



### December Meeting Highlights

Representatives of Black and Decker were at our December meeting and asked our guild members to evaluate tools they have under development. This is something the Guild has done several times in the past. The Dewalt planner, whose photograph graced the cover of an issue of Fine Woodworking magazine, was presented to the Guild for comment before it was put on the market.



David Goldman and his crew from Black and Decker – Dewalt – Porter Cable and Delta

### Raffle Prizes

From Black and Decker  
Kim Palmer won a mini belt sander.  
Jim Stevens won a biscuit joiner.  
Charles Given won a dovetail jig

### Our Guild raffle

Roger Earley won a gift certificate to the Fair Hill Inn and two certificates to Regal Cinema.  
Jeanne Batulis won a small Veritas router plane and a little Victor plane.  
Pell Sherman won a set of three hinge drill bits.

### Show and tell



Leon LaVallee brought in a Wood Study Kit made by the Timber Engineering Company back in 1950. It has samples of typical woods used in the United States with a manual and wood experiments. Leon is willing to share this with members of the Guild. See Leon if you would like to borrow this at the January meeting.



Jeremy Noblitt and Jeanne Batulis brought in the finished aprons for the federal style Baltimore card tables. Nice Job!



Jerry Sheeran and Jim Kirkbride brought in the mahogany table top for the federal style Baltimore card tables. Jerry explained how he tried to work around the worm holes. Looked pretty nice!



David Sokolowski brought in some of his woodcarvings. It certainly was a cut above.



What David Weber brought in was a real puzzle – In fact there was two of them. Nice work David.



## 2007-08 Meeting Schedule Dates

Guild meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month of the school year, September through May. This year's meeting dates are as follows:

- January 16, 2008
- February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2008
- March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2008
- April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2008
- May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2008

## Place & Time

We 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 6:00 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.** The evening's meeting is cancelled when the school is closed due to weather.

## 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.

## January 2008 Meeting Agenda

We are fortunate to have Steve Latta joining us again for a very informative meeting on making fine furniture. Steve Latta teaches furniture making at Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, and is pursuing a master's degree at Penn State. A regular contributor to *Fine Woodworking*, he has made multiple appearances on PBS's "The Woodwright's Shop" and has lectured on the topic of inlay at Colonial Williamsburg, the Milwaukee Art Museum, Winterthur Museum and Gardens, and other schools and guilds. He and his wife, Elizabeth, live in rural Pennsylvania with their three children.

**Raffle Prize will be a gift certificate to Woodcraft**

## Treasurer's Report

Balance forward at 12/03/2007	1195.19
Dues Income	492.00+
October meeting raffle income	47.00+
December Newsletter expense	132.91-
Ending Balance at 12/31/2007	1601.28

By: Richard Libera, Treasurer

## Membership Dues

Annual membership dues are \$35.00 per member or \$40.00 for a family and include ONE mailing of our newsletter. Dues are payable before 12/31/07 preferably by check (that minimizes errors). Please if you have not paid your membership have a check ready at the January meeting.

## Open Guild Officer Positions

Our Guild has assisted many woodworkers in knowledge and sharing. Now is the time to consider helping the Guild in return. The Guild is currently seeking volunteers for the following positions:

Treasurer

Associate Treasurer—Authority to write checks and succeed current treasurer  
Librarian—Volunteer to care for Guild books at our meetings (and elsewhere)

We all enjoy the guild and need to do our part. Let us know which position is the one you would be able to fill.

## 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 Kennet Square, and the Iron Hill Restaurant and Brewery.

## **Federal Style Baltimore Card Tables**

The project for guild members to jointly build two Federal Style Baltimore Card Tables is moving forward. The guild will supply the lumber and plans for the project and members will volunteer to build a portion of the project. When the tables are complete, we will auction them and the proceeds will be donated to a local charity.

The purpose of this project is:

Increase existing skills to the next level

Learn new skills

Contribute to the Community

Develop mentoring relationships in the guild

Solicit more membership volunteering

Encourage members to meet beyond the monthly meetings

Dedicate thirty minutes of each monthly meeting to this project

Demonstrate how when spectacular pieces are broken down into small manageable tasks, all of us are capable of making seemingly complicated furniture.

The project is organized as follows:

The project will be broken down into eight activities; legs, apron, top, stringing, banding, inlays, veneering and finishing.

We need at least two volunteers for each activity, preferably one knowledgeable with the activity and one that desires to learn or improve their skills for that activity.

Starting with the legs, apron and top; we will supply each group with the plans and materials to build two sets of the activity they volunteered for. The group will get together and build their section of the table. If possible take as many photos as possible and we will publish them on our web site. The group will be given a schedule to complete their activity. At completion, the group will bring their work to the scheduled meeting and spend thirty minutes in the meeting demonstrating and talking about the piece they completed. If possible they can build one piece at home and the second piece in the meeting. They will then pass the completed piece to the next group for further incorporation into the project. By the end of the meeting year, we will have two completed tables.

Please add your name to the sign-up sheet at the next meeting or contact John Dunbar to participate in this project.

Please see the pictures in this newsletter to see what were accomplished by Jean Batulis and Jeremy Noblitt on the apron and Jerry

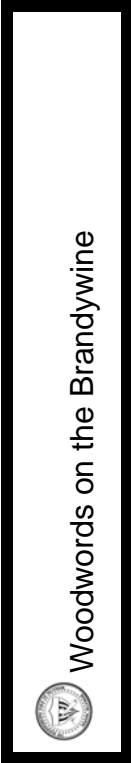
Sheeran and Jim Kirkbride on the mahogany top. They really did a nice job.

**Classified:**

The classified section is open to any paid member. Have your classified information into Pell Sherman by the first of the month to be included in that month's newsletter. Email your information to:

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