

WOODWORDS ON THE BRANDYWINE

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Dues are now OVERDUE!

This year's dues (\$35.00, or \$40.00 for a family membership) were payable before 12/31/04. They cover the calendar year 2005 and if you have paid, the date 12/31/05 is printed on the mailing label of your newsletter. Will the few who remain in arrears please pony up right now by sending your check to the Guild at 402 Apple Road, Newark, DE 19711, or pay Treasurer Rich Libera at the February meeting. As in years past, failure to pay by the March meeting will result in termination of membership.

January 19, 2005 Highlights:

This meeting was lightly attended (only 21 members) due to a snowstorm, and the scheduled chair making demonstration by Hans Francke was deferred to February. Jim Kirkbride presented a handsome poplar rocking horse with a cherry stain finish, and Ralph Brisbin presented a unique walking stick, featuring the curious natural shape of an unusual piece of wood. Our thanks to them both and also to Vince Passalcqua, who presented a large copper-roofed bird feeder he made using Trex, the man-made decking material. Vince shared tips about working with that material.

Thanks also to Judy Hodgson, who presented inlaid walnut trays she built as tabletops for plant stands. Judy showed us how she did the inlay work, and also gave us pointers on working with Corian, pieces of which she obtained from the DuPont Redeployment Center on Lamson's Lane – a source worth knowing about, not just for Corian but for all sorts of things and materials the DuPont Company decides to dispose of at modest prices.

Our thanks to John Dunbar, who presented a tilt-top walnut tea table finished with linseed oil, shellac, and spray lacquer. The legs are joined to the centerpost by sliding dovetails, and John showed us the jig he uses to make the dovetails on the router table. Thanks also to Don Ransom, who presented two ingenious and simple shop-made tools – a scraper to make a small cove matching the existing cove on a piece of furniture he was repairing, and a beading tool that uses the edge of a screw head as its blade.

John Dunbar won the raffle prize, a Lee Nielson rabbet block plane.

February 16, 2005 Agenda:

Hans Francke will do a presentation on chair making, originally scheduled for January.

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 Porter Cable biscuit joiner. Our thanks to John Dunbar, who donated it.

Tool Chest/Cabinet Contest:

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

Fashion Note:

As the election season recedes it's time to put those political hats and T-shirts aside and look to the exciting Woodworkers Guild Spring Collection. The Guild offers handsome, functional and non-partisan hats and T-shirts at thrifty prices. These are available at Guild meetings; see Don Ransom.

Future Meeting Themes:

The Board is looking for your suggestions as to things you would like us to do in meetings that emphasize machine work. Please talk with John Dunbar or with Program Committee members about this.

Tools and Equipment for Sale:

Dave Sokolowski offers a 10" Delta Contractor's saw with mobile base and a corian extension table, with a router cutout, for \$350. See Dave at the February meeting or call him at 410-398-3564.

John Smock offers the following equipment, most of which he lately acquired from a local home shop. See John at the February meeting, or call him at 302-239-9111.

- 3 small old HD benchtop drill presses \$35-75
- Porter Cable brad nailer \$55
- Delta benchtop 4" belt/6" disc sander \$60
- Delta 10" contractors table saw \$100
- AMT wet/dry bench grinder \$45
- Shopsmith Mark V combination machine with accessories \$200
- Shopsmith separate Bandsaw attachment with stand/motor \$135
- Shopsmith jointer attachment \$50
- Delta 12" planer with stand \$115

Delta floor model drill press, newer model \$165
 Craftsman oscillating spindle sander \$55
 Craftsman HD radial arm saw, newer model \$200
 Freud 3.25 HP plunge router with shaper-like table surface \$95
 Delta 6" jointer on stand \$80
 Antique c1905 guillotine style heavy duty (Lyon miter trimmer like cut)
 picture frame and stock trimmer \$225
 Antique Stanley Rule and Level circa 1906 56" wood level \$45

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.

Treasurer's Report:

Balance forward at 12/20/04	2200.32
Dues received	335.00+
January Raffle Earnings	57.00+
January Newsletter	116.94-
January Raffle Prize	135.00-
Ending balance at 2/3/05	2340.38

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: 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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