



# WOODWORDS ON THE BRANDYWINE

## Woodworkers Guild of Delaware

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### March Meeting Highlights

Many thanks go to Jeanne Batulis for taking notes and pictures at the March meeting.

Tony Albano demonstrated his sharpening technique, based on the Scary Sharp products. First he cleans up and squares the blades on a grinder with a 25 degree bevel, then using the Veritas angle grinder tool he puts a 30 degree bevel on the blade. Next he takes it to his setup sharpening tray which includes two sheets of micro abrasives (15 and 5 microns) adhered to glass for sharpening and a ceramic stone for honing.



A couple of swipes on each grit and then the back of the blade against the stone and he's done!

As long as the blades are square, all that's needed for routine maintenance is the abrasive paper and stone, which Tony has mounted in a wooden box so the whole set is self-contained.

**Raffle:** \$30 Woodcraft gift certificate, won by Frank Hetzell

### Show and Tell:



Ron Hasse brought a segmented bowl that he turned and offered for Tim Sabo's comments (Tim approved).



Paul Welsh brought in a couple of "quick-grip" type clamps purchased from Harbor Freight with the warning that, although inexpensive, they break easily. He suggested buying more than you need to accommodate the ones that break. The consensus of the group was that all Harbor Freight clamps seem to have

problems; however they are so inexpensive they are still a good buy even when buying extras.



Wayne Shoals brought a stained glass panel enclosed in a wooden frame, completed in the Tiffany style which involves copper foil, solder, and liquid patina. It was suggested that this would make an interesting presentation in the future.



Hans Francke brought two hinged-top boxes: a walnut one with mitered joints set up as a tea box with removable dividers, and a cherry one with dovetailed joints and a decorative groove in the lid.



### Brazilian Cherry Finishes:



Seven people brought the Brazilian cherry pieces back with the following finishes applied:

Richard Libera:

- (1) Minwax Natural stain and 3 coats of Waterlox (brushed)
- (2) Four coats of home-made finishing oil (1/3 oil, 1/3 thinner, 1/3 varnish) (rubbed)

Jeanne Batulis:

- (1) 3 coats Guardsman Nitrocellulose lacquer (aerosol)
- (2) 3 coats Guardsman Waterborne lacquer (HVLP)

Jim Kirkbride :

- 4 coats Zinsser shellac (brushed)
- (1) 3 coats Watco Teak Oil (wet sanded// rubbed)

Charlie Given:

3 coats Minwax Waterborne Polyurethane, followed by wax

Tony Albano:

Minwax Wipe-On Poly, which generated much debate over whether it is best to brush or wipe this product

Jerry Sheeran:

- (1) Blonde shellac sealer followed by Waterlox
- (2) General Oil followed by Polyurethane
- (3) Wipe-On Polyurethane
- (4) Home-made finishing oil
- (5) Antique Cherry stain, Wipe-On Polyurethane
- (6) Early American Cherry stain, Wipe-On Polyurethane

John Dunbar:

- (1) Linseed Oil followed by 2 coats of Shellac
- (2) Ammonia fumed followed by 2 coats of shellac (used blueprint ammonia left for one day)

## **April 2008 Meeting Agenda**

Program agenda information was not available at the time of the printing for this newsletter. As you all know we have great meetings with many sharing their knowledge, trials and success while woodworking. Please bring show and tell items. Those of you that brought in finished Brazilian cherry, please bring them back. Those of you that have finished yours bring them in so we can discuss finishes and what we would like to see on the Baltimore card tables.

**Raffle:** April's raffle prize will be a \$30.00 gift certificate to Woodcraft.

## **Shows of Interest in the area**

The Chester County Craft Guild of the Pa State Guild

West Pikeland Cultural Center Art School Road Yellow Springs, PA
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Saturday, April 19 / 10am - 5pm Sunday, April 20 / 10am - 5pm
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Jim Stevens will be displaying his chairs. Admission is free.

## 2007-08 Meeting Schedule Dates

Guild meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month of the school year, September through May. This year's meeting dates are as follows:

- April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2008
- May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2008
- September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2008
- October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2008
- November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2008
- December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2008

## Place & Time

We meet in the Carpenter Shop at Hodgson Vo-Tech High School in Glasgow, DE from 7:00 pm to about 9:00 pm. The shop is open to us around 6:00 pm. The school entrance is on old 896 (Glasgow Avenue) 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.** The evening's meeting is cancelled when the school is closed due to weather.

## Board Meetings

The Board of the Guild ordinarily meets one week after Guild meetings, on the following Wednesday. Other Guild members who care to attend are welcome.

## Announcements

### Treasurer's Report

Balance forward at 2/25/2008	\$ 1701.12
Dues Income	\$ 145.00+
Raffle income	\$ 35.00+
Interest earned on Account	\$ .86+
Newsletter expense	\$ 124.02-
Ending Balance at 1/25/2008	\$1757.96

By: Richard Libera, Treasurer

## Membership Dues

Annual (January 1st – December 31) membership dues are \$35.00 per member or \$40.00 for a family and include ONE mailing of our newsletter. Each mailed copy of the newsletter costs about \$1.50 each. Dues are payable before 12/31/07 preferably by check (that minimizes errors).

**Your status of membership is indicated on the mailing label attached to this newsletter. If your date does not read 12/31/08 you will be dropped from membership and will not receive a newsletter. Check your LABEL.**

## Elections for Guild Officer Positions

Are you enjoying the Guild? Most are so why not come forward and volunteer to keep our Guild strong. Leadership changes are needed to bring in new ideas and we would like to have yours.

Elections for officers will take place at our May 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, Lee Valley and Veritas, Café Gelato, Fair Hill Inn, Eagle Diner, Giordano's of Kennet Square, and the Iron Hill Restaurant and Brewery.

### **Federal Style Baltimore Card Tables**

Jim Stevens and Tony Albano brought the aprons back to show how they applied the veneer. Their first attempt using hide glue, turned out to be a very sticky situation and did not go well, but they were able to work the bugs out of the system and on the second try successfully applied the veneer to one of the aprons. Tony will demonstrate the technique on the second apron at the next meeting.

Jeremy Noblitt and Chuck Skelley will work on the bridle joints for the legs and aprons.

Gary's inlays and inlay tools



Gary Hays, Hans Francke, and John Dunbar have been working on the inlays and banding for the tables. Gary demonstrated his method of completing the inlays per an article entitled "Six Steps to a Perfect Inlay" by Roland Johnson, copies of which Gary handed out to the group, and John showed the differences in his methods for making the same pieces. John demonstrated his method of constructing the walnut and maple bandings, which he makes on a tablesaw.

### **Classified:**

The classified section is open to any paid member. Have your classified information into Pell Sherman by the first of the month to be included in that month's newsletter. Email your information to: [Pellsherman@comcast.net](mailto:Pellsherman@comcast.net)

Dewalt Thickness Planer DW733  
Dewalt Wet/Dry Grinder 23-700  
AMT Dovetail Jig A840

Makita 7" Angle Grinder 9207  
Best Offer call Tony Knisely 302-683-0112

Delta 18 by 36 open end drum sander for sale --\$450.00  
Slow speed Delta sharpen center with a Jointer / planer Blade guide --\$75.00  
(Guide Jig alone is \$50.00)  
Contact Jim Stevens at 302-545-6937 or [Jstevnstool@comcast.net](mailto:Jstevnstool@comcast.net)





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