in September's newsletter. That is now obsolete. By the efforts of Pell Sherman we will meet on the usual date (April 19, the third Wednesday) but at an unusual site – the Kalmar Nyckel shipyard. Please mark (or change) your calendars accordingly. Many thanks to Pell Sherman for arranging this opportunity.

Guild Member Achieves National Recognition:

Congratulations to Don Ransom, whose Queen Anne drop-leaf table is showcased on p. 88 of the May/June 2005 issue of *Fine Woodworking* (No. 177). Don based his design for the 42" diameter round walnut table on pieces in the Winterthur Museum.

September 21, 2005 Meeting Highlights:

The theme of the meeting was inlay techniques, featuring an extensive demonstration and discussion by Gary Hayes. Readers who attended the November 2004 meeting will recall Gary's spectacular federal style drop-leaf table in figured cherry, with sand-shaded fans and other inlays in holly and ebony. Gary showed us exactly how it's done. He showed us, explained and demonstrated his hand-made veneering tools. He demonstrated each step in inlaying straight white lines -- cutting the groove, preparing the strip of holly, working it into the groove, trimming it with precision and leveling it to perfection. Then he topped an already impressive presentation by showing us, step by step, how to lay out, cut, prepare and inlay federal style sand-shaded oval fans. And for those who aspire to try this, he provided copies of veneering articles from *Fine Woodworking* that he had found useful. Our thanks to Gary for a first-rate presentation.

Also, John Dunbar demonstrated the new *Veritas Honing Guide*, which he finds to be a notable improvement on its predecessor, and answered members' questions about that guide and about related techniques for sharpening and honing plane blades and chisels.

Ralph Brisbin presented a candle lantern he built mainly of wood, with some brass components. The piece is visually striking, with contrasting horizontal components of Douglas fir and vertical components of purpleheart. Ralph made the brass hardware himself, and finished the wooden elements with shellac. Judy Hodgson presented a handsome and distinctive wood-covered photo album with

brass hinges. The covers are a complex glue-up of bookmatched walnut, cherry, mahogany, oak and maple.

Jim Kirkbride won the raffle prize -- the Veritas Medium Shoulder Plane chosen as Best in Class by Fine Woodworking magazine.

Annual Picnic:

The Picnic was held Saturday, October 8 at the at the DuPont company's Chestnut Run Pavilion; our thanks to John Baker who arranged for that locale. Despite a teeming downpour 34 people turned out (including nine children) and a fine time was had by all. At one table Harry Coulsting amazed those nearby with a demonstration of conjuring, at which he is adept.

There was great food, and prizes for members, guests and children. Many thanks to Val Diemedio and his brother Dominick, who selected, prepared and cooked the main food items, and also to other members who brought delicious additional dishes and desserts. Special thanks also to Rich Libera who obtained and raffled off an abundance of prizes, many of which were gifts that Rich solicited from merchant benefactors of the Guild listed below. There were prizes specifically for children (gift certificates of Regal Theatre and The Learning Station), for adult guests (gift certificates of Café Gelato, Fair Hill Inn, Giordano's and the Eagle Diner) and for members (desirable tools and supply items, including among others clamps, a Japanese style saw and a wheel marking gauge).

October 19, 2005 Meeting Agenda:

The theme of the meeting will be cabinet face frames, with demonstrations of several joining methods: dowels, biscuits, pocket screws, tenons and "loose tenons". Presenters will include Chuck Skelley, John Dunbar, Roger Earley and Don Ransom.

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 Lee Valley Veritas Honing Guide – the type demonstrated by John Dunbar last month.

About Dues:

Dues are \$35.00 per calendar year, and the dues for calendar 2006 are to be paid before December 31, 2005. By custom most members pay at the September or October meeting. This promptness is much appreciated; it helps in planning and eases 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 and Giordano's of Kennett Square.

Treasurer's Report:

Balance forward at 8/17/2005	1885.38
Picnic Expenses	577.82-
Newsletter	211.26-
September Raffle Prize	139.00-
Insurance	141.00-
October & Future Raffle Prizes	203.50-
Dues Received	390.00+
September Raffle Income	76.00+
Ending Balance at 10/8/2005	1078.80

By: Richard Libera, Treasurer

2005–06 Meeting Schedule, with changed date and place for the April 2006 meeting:

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: October 19, November 16, December 21, January 18, February 15, March 15, April 19 and May 17. The Guild often has a June meeting, and normally does not meet in July and August.

Place & Time: During the school year we normally meet in the Carpenter Shop at Hodgson Vo-Tech High School in Glasgow, DE. June meetings are elsewhere, and the April 2006 meeting will be at the Kalmar Nyckel shipyard. At Hodgson we meet from 7:00 pm to about 9:00 pm. Some arrive earlier, which is fine -- the shop is open to us around 6:00 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.** Whenever the school is closed due to weather, that evening's meeting is cancelled. Closings are broadcast by local radio stations and WDEL reports them online at www.wdel.com, News Center, SnoWatch.

Board Meetings: The Board ordinarily meets immediately after each Guild meeting. Board Meetings are open to all Guild members. The Board plans to meet Friday October 28 at Chuck Skelley's home, 1853 Dixie Line Road, Newark.

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