



# WOODWORDS ON THE BRANDYWINE

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## January Meeting Highlights

We were fortunate to have Steve Latta join us again for a very informative meeting on making fine furniture

Steve spoke about taper legs on a Baltimore Style table which he is known for and showed us tips on construction and valuable information on the swing hinges. Steve also displayed a front bow that had the veneer crack. Picture is below but it is hard to see in the photo. This happened only once to Steve and now he uses NBL Board. For those of you not familiar with NBL here is a description:



**NBL® Wood-on-Wood Laminate:** NBL® laminates provide the custom woodworker with superior flexibility and performance when compared to other wood-backed products. NBL's® patented 3-ply construction produces an extremely pliable, moisture-resistant sheet without the black edge associated with phenolic and foil backers. Minor substrate imperfections are "absorbed" and hidden by NBL's® thermo-set joined face and parallel grain, all-wood-backer. Sizes include: 4'x8', 4'x10', 4'x12', 8'x4', 10'x4', 12'x4', 5'x8', 5'x10' and 5'x12'. The thickness of NBL® is .040 inches (+/- .005") with a bending radius of 2-4 inches, depending on the specie.

Steve also spoke about the glue. He stated that Tightbond does some cold creeping but prefers hide glue due to it drying hard and no creep.

1/8 inch veneer will cause a lot of checking so Steve cuts his own. He uses a Diablo blade available for around \$12.00. He puts this on a 10 inch table saw.

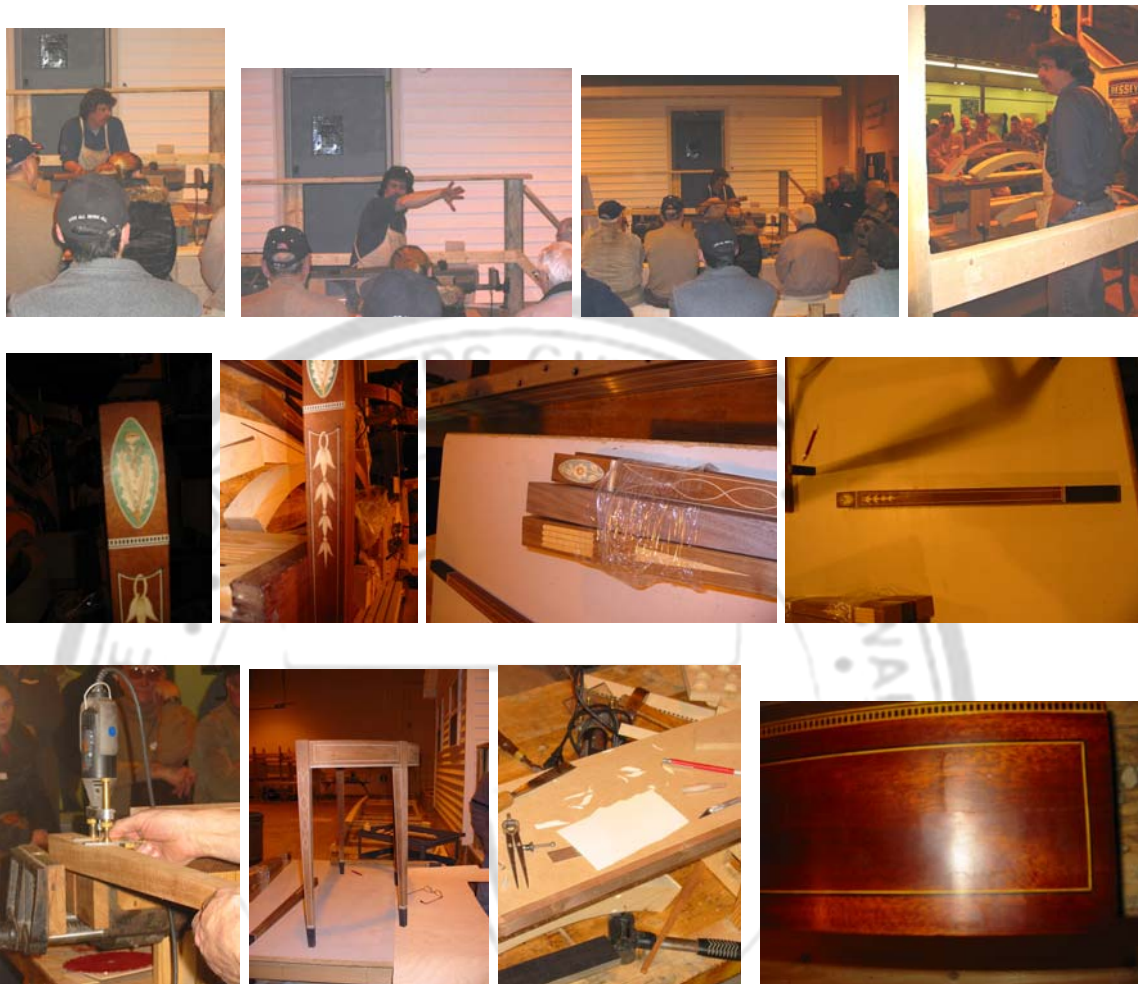
The demonstration on banding was superb. Steve normally uses dyed pear wood for the dark colors and holly for the light. He also does the banding in the order of foot stringing then cups followed by the petals. He uses a Dremel tool with a base to cut the groves. A foot switch was highly recommended.

