

October 18, 2006 Meeting Agenda:

And now for something completely different. This meeting features a presentation by Gary Testerman, a professional upholsterer of over 25 years' experience who does fine upholstery for the University of Delaware and others. Gary will cover the fundamentals of upholstery work, including new and old techniques for upholstering the seats of fine wooden chairs, ranging from the best modern practice back to authentic eighteenth century materials and techniques. Also at this meeting, the Guild will publicly donate the proceeds of last year's special raffle of a Windsor chair hand crafted by Jim Stevens, to the Delaware Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

This month's raffle prize will be a Craftsman 14.4 volt drill and light set. As always please bring "show and tell" items; those who do will receive two FREE raffle tickets. Bring that impressive piece. A reporter will likely be at this meeting, and the newspaper might publish a handsome picture.

It's Christmas Tree Ornament Season!

Continuing long-standing tradition Guild members are asked to create wooden tree ornaments and other holiday decorations, to be donated in support of the Delaware Hospice Festival. Whether scrollwork, turnings or whatever else imagination may suggest, please bring your ornaments to the November 15 Guild meeting.

Questions? Call Mike Reese (302-477-1071; cell 302-420-7564) or John Dunbar (302-376-1927; cell 302-462-0362).

Board Meeting:

The Board will meet 7:00 pm Wednesday October 25 at John Dunbar's house, 203 Glenelg Court, Middletown, DE.

About Dues:

Dues are \$35.00 per calendar year (\$40.00 for family membership) and the dues for calendar 2007 are to be paid before December 31, 2006. By custom most members pay at the September or October meeting. This promptness is much appreciated; it helps in planning and eases the work of the Treasurer. Payment by check is preferred.

Framing Contest:

The Guild is launching a contest for the best frame for a picture, mirror or the like. Details will be announced at the October meeting.

Annual Picnic:

About 40 attended the October 7 picnic at DuPont's Chestnut Run Pavilion. We enjoyed great food, and there were prizes for members, guests and children. Members Donald Eck, John Baker, Tony Albano, Val DiEmedio, Dick Merrill and Roger Earley won desirable tools and supply items, including among others a utility knife with leather case, a diamond sharpener, a work apron and a large bottle of Titebond III. Adult guests Bridget Albano, Judy Baker, Phyllis Given, Joan Libera, Patt Welcher and Linda Welsh won gift certificates to Café Gelato, Giordano's, Eagle Diner and Arby's, a handsome tie and belt holder made and donated by Tony Albano, and a book (The Furniture Doctor, by George Grotz) donated by Paul Welsh. Each of the children who attended won a gift certificate to Regal Theatres or The Learning Station.

Special thanks to Val DiEmedio and his brother Dominic, who selected, prepared and cooked the main food items, and to John Baker, who arranged for our use of the site. Thanks also to Richard Libera, who obtained the prizes and raffled off some of them, to John Dunbar, who presided and raffled off other prizes, to David Webber, who contributed handsome wooden cigar boxes in which other prizes were awarded, and to all the members who brought delicious additional dishes and desserts.

September 20, 2006 Meeting Highlights:

This meeting starred special guest Doug Mooberry of Kinloch Woodworking Ltd., a longstanding friend of the Guild who builds furniture of the highest quality in eighteenth century style. Doug is nationally prominent with many published articles on fine cabinetmaking; examples of his work can be seen at www.kinlochwoodworking.com. In his view Chinese suppliers are so formidable in the low and middle parts of the furniture market that Americans can compete only in the high end. Doug's response is to build superb one-off pieces, each a work of art with meticulous attention to the finest detail, and to charge accordingly. He presented three of his latest projects -- a William and Mary chest of drawers, a Seymour desk (a federal style fall front desk), and a Chester County inlaid chest of drawers, all priced in the \$25,000 to \$50,000 range.

The William and Mary chest, based on a photo in an auction catalog, has wooden drawer pulls and bun feet. The base finish is a black paint, followed by hand-painted period designs and then antiqued. The appearance of a handsomely reproduced antique chest conceals a surprising reality – a fake front that smoothly moves to a concealed position using state-of-the-art modern hardware, to reveal a flat panel TV.

The desk closely follows the design of an actual Seymour desk in the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York. It consists of a chest of drawers and a folding desk with glazed door cabinets above. Built of mahogany with birdseye maple veneer, the desk has actual antique glass panes (the top row are arched), brass pulls, hand-painted motifs of the four seasons, and a desk pad of gold-tooled leather. One of the drawers has intricate and precise built-in boxes for small items.

The third piece is a walnut chest of eight drawers with brass pulls, inlaid period designs and inlaid banding around the edges. The drawer bottoms were panelled (!), as were the sides of the cabinet. A fun detail was the hidden drawer inside one of the top drawers.

