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Sea Monster Carousel Animal Carved by George Hoffman

Last month we saw the completed carousel figure George has been working on for the final time. It has taken over 300 hours to complete and George has shared with us its progress while he was making it. In April 2011 he brought the glued up body to show us the techniques used in assembly and demonstrated his approach in carving the features. He described the history of carousel animals and showed us a drawing of what his would look like when completed. Last month he again brought the creature, fully carved but unfinished. At which point he described the color glazes and jewels he planned to adorn it with. He also told us it was to be displayed at the Ocean Township Historical Society Museum in Asbury Park, New Jersey for a year. They wish to setup a display showing the kinds of attractions that historically were found at the beach.

One person George draws carving inspiration from is Ed Spillman. Ed was a carousel animal carver in the early 1900's. His company, Spillman Engineering Company, made parts for amusement park rides. He later went on to form a partnership with Allan Herschell to make merry-go-rounds. These were sold and setup all over the east coast. George W. Johnson, owner of Endicott-Johnson Shoes, bought six of their carousels for his employee's children and placed them in parks scattered throughout the Endicott-Johnson/Binghamton region of south central New York. Many of Ed's animals have been restored and are quite collectable today.

George's creature is based on one of Ed's earlier works. There are a few modifications, such as; taxidermy eyes and glass jewels on the saddle fringes. It is finished with Japan oils, which George mixes himself, heavy on pigment and light on carrier. This gives the figure a deep, slick tone, like you would expect from a creature of the sea.

George did a wonderful job creating this creature!

*Written by Tim Sabo and Peter Leavens
Photos taken by Jim Kirkbride*



Progress of George's Carousel Figure



April 2011



May 2013



June 2013



Show & Tell



Jeremy Noblitt



Kevin Slaugh

Display case of our work at the Newark Free Library



2013 Meeting Schedule

Guild meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month. All interested persons are invited. Our upcoming meeting is:

July 17th

Topic will be: "Making a Longbow"

7:00 PM

Woodcraft

166 South DuPont Highway

New Castle, DE 19720

Treasurer's Report

07/2013

The guild's financial information will be not be published in the newsletter, but will be available for review during the monthly meetings. Please see either the Treasurer, Vice President or President to obtain this information.

Upcoming Contest

5"x5"x6" blocks of Sapele were handed out during last month's meeting to anybody interested in participating in a turning contest. This is a free style contest. There is no design criteria. Time to show your creativity. All entries are due August 21st for judging. Judging will take place during the normal guild meeting.

All questions should be directed to one of the members of the Program Committee.

A Serious Piece of Art



Photo courtesy of The Metropolitan Museum of Art

This magnificent, 18th century piece of furniture was brought to my attention by Tony Albano. It was made by David and Abraham Roentgen and is on display at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City. It is filled with all kinds of mechanical releases and movements. A brief look at it in operation can be seen on YouTube:

<http://www.youtube.com/embed/MKikHxKeodA?rel=0>

Truly amazing..... the inlay isn't too bad either!

Classifieds

The classified section is open to any paid member. Have your classified information to Tim Sabo by the first of the month to be included in that month's newsletter. Email your information to: TSabo@Dow.com

John McCormick has the following for sale: call (302) 836-1916

Dewalt #788 Scroll Saw

Excellent shape! Type #1 printed on motor, lamp is attached as well as the easy lift installed to hold the arm up. Stand is included. Asking \$350.00

Woodcarvers of Delaware club

The "Woodcarvers of Delaware" club meets every Monday night (6:30-8:30), while school is in session. We meet at McKean High School in the old woodworking room. The meetings are informal. People bring and work on their projects at the meetings. Experienced woodcarvers are available to help you master the art of woodcarving. If you would like to add a new dimension to your wood working skills, come and check this club out. For additional information contact Roger Earley (president) at 302-998-4855.

Chuck Skelley has rough sawn **Walnut** for sale:

Random widths, Random lengths. Air dried. \$3.00 per board foot.

contact Chuck at 302-584-7959

Tony Knisley has the following for sale: email sknisley@comcast.net or aknisley@ci.wilmington.de.us

Cast iron scroll saw missing the treadle
Will take best offer



Randal Wimberley has the following for sale:

Euroshop 20", 3 hp 230 volt 1 phase bandsaw. used very little, excellent condition, \$1,400.00

Performax Supermax 25 X 2 drum sander, model 613G01, excellent condition, \$1,000.00

Craftsman 16" scroll saw, near new condition \$75.00

Makita HM 1242 heavy duty rotary hammer, takes 3/4 hex tools, clay spade included, used little, \$350.00

contact Randal Wimberley, wimberley31@msn.com, 302-654-0778

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