

## **February 15, 2006 Meeting Highlights:**

Cas Anolick presented his seventeen foot strip built sea kayak, and showed us the methods and materials he used to build it. The kayak is handsomely made of alternate red cedar and white cedar strips, with cove and bead joints and a cowling of 1/8" marine plywood, all sealed with fiberglass and epoxy.

Cas began with a kit from The Newfound Woodworks, Inc. ([www.newfound.com](http://www.newfound.com)), but modified their design to suit his own preferences. Beginning with a rigid spine called the "strongback" he attached a series of MDF forms provided by Newfound, creating a temporary rigid structure to support the shell and define its shape as he installed and glued the cedar strips. The completed kayak is self-supporting; the forms and strongback are removed. Cas demonstrated several of the critical assembly steps, including how the fiberglass and epoxy are applied, and described and answered questions about others. Mike Schade's book *The Strip-Built Sea Kayak* was helpful, and Cas recommends it. The Guild thanks Cas Anolick for an outstanding presentation.

Cas was accompanied by guest Greg Bange, also a kayaker, who presented a Greenland Paddle he made of Western red cedar. At show and tell Rich Dell presented his Vermont Folk Rocker, finished in linseed oil and a walnut wipe-on varnish. The backs of these chairs are distinctive arrays of blocks threaded on 5/16" nylon cord, an arrangement that offers unusual flexibility and comfort. David Webber presented helicopter silhouettes crafted of 1/4" birch plywood (toys that he made for the Children's Room at the American Helicopter Museum). He also showed us and reported favorably on some interesting Lee Valley measuring and alignment tools he recently bought -- a micrometer, a stainless steel caliper and box corner angles, among others. Our thanks to Greg, Rich and David for their helpful and informative presentations. Thanks also to Franca Fregapane for his hospitality; he supplied doughnuts for the meeting.

As to the raffle, Bob Darnell was on a roll. Having won the January prize he also drew the winning ticket for February. Bob generously bowed out, and Charlie Givens won the eight foot piece of bubinga.

## **March 15, 2006 Meeting Agenda – Special Guest Steve Latta:**

Here is an exceptional opportunity. Steve Latta, a superbly talented and nationally prominent woodworker, will bring to our meeting a goodly batch of his tablesaw jigs and share their secrets with us. Don't miss this one.

As many members know, Steve is a recognized authority on federal period furniture and a major author and teacher on woodworking subjects. Steve serves on the Executive Council of the Society of American Period Furniture Makers, and has published articles in its American Period Furniture Journal. He has authored more than a dozen articles in Fine Woodworking and American Woodworker. Most recently, for instance, his gorgeous demilune Federal card table appears on the cover of the December 2005 issue of Fine Woodworking (No. 180), which contains his extensive and well illustrated article on how to build the piece. Steve teaches cabinet making at Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology in Lancaster. He is a friend of our Guild, having made presentations at our meetings in September 2002 and October 2003.

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 Lee Valley apron plane.

### **Windsor Chair Raffle:**

Jim Stevens has donated to the Guild the hand crafted Windsor chair that we watched him build, to be raffled off for charity. The Guild is raffling the chair at \$20 per ticket, which is quite an opportunity -- Jim customarily sells these chairs for \$750 or more apiece. The raffle will close and the winner will be announced at the May meeting.

### **Jim Stevens' Open House:**

Jim Stevens is holding an open house and shop tour for the Guild 10:00 am Saturday March 18 at his home, 7 Anderson Lane, Newark DE. Despite the Newark address Jim is located in Ainsley Woods, a community off Limestone Road (DE Rte. 7) nearer to Hockessin than to Newark. From Newark take Paper Mill Road (DE Rte. 72) north to its end, which is at Limestone Road. Turn left (North) onto Limestone Road and go about 0.6 miles, to the entrance to Jarrell Farms and Ainsley Woods. This entrance is at a major intersection, with a traffic light and with the entrance to a third development (Mendenhall Village) on the other side of Limestone Road. Turn left (West) into Jarrell Farms and Ainsley Woods. Go west less than 1/4 mile and take the first right onto Jarrell Farms Drive. Then go northwest less than 1/4 mile and turn right into Anderson Lane, to number 7. From other points simply get to Limestone Road and continue as just stated. If you approach the entrance for Jarrell Farms and Ainsley Woods from the north it will be a right turn, a little over a mile south of where Valley Road crosses Limestone Road. If this doesn't do it, call Jim at 302-239-4713 for more complete directions.

### **Special Meeting Site in April:**

Don't forget that the April 19 meeting will be at the Kalmar Nyckel shipyard, where we will tour both the ship and the carpentry shop. More will be said about this in the April newsletter.

## **E-Mail Project:**

Hans Francke has volunteered to assemble an e-mail list of all Guild members who care to participate. If you would like to be included please send an e-mail to Hans (hfrancke@verizon.net) and he will do the rest. The Guild will send the list by e-mail and/or will publish the list in a subsequent newsletter. Would you be interested in receiving this newsletter by e-mail? If so, would you also want to continue receiving this hard copy by U.S. Mail? Please comment on this in your e-mail to Hans.

## **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, Lee Valley and Veritas, Café Gelato, Fair Hill Inn, Eagle Diner, Giordano's of Kennett Square and Hearne Hardwoods of Oxford, PA.

## **Treasurer's Report:**

Balance forward at 1/25/2006	2040.41
Dues Income	210.00+
February Raffle Earnings	42.00+
Windsor Chair Raffle: (19 tickets at \$20.00)	380.00+
February Newsletter Expense	114.55-
Postage	20.55-
Ending Balance at 2/28/2006	2537.31

By: Richard Libera, Treasurer

## **2005–06 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: March 15, April 19 and May 17. The Guild often has a June meeting, and normally does not meet in July and August.

**Place & Time:** During the school year we normally meet in the Carpenter Shop at Hodgson Vo-Tech High School in Glasgow, DE. June meetings are elsewhere, and the April 2006 meeting will be at the Kalmar Nyckel shipyard. At Hodgson we meet from 7:00 pm to about 9:00 pm. Some arrive earlier, which is fine -- the shop is open to us around 6:00 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. Closings are broadcast by local radio stations and WDEL reports them online at [www.wdel.com](http://www.wdel.com), News Center, SnoWatch.

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