



# WOODWORDS ON THE BRANDYWINE

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## December 2014: Fellowship

At the December Guild meeting members brought many edibles and sang songs of the season.

Elections were held and the new slate of officers is listed on the left. We want to thank all who served in the past year or years for their contributions to the Guild. As your newly elected editor, I am appreciative of all Tim Sabo has done and will do for the Guild: newsletter, president, tree planting, furniture projects.



Gifts for each member. It's the season...

Harry Coulsting won the December prize: A trim router. Can you shave yourself with this tool?

Photos: Jim Kirkbride



Comfort birds from  
Woodcarving International

#### Sawdust.

An occupational hazard! When working with wood we will breathe in sawdust, unless we protect ourselves with a dust mask. Some sawdust is merely irritating, some is more dangerous.

You can find detailed information about the hazards at the following websites:

[www.wood-database.com/  
wood-articles/wood-allergies-  
and-toxicity](http://www.wood-database.com/wood-articles/wood-allergies-and-toxicity)

[http://www.naw.org.nz/  
resources/toxic\\_woods.html](http://www.naw.org.nz/resources/toxic_woods.html)

From Jim Kirkbride:

Bob Herbert is a **KAPNISMOLOGIST...**

yes, a smoking pipe maker and collector. And we were so fortunate to have Bob give us a talk on this, his favorite subject, at our December meeting. He is a retired Wilmington News Journal photographer and now spends his time attending to his special pastimes: his grandchildren and pipe making and collecting. And collecting he does. Over the years he has accumulated more than 10,000 pipes of all descriptions from around the world. Although some are upwards of 100 years old, more than 99% can still be smoked.

Bob explained that the best pipes are made from Mediterranean briar. Briar is the burlwood of the white heath tree. These pipe burls can be purchased from specialty stores and can be quite expensive. He added that other materials can be used —such as clay, stone and corn cobs. Collectors pay as much as \$25,000 for a pipe and the best pipes come from England and Denmark. Bob makes pipes on special orders, but insists it's just for fun, not profit, since he really enjoys being retired. Bob has a video that can be seen on Google:

THE KAPNISMOLOGIST: "A LIFE UP IN SMOKE."

I encourage all our readers to check out this video made by Bob to get more background and information on his favorite hobby.



Also:[www.pipesandcigars.com](http://www.pipesandcigars.com)

January 21, 2015 What is up?

- \* Handmade dovetails: John McCormick and Hans Francke

John and Hans will show off their skills and tools and why they prefer to make dovetails by hand. Of course there are many jigs that make it easy once they are set up.

- \* Show and Tell.

Always some surprises! What have you been working on?

- \* Ideas and Program

Do you have a tip or a question? Bring these to the meeting. Have ideas for a program, contact JD McCormick

What kind of collaborative project should the Guild undertake this year? Tune in, bring your ideas.

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Meeting schedule 2015:

February 18, March 18, April 15, May 20, June 17...



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