

WOODWORDS ON THE BRANDYWINE

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September 15, 2004 Meeting Highlights:

Joe Tomeo presented a meticulously scrolled birch plaque he is preparing as the Guild's going away present for Larry Burgin. Joe also presented a small clock he has mounted in scrolled mahogany. Rich Dell presented a handsome and distinctive office style five-leg swivel armchair that he designed and built.

Special guest Doug Mooberry of Kinloch Woodworking Ltd. discussed furniture that he builds in eighteenth century style. Doug has written many published articles on fine cabinetmaking, including "Pennsylvania Spice Box", in the June 1997 issue of Fine Woodworking. He presented two of his exceptional inlaid spice boxes and a round tilting candlestand done in tiger maple, and described the materials and techniques he used in designing, building and finishing them. Doug favors Lockwood water soluble aniline stains, Bulls Eye shellac applied at one and 1/2 pound cut, English brass pulls and handles, and hot hide glue for veneer.

Where he sees good reason Doug does not hesitate to improve on traditional methods. For instance, he attached the candlestand legs by mortise and tenon joints, which he finds stronger and more durable than the traditional sliding dovetails. He sands to 180 grit and declares victory, seeing little benefit in sanding beyond that. Doug recommends against staining cherry, because it darkens over time.

Other examples of Doug's exceptional craftsmanship can be seen at www.kinlochwoodworking.com. Also, Kinloch is holding open house Friday November 12 (5:00-8:00 pm) and Saturday November 13 (10:00 am – 5:00 pm) at Kinloch's Unionville PA shop on Rte. 82, about three miles north of U.S. Rte. 1.

John Smock reported on the status of past President and Honorary Member Joe Costello, to whom the Guild owes much, and who has for some time been seriously ill. Our best wishes to Joe and his family. Also, past member Gerdi Dunn recently died in a helicopter accident. Our condolences to his family.

Rich Dell won the raffle prize – a Veritas shoulder plane.

October, 2004 Meeting Agenda:

The meeting will be 7:00 pm Wednesday, October 20 AT THE WOODCRAFT STORE on the northbound side of Route 13, north of the Rte. 40 junction and south of Hare's Corner (where Rte. 273 crosses Rte. 13). The meeting will be oriented toward tree ornaments and other holiday decorations, with demonstrations on small object turning by Bill Roberts, Roger Earley and Tim Sabo and small object scrollwork by Joe Tomeo and Rich Dell. Volunteers are needed to make tree ornaments for the Delaware Hospice Festival.

At the September Hagley auto show Dave Sokolowski admired and learned about classic "Woody" cars and their restoration. Dave plans to share some pictures at the October Guild meeting, and he reports that we might be able to feature one of these classic cars at a later meeting.

As always, please bring "show and tell" items. Those who do will receive two FREE raffle tickets. This month's raffle prize will be a \$50.00 gift certificate from Woodcraft.

Annual Picnic:

Many thanks to Val Diemedio and his brother Dominick, who organized the picnic, and to all who helped them. The Picnic was held Saturday, October 2 at DuPont's Chestnut Run Plaza (thanks to John Baker, who arranged for that locale). Despite a rainy day, turnout was good and a fine time was had by all. There was great food, and raffle prizes for members, guests and children.

Note about dues:

The Dues for calendar 2005 are \$35.00, or \$40.00 for a family membership. Dues are payable before 12/31/04, preferably by check (that minimizes errors). If possible please pay early, at the October or November meeting, as many members do. This promptness simplifies Board planning and the work of the Treasurer.

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, Highland Hardware, Lee Valley and Veritas, Café Gelato, Fair Hill Inn, Eagle Diner, Giordano's of Kennet Square and The Learning Station.

Fashion Opportunity:

Your Guild offers truly cool hats and T-shirts, at thrifty prices. These are available at Guild meetings; see Don Ransom.

Events and Tool Sources:

Brown Tool Auctions will hold a two day tool flea market October 22-23 at the Harrisburg Sheraton Inn. 800-248-8114.

Woodworks™ is bringing its annual woodworking show to the Fort Washington Expo Center November 5-7, 2004. For details visit www.woodworksevents.com.

Treasurer's Report:

Balance forward at 8/11/04:	1451.38
Fee to Hodgson School	30.00-
September Raffle & Picnic prizes	164.90-
Insurance	141.00-
Printing & mailing (September Newsletter)	109.74-
Raffle Income (September Meeting)	78.00+
Dues collected	280.00+
Ending Balance at 9/25/04	1363.74

By: Richard Libera, Treasurer

2004-05 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: October 20, November 17, December 15, January 19, February 16, March 16. April 20 and May 18.

Place & Time: We ordinarily 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 6:20 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.** Whenever the school is closed due to weather, that evening's meeting is cancelled.

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. The next Board meeting is scheduled for 7:00 pm October 27 at Jim Kirkbride's home, 2725 Skylark Rd. in Brookmeade, a community on the West side of Centerville Rd. (RD 272) between Lancaster Pike (Rte. 48) and Faulkland Rd. (Rte. 34).

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