

November 15, 2006 Meeting Agenda:

This meeting will focus mainly on wooden tree ornaments and other holiday decorations that Guild members are making for the Delaware Hospice Christmas Tree Festival. Members will present these pieces and explain how they were made. Traditionally there is a rich variety of interesting designs and craftsmanship, including delicate scrollwork, difficult small turnings, and much else. Many thanks to Mike Reese, who is again organizing this project both within the Guild and with the Hospice folks.

John Dunbar will make a presentation on the sharpening and use of cabinet scrapers – skills worth adding and improving for all of us. Don't miss this one! Jim Kirkbride suggests we have a bird house competition. Members will be asked if this idea appeals. Doug Moobery has offered to host an extra meeting at his shop. Members will be asked about this idea, which might be a Saturday meeting, or an evening meeting in June.

This month's raffle prize will be a \$25.00 gift certificate from Woodcraft. As always please bring "show and tell" items; those who do will receive two FREE raffle tickets.

About Dues:

Dues are \$35.00 per calendar year (\$40.00 for family membership) and the dues for calendar 2007 are to be paid before December 31, 2006 (preferably by check). Family membership entitles the entire family to participate as Guild members, but they receive a single newsletter. If you haven't yet paid please do so at the November meeting, or mail your payment to Richard Libera, Treasurer, 402 Apple Road, Newark, DE 19711.

October 18, 2006 Meeting Highlights:

This meeting featured a presentation by professional upholsterer Gary Testerman, who explained and demonstrated new and old techniques and materials for upholstering the seats of fine wooden chairs, ranging from the best modern slipseats back to authentic eighteenth century materials and techniques. He got down to very specific tips about webbing, how to pull fabric for the correct shape, and much else. Special thanks to Gary Testerman for a first-rate presentation, and to Chuck Skelley for arranging it.

Also at this meeting, the Guild formally donated the proceeds of last year's special raffle of a Windsor chair hand crafted by Jim Stevens, to the Delaware Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. The meeting was covered by Newark Post

staff writer Christine Neff, whose excellent piece about the Guild was published in the October 27, 2006 issue. Many thanks to Christine and the Post for their first-rate coverage.

At show and tell Richard Libera presented a poplar shop cabinet made with some cherry wood and a polyurethane finish. Tony Albano presented a series of handsomely carved pieces – birds, a hawk, an eagle wing, a fish, salad tongs, a human face and a tiny mouse – done in diverse woods and finishes. Tony also contributed a supply of polonia wood, for Christmas ornaments. Charlie Given presented an impressive walnut chest, made from wood he harvested himself. Hans Francke presented an elegant mahogany arts & crafts queen size bed with curly maple panels that he built for his daughter. Roger Earley presented a distinctive striped bowl made of walnut, maple and cedar, with very little turning. Roger explained how he made it, starting from flat stock. Scrollwork guru Joe Tomeo presented letters cut from 5/4 pine and an impressive scroll-cut turkey. Joe also shared some tips for making tree ornaments. Ron Haase presented an interesting turned bowl. Many thanks to them all.

Thanks also to Frank Hetzel for his hospitality; Frank provided doughnuts. John Baker won the raffle prize, a Craftsman 14.4 volt drill and light set.

Membership Program:

Please help rebuild our membership. Invite woodworking friends and acquaintances to Guild meetings, and encourage them to join.

Future Programs:

Phillip Lothrop, a collector of antique tools, will make a presentation at our January meeting. He and his collection were featured in a July 20, 2006 News Journal article.

The Guild has announced a contest for the best frame for a picture, mirror or the like, to be judged at our April meeting. There are no restrictions as to size or shape.

We want to hear more from our members about how you plan, make and finish projects. Please volunteer to make a presentation, and please help us locate other professional woodworkers and knowledgeable amateurs who can be invited to teach us.

Buying Opportunities:

John Smock (302-239-9111) offers a Powermatic 66 Cabinet Saw with 52" Biesemeier fence for \$1450 (likely to be put on E-bay a day or two after the November meeting), a floor mode Delta variable speed drill press for \$250, and a floor model Craftsman drill press for \$185.

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, Lie-Nielsen Toolworks, Bell's Supply Co. Inc., Café Gelato, Eagle Diner, Fair Hill Inn, Arby's, Giordano's of Kennett Square and Hearne Hardwoods of Oxford, PA.

Treasurer's Report:

Balance forward at 9/9/2006	1875.25
Dues Income	565.00+
October meeting raffle proceeds	52.00+
October Newsletter expense	116.25-
Donation of Chair raffle proceeds	700.00-
Purchase raffle prizes	217.63-
Ending balance at 9/29/2006	1453.37

By: Richard Libera, Treasurer

2006–07 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: November 15, December 20, January 17, February 21, March 21, April 18 and May 16. 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 normally elsewhere. 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.** Also, **bring a flashlight** because the parking lot and shop entrance may be unlighted. If the school is closed due to weather, that evening's meeting is cancelled. Local radio stations broadcast closings and WDEL also reports them online at www.wdel.com, News Center, SnoWatch.

Board Meetings: The Board often meets at Hodgson immediately after Guild meetings. It sometimes meets at the homes of officers, normally on the Wednesday evening one week after a Guild meeting. Board Meetings are open to all Guild members.

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Membership List as of October 19,2006**

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