For those looking for dyed veneer Steve mentioned B&B Rare Woods in Littleton, CO. (303-986-2585) below is their web site.

<http://www.wood-veneers.com/index1.htm>

Steve has volunteered to assist those that are making the Baltimore Card table If interested Steve can be reached at [Latta@StevensCollege.edu](mailto:Latta@StevensCollege.edu)

Thank You Steve for another interesting and informative demonstration



Ron Hasse won the raffle prize - a \$30.00 gift certificate to Woodcraft.

**Show and Tell**  
Bring in your show and tell and get a free raffle ticket



Richard Libera brought in a shelf made for his entry way to his home. He finished it off with a coat of Linseed Oil and Water Lox.



Tony Albano brought in some carved ducks made from sugar pine.

Floss Lazzibiltz (sorry Floss on the spelling) brought in some Basswood carvings and spoons One of the spoons was finished with walnut oil. Nice work Floss.



## 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:

- 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.

## February 2008 Meeting Agenda

Phyllis Lann will be at the February meeting. Phyllis has many years in chair seating and has trained many of the people that are in this business. She will be showing different seating materials such as Danish Cord, Rush and Shaker tape. She will be doing a Shaker tape stool and will have it raffled at our meeting. Special raffle tickets will be available so be sure to take a chance. Phyllis also said she would be willing to have a class on the above either in her home or would come to Hodgsons if enough members are interested. The class would be at a very nominal fee.

### Treasurer's Report

Balance forward at 12/31/2007	\$1601.28
Dues Income	\$385.00+
Insurance	\$2.00+
January meeting raffle income	\$50.00+
Postal Materials	\$21.40-
January Newsletter expense	\$160.78-
Ending Balance at 1/25/2008	\$1856.10

By: Richard Libera, Treasurer

### Membership Dues

Annual (January 1st – December 31) membership dues are \$35.00 per member or \$40.00 for a family and include ONE mailing of our newsletter. Each mailed copy of the newsletter costs about \$1.50 each. Dues are payable before 12/31/07 preferably by check (that minimizes errors).

**Your status of membership is indicated on the mailing label attached to this newsletter. If your date does not read 12/31/08 you will be dropped from membership.**

### Open Guild Officer Positions

#### A new Treasurer

Jeremy Noblitt has agreed to be our treasurer. Jeremy and Richard will work together until June and then Jeremy will take over the treasurer's duties. Thanks go to Jeremy for stepping forward to handle such an important job. We also want to thank Richard for his many years of dedication to the Guild and our wishes for a quick recovery from his hand surgery.

We are still looking for someone to handle the library. Let one of the board members know if you will take on this duty.

## **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 is supplying 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 project is 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.

We Started with the legs, apron and top; 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.

Jean Batulis and Jeremy Noblitt did a great job on the apron and Jerry Sheeran and Jim Kirkbride on the mahogany top.

## **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:

[Pellsherman@comcast.net](mailto:Pellsherman@comcast.net)



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