This year's Kinloch open house is Friday, November 10 (5:00-8:00 pm) and Saturday, November 11 (10:00 am – 5:00 pm). Kinloch is at 1721 West Doe Run Road in Unionville, PA – on Route 82 four or five miles north of Kennett Square. Take Rt 82 North from Kennett Square, follow it to the left at the round-about into Unionville, and then look for the shop on that road.

After some announcements, one of which triggered a round of applause for Val and Dominick DiEmedio (see Annual Picnic, above), the meeting opened with show and tell. Richard Libera presented a handsome shop cabinet he made from leftover wood, complete with double-doors, brass hardware and glass panes, held in by trim secured by screws for easy replacement if broken. Ron Hasse presented one of four unusual dining room chairs that he made. Inspired by a Paul McCobb design, the chair is cherry, stained with cherry to match the dining table. The seat is upholstered in black faux leather.

Tim Sabo presented another segmented bowl that he had meant to include in his May 17 turning presentation. He also showed us perfectly turned 2-inch mimosa spheres ("marbles"), a bowl he turned from a 400-year old limb, and an elegant cherry goblet he is considering entering in a contest. Russ Bruette presented a magazine rack with raised panels and a sprayed lacquer finish, based on a design in the February-March 2006 "Wood" magazine.

Jeanne Batulis showed us an interesting \$10 find from an estate sale -- a 1956 Black and Decker combination electric saw, drill, and sander kit. Joe Tomeo presented an impressive scrollwork placque of the word "Harvest" with a jack-o-lantern, cut from 5/4 pine. Joe sells similar placques of people's names for \$2.00 per letter.

Tony Albano presented a beautifully carved red-wing blackbird (the wood is cherry), and showed us the photo of an actual bird that he used as his model. Hans Francke reported favorably on a carving class he recently took at the Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts in Gatlinburg, Tennessee (www.arrowmont.org), and provided copies of the school's catalog.

Chairmaker Jim Stevens presented one of his hand crafted Windsor chairs and its traditional finish -- a barn red base covered with a black paint, followed by

pine-colored and clear wax. Paul Welsh presented a three-leg plywood dolly he designed and made for his daughter, for rolling a tripod-mounted video camera.

Paul Welsh won this month's raffle prize, a four-piece Starrett combination square.

Membership Program:

Please help rebuild our membership. Invite woodworking friends and acquaintances to Guild meetings, and encourage them to join. Meanwhile, Membership Chairman Pell Sherman and your Editor are working on a brochure to promote Guild membership.

Buying Opportunities:

Harold Hill's annual tool auction will be held Saturday, October 28; for details visit www.hillsauction.com. On the same date John McGrellis is auctioning an extensive collection of woodworking equipment plus antiques and farm items at 2801 Old Limestone Road; for details visit www.mcgrellisauction.com.

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, Lie-Nielsen Toolworks, Bell's Supply Co. Inc., Café Gelato, Eagle Diner, Arby's, Giordano's of Kennett Square and Hearne Hardwoods of Oxford, PA.

Treasurer's Report:

Balance forward at 8/29/2006	2076.01
Dues Income	400.00+
September meeting raffle proceeds	48.00+
Rabbit Plane, a thank you to Doug Mooberry	135.00-
Flowers, a thank you to a Hodgson staffer	10.00-
September Newsletter expense	122.11-
Future Raffle Prize	49.99-
Picnic Expense	316.06-
Postage	15.60-
Ending Balance at 9/9/2006	1875.25

Note: Raffle prizes purchased in a given month don't correlate with those awarded that month. Your Treasurer has a stock of raffle prizes, some bought on sale at opportune times and others donated to the Guild. Prizes awarded at any meeting or the picnic were frequently acquired months earlier, and prizes purchased now may well be awarded months later.

By: Richard Libera, Treasurer

2006–07 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 18, November 15, December 20, January 17, February 21, March 21, April 18 and May 16. 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 normally elsewhere. 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.** Also, **bring a flashlight** because the parking lot and shop entrance may be unlighted. If the school is closed due to weather, that evening's meeting is cancelled. Local radio stations broadcast closings and WDEL also reports them online at www.wdel.com, News Center, SnoWatch.

Board Meetings: The Board often meets at Hodgson immediately after Guild meetings. It sometimes meets at the homes of officers, normally on the Wednesday evening one week after a Guild meeting. Board Meetings are open to all Guild members.

The Road Less Traveled:

Members seeking unusual projects might be inspired by this, from a 1952 collection of Punch cartoons:

Woodwords on the Brandywine
October, 2006

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