

Last Call on Dues!

Calendar 2006 dues are \$35.00 for individuals and \$40.00 for family membership, due December 31, 2005. The few who haven't paid will be dropped from membership March 1. Check your mailing label; if the date December 31, 2005 still appears you need to pay at the February meeting or mail your check to Richard Libera, Treasurer, at 402 Apple Rd., Newark, DE 19711.

January 18, 2006 Meeting Highlights:

Noted chairbuilder Jim Stevens presented the finale of his demonstration on building Windsor chairs by hand. Jim brought the partially built chair he made at the last two meetings (the seat with legs and spreaders installed) plus a steamed and bent curved armpiece, a bowed back (also steamed and bent) and a set of spindles, all of which he proceeded to trim, taper and install.

Jim had previously drilled the necessary angled holes in the seat. He showed us how to lay out, align and drill the holes in the armpiece for the arm supports, bowed back and spindles. After that he proceeded step by step through shaping and positioning the bow and installing the spindles. Jim finished the chair, made it all look easy, and shared many useful tips. Special thanks to Jim Stevens for a first-rate presentation -- fine craftsmanship, presented with showmanship.

Jim has kindly donated to the Guild the chair we watched him build, to be raffled off for charity. The Guild will Raffle the chair at \$20 per ticket, beginning at the February meeting. These tickets are quite an opportunity, since Jim customarily sells these chairs for \$750 or more apiece. The raffle will close and the winner will be announced at the March meeting, or possibly at the May meeting. Jim has also offered to do a shop tour for the Guild on Saturday March 18, (more on this later) and to teach a class on the Windsor chair for those who want individual instruction. Tuition is \$650 per person with Jim supplying all materials; call Jim at 302-239-4713 for the details.

At show and tell Jeanne Noblitt presented an airbrushed jewelry holder she made for her daughter Heidi, and a set of steak knives she made using blades from Penn State Industries. Jeanne made and installed lacewood handles for these, finished in six coats of lacquer. Richard Libera demonstrated the Nailmaster, a spring tool for starting and setting small nails, and your editor presented zero clearance throat plates he made for table saw and band saw using Corian. Rich Dell reported favorably on Woodslicer bandsaw blades, available at Highland Hardware.

Bob Darnell won the January raffle prize, a Lee Valley Veritas apron plane valued at \$69.00.

February 15, 2006 Meeting Agenda:

Cas Anolick will present the seventeen foot double Kayak he has built and show us the methods and techniques he used. Made of curved cedar strips with cove and bead joints and sealed with fiberglass and epoxy, the kayak has a striking appearance and presents methods new to many of us, and interesting to all. Don't miss this one.

This month's raffle prize will be an eight foot piece of bubinga (4/4 x 6") valued at \$80.00. Many thanks to Hearne Hardwoods, Inc. of Oxford, PA, who donated it. Bubinga is a striking and sought-after West African hardwood that works well with hand and machine tools, makes distinctive decorative veneers and has many other uses in furniture, cabinet work, turning and even flooring. Hearne Hardwoods is an excellent source for fine woods, well worth a visit.

As always, please bring "show and tell" items; those who do will receive two FREE raffle tickets.

Special Meeting Site in April:

Don't forget that the April 19 meeting will be at the Kalmar Nyckel shipyard, where we will tour both the ship and the carpentry shop. More will be said about this in the March and April newsletters.

The Guild's Library:

For some time we have carted our library materials to and from Guild meetings (with some omissions) for lack of a good way to store them on site. The Hodgson school folks have now provided us a closet. Richard Libera and Chuck Skelley have installed a suitable door and hardware. Special thanks to Rich, Chuck and the Hodgson staff, and particularly to Joe Tucci, the carpentry and woodworking teacher in whose shop we meet. The Library Committee and any other members who have Guild library materials are asked to bring them to the February meeting, when the Library Closet will be set up.

Buying Opportunities:

John Dunbar (302-376-1927) offers a Jet 6" Jointer in excellent condition, three years old with three sets of knives, for \$325.00.

E-Mail Project:

Hans Francke has volunteered to assemble an e-mail list of all Guild members who care to participate. If you would like to be included please send an

e-mail to Hans (hfrancke@verizon.net) and he will do the rest. The Guild will send the list by e-mail and/or will publish the list in a subsequent newsletter.

Separately, your editor wonders whether you would be interested in receiving this newsletter by e-mail. Please comment on this in your e-mail to Hans.

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, Lee Valley and Veritas, Café Gelato, Fair Hill Inn, Eagle Diner, Giordano's of Kennett Square and Hearne Hardwoods of Oxford, PA.

Treasurer's Report:

Balance forward at 12/31/2005	2310.40
Dues Income	350.00+
January Raffle Earnings	63.00+
January Newsletter Expense	130.00-
Am Heart Assoc., in memory of Bob Cooke	40.00-
Two Lee Valley Apron Planes	148.00-
Dues Refund	..10.00-
Materials for Jim Stevens Chair Project	235.00-
Lie Nielsen Rabbet Plane	119.99-
Ending Balance at 1/25/2006	2040.41

By: Richard Libera, Treasurer

2005–06 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: 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.

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