

WOODWORDS ON THE BRANDYWINE

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May 16, 2007 Meeting Agenda:

This meeting features noted woodworker Karson Morrison, whose award winning cradle/glider was featured in the March issue of Woodcraft magazine. He will bring this spectacular piece, among other things, and will share some tips, jigs and methods. For pictures of the cradle/glider and other impressive work by Karson Morrison visit www.flickr.com/photos/karson.

Karson Morrison is a member of the Mason-Dixon Woodworkers Club, which has a longstanding tradition of making toys for several charities. He has arranged for Don Conners, who chairs that program, to join us Wednesday evening and to present some of these distinctive wooden toys. Karson is also active on lumberjocks.com, a woodworking website that Guild members are likely to find interesting.

The Guild will elect its 2007-08 Board at this meeting and there will be some discussion about the membership drive (as to both, see below). There will be announcements about a Board meeting to gear up next year's program (likely on August 22) and about the annual picnic (likely on October 6).

This month's raffle prize will be a 14.5 volt Craftsman drill-driver and light set. As always please bring "show and tell" items; those who do will receive two FREE raffle tickets.

Board Volunteers Needed! Uncle Sam Wants You!

Some important slots are open, including this newsletter. After three years your Editor is bowing out, and Second Editor Judy Hodgson cannot step in because she is moving to Pittsburgh. Others may also be ready to pass the baton.

Here is a tentative proposed slate, not all of whom have committed to serve another year as this goes to press. President, John Dunbar. Vice President, Jim Stevens. Treasurer, Richard Libera. Second Treasurer, John Baker. Newsletter Editor, ?? Second Editor, ?? Librarian, Tim Sabo. Hardware Librarian, Jerry Sheeran. Raffle Manager, Chuck Skelley. Membership Chairman, Pell Sherman. Webmaster, Bill Wuhrman. Program Committee: Tony Albano, Pell Sherman, Charles Given and Roger Earley.

Please volunteer; by serving on the Board you can help to sustain and improve our Guild. Contact John Dunbar (302-376-1927) or Richard Libera (302-368-8035).

Membership Drive:

Membership Chairman Pell Sherman brought 1000 newly printed Guild membership brochures to the April meeting, and requested volunteers to make holders in which to display them. The brochures are 3¾" by 8½", and the plan is to place them on counters in appropriate local stores in early August, leading into this Fall's meetings (Lowe's, Home Depot, Hearne's, Shone's etc.). Some are already on offer at Woodcraft, in a handsome holder made by Richard Libera. Please contact Pell (302-832-2872) as to making one or more brochure holder(s), and as to stores you know of that may be willing to display our brochure. Many thanks to Pell Sherman for doing this vital work for the Guild.

April 18, 2007 Meeting Highlights:

The main theme of this meeting was air powered tools, with presentations by Chuck Skelley, Tony Albano and Harry Coulsting. Chuck covered the fundamentals of pneumatic equipment and focused on nail guns. Tony and Harry discussed carving with die grinders.

Chuck started with the compressor; he has a 30 gallon unit at home but elsewhere uses the portable 2 gallon compressor he brought to the demonstration. Chuck favors the kind that requires periodic oiling, because the oil-less types are noisier and don't last as long. For most nail guns he sets the pressure at 90-100 psi. Condensation can create problems, and Chuck showed us the precautions -- draining the water to protect the tank from internal rusting, and the in-line water separator that protects his nail guns. For the same reason he adds a drop of oil to each gun each day it is used. Chuck demonstrated and passed around over a dozen nail guns of various sizes and configurations, and discussed their pros and cons. He shared some tips like aligning the nail head with the grain for better appearance, and demonstrated the use of colored wax sticks to hide nail holes.

Tony Albano presented an array of inexpensive mini die grinders and grinder bits that he uses for carving. For this gear Tony recommends at least a 22-gallon compressor -- the grinders use a lot of air. For maneuverability he favors curly hose and swivel connections. On the other end of the price spectrum Harry Coulsting carves with high-end angle die grinders with speed control and solid carbide bits. These are automotive supply tools to be used on wood with some caution; at full throttle they can spray small amounts of oil and water. Our thanks to Chuck, Tony and Harry for their instructive and interesting presentations.

This meeting also featured the frame-building contest, which produced a variety of impressive work. The winners were Tim Sabo (a tiny frame for a wallet-sized photo, made of sun-baked cherry) and Rich Libera (a small frame of

padauk and black and gold painted poplar, designed to harmonize with the framed photo of a desert setting). Other entries were Jim Kirkbride's star-burst frame for a circular mirror, Sherwood Shughart's two hand-carved walnut Chippendale mirror frames, and three different frames by Tony Albano: a frame for an oval mirror with a whimsical carved face, an arched frame made of exterior MDF carved and painted to look like a vine of ivy, and an unfinished oval carved to look like layered oak leaves. Thanks to all who entered frames, and to Charlie Givens, John Dunbar and Judy Hodgson who served as judges.

At show and tell John Dunbar presented a dovetail plane that he built of osage orange and cherry, with a blade of his own making. John designed this to make sliding dovetails with the 14 degree taper that router bits create (known commercial dovetail planes are 10 degrees). Ron Hasse presented an elegant Shaker end table in walnut, finished with tung oil. Based on a Thomas Mosier design the piece has one drawer, legs tapered on two sides, and breadboard ends. Ron has made several; they require little wood and he finds them easy to make. Our thanks to them both.

Allen Runk won the raffle prize, a Veritas iron edge trimming plane.

Buying Opportunities:

Joe Tomeo (302-834-0882) offers a Delta 9" bench band saw with a shop-made base, vacuum port, light and 2 extra blades for \$100.00. Paul Welsh (302-235-2080) offers four Sears support rollers for \$40.00.

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 4/8/2007	2188.94
Dues Income	35.00+
April meeting raffle proceeds	38.00+
April Newsletter expense	101.95-
Membership drive brochures	332.29-
Ending Balance at 4/30/2007	1827.70

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