

WOODWORDS ON THE BRANDYWINE

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Dues are now OVERDUE!

Dues for calendar 2005 were payable before 12/31/04. Will the few who are in arrears please pony up right now by sending your check to the Guild at 402 Apple Road, Newark, DE 19711. The dues are \$35.00, or \$40.00 for a family membership.

December 15, 2004 Meeting Highlights:

Thanks to Jeanne Noblitt who presented a distinctive and elegant clock that she crafted in quarter-sawn Indiana sycamore, and to Rich Dell, who showed us trivets he made with ceramic tiles mounted in wood, and a serving tray he crafted of birch and walnut. The tray has an unusual system of dowel pegs, to prevent platters from shifting about. Thanks also to Tim Sabo, who built and presented a hickory bow saw, and to Ron Hasse, who presented a handsome shaker table that he built of walnut.

The main part of this meeting focused on planes, with members bringing and explaining interesting old planes. Steve Reynolds presented impressive eighteenth and nineteenth century planes from his large collection, and Charlie Givens showed us an interesting chamfer plane. Harry Coulsting and Bob Butler showed us other interesting planes, as did Bill Walters, Ron Hasse and Tim Sabo. Members also brought other old tools. Charlie Givens showed us his antique boring machine which, despite a boring name, is quite an interesting old machine. Thanks to all who participated.

The meeting also got deeply into technical aspects of planes. Special thanks to Don Ransom, who presented and demonstrated a jig that he uses to keep planes well sharpened, and to John Dunbar, whose extensive and instructive presentation covered the specific features in which fine planes excel, and specific, detailed techniques for tuning up planes and using them to best effect.

The four Christmas raffle prizes were gift-wrapped surprise items, each worth around \$20.00; winners chose among the wrapped prizes. Jerry Sheeran won a \$25.00 Woodcraft gift certificate. Pell Sherman won a Lee Valley Scraper set, plus pads and a calendar. Dick Merrill won a Lee Valley Sliding Bevel and Pad. Chuck Skelley won a Stanley utility knife, 100 extra blades and a 25' tape measure.

Finally, our thanks to George Waddell, who kindly supplied donuts for all.

January 19, 2005 Agenda:

The plane theme continues, with Steve Ransom demonstrating the use of selected planes from his collection. The meeting again includes a swap meet for planes and plane parts. Also, Hans Francke will do a presentation on chair making.

As always, please bring "show and tell" items. Those who do will receive two FREE raffle tickets. The raffle prize will be a Lee Nielson rabbit block plane.

Tool chest/cabinet contest:

It's time to start planning and building for the next Guild contest -- for the best shop-built tool chest or cabinet. Entries will be presented and judged at the May 18 meeting.

Future Meeting Themes:

The Board is thinking about having our monthly Guild meetings alternate, with a hand work theme meeting followed normally by a machine work theme meeting. We are looking for feedback on this idea, particularly your suggestions for things you would like us to do in machine work meetings. Please talk with John Dunbar or with Program Committee members about this.

Tools for Sale:

Joe Tomeo offers a Delta 18" cast iron scroll saw with stand and accessories for \$200. See Joe at the meeting or call him at 302-834-0882.

Sawdust recycling opportunity:

Hans Francke volunteers at the Woodshop at Pendle Hill, a conference and crafts center in Media where they also create ceramics. They need sawdust for the firing of black ceramics. If you have sawdust to spare please bring it in a large garbage bag to the next Guild meeting, and Hans will transport it to Pendle Hill. Or, call Hans at 302-475-9157.

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.

Treasurer's Report:

Balance forward at 11/19/04	1648.49
Insurance Correction	38.00-
December Newsletter	102.52-
December Raffle Items	34.65-
December Raffle income	82.00+
Cap Sale	15.00+
Dues Received	630.00+
Ending balance at 12/20/04	2200.32

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: January 19, February 16, March 16, April 20 and May 18.

Place & Time: We normally 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 **business** 896 (Glasgow Avenue, old 896) 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. Local radio stations broadcast closings, or visit www.wdel.com, News Center, SnoWatch.

Board Meetings: Board Meetings are monthly, and are open to all Guild members who care to attend. Trying out a new practice, the Board ordinarily meets immediately after each Guild meeting. Formerly, it ordinarily met one week after each Guild meeting.

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