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President's Notes

by Mark Laub

I read somewhere that woodworking is the fastest growing hobby in the US. That doesn't surprise me, since I am continually amazed at the diversity of activities that are collectively referred to as "woodworking". There's turning, carving, sculpting, joinery, finishing, marquetry, inlay....the list goes on.....



No wonder, then, that every woodworking catalog seems to have another new gadget we all want to try out....another tool we can't live without. This is all great...who doesn't like to play with a new toy?

All this is leading me to this month's woodworking tip: The best woodworking investment you can make is.....in yourself.

When you are buying any new tool, that purchase will rarely elevate the quality or beauty of your work. It may make your work easier or safer, you may feel good about your new equipment, but, remember, the only thing that makes your work better is.....you. Your own skill base. I have never met a woodworker that has reached a plateau because of not having the right tools. Instead, it is because they have forgotten to invest in their own training and education.

Consider this. About 80-90% of most woodworkers budget is spent on tools, equipment and materials. The remainder might be spent on a class or 2 here or there when time permits. If this sounds like you, I suggest you revisit your woodworking priorities. Most beginning/intermediate woodworkers will see a remarkable improvement in their expertise by increasing their training/education to about 50% of their woodworking budget.

New Membership Coupon

Name

Business Name (if any)

Address

City

State

Zip Code

President's Notes, continued

In next month's column I'll explain why, and give you my thoughts about how to put together your own woodworking curriculum. Till then, remember all this is only my opinion...I could be wrong, but its my column and for now, I'm sticking to my story!

Northern Woods, an Exhibition of Fine Woodworking

This year marked a quarter century of shows displaying the highest level of artistic talent from hard-working, dedicated artisans from mostly the Minnesota area. There were 52 entries this year that did not disappoint, as anyone who made it to Southdale can attest. Our three judges, Bob Kinghorn, Jennifer Komar Olivarez, and Stephen J. Skoro had their work cut out for them, to select winners for each of the 14 categories.



Bob Bonde, MC

Bob Bonde was the Master of Ceremony for this year's awards banquet. He regaled the audience with one liners in between awards. As an example, "we invited a choir from Stillwater but they were behind a few bars and couldn't find the right key". The groans that followed allowed the winners time to find their way to the front for their award. Some of the winners are pictured with their works in the following pages. Thank you Bob, for a great job with this years ceremonies. And special thanks to Richard Tendick for chairing another fantastic show.



Richard Tendick, Show Chairman



***Best Turning - Behind the Eight Ball
by Tim Heil***



***Best Detail - Carved Top Jewelry Box
by Rutager West***



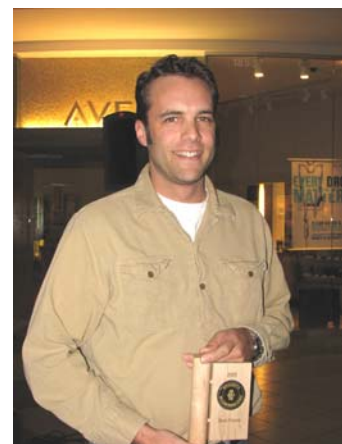
Best Original Design - Jax Round Oak Table
by Duff Thury



Judges' Award - Beginning of Time
by Ken Anderson, PhD



Best Finish - Bubinga Coffee Table
by Peter Schulzetenberg





**Best 1st Time in Show - Stool
by Robert Sorenson**



**Best Carving - End Table
by Bob Kraby**



**Most Technically Accomplished - Ellipsoid 2
by Tim Gorman**

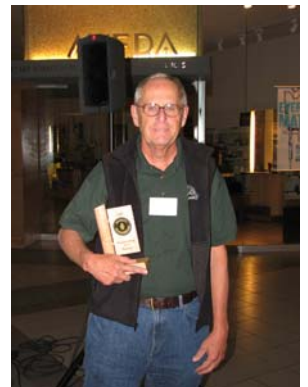




***Best Traditional Piece - Philadelphia
Queen Anne Side Chair
by Tony Kubalak***



***Woodworking for Pleasure
Sanibel Lighthouse
by Bob Paulson***





***Best in Show - Bathroom Vanity
by Lee Toman***



***People's Choice - Ariosa Chiffonier
Best Handwork, Peer Award
by Mark Laub***



Burton and Ruth Elvig Award

To recognize a piece that exudes any of the following: patience, spontaneity, creativity, persistence, joy, humor, tenacity, plucks, uniqueness, determination, exploration, adventure, silliness, and above all - Love.



**Cryptex by
Richard Tendick**



Paul Lee Award

Presented in memory of one of Minnesota's most extraordinary woodworkers. Given to the best entry that has a playful spirit and sound construction



**Newport Tall Clock by
Michael Siemsen**



Minneapolis College of Art and Design (MCAD) Student works on display at Northern Woods Show



**May Guild Meeting
Sign Artistry with Nancy and David Allan
by Bob Rocknem**

Nancy Allan and David Winslow Allan started an artistic sign studio after they retired from teaching high school classes. Nancy taught art and David, shop. They describe their work as wood carving, but their work combines graphics, sculpture, painting, gilding, carving, and all the additional techniques needed to make striking signs. Actually the signs are very beautifully done and they have a right to be proud of them.

Signs range in size from small ones to attach to a wall or beside a door to almost billboard dimensions supported by steel frames grounded in concrete footings.



Mary applies details



David cutting Sign Foam



small sign

The husband and wife team obviously enjoy their work and working together. This was apparent during the well organized and illustrated presentation. Nancy is the artist and David does the application using machine and hand woodworking tools. But their talents very frequently overlap.

churches, wineries, B&B's, etc. Over time their reputation for producing eye catching, colorful, and interesting signs spread by word of mouth, newspaper articles, BBB write-ups, their internet web site, and by distribution of business cards. After several years they have become very busy.

A special computer program helps with designs which incorporate logos, paintings, sculptures, photos, and a variety print fonts. This also helps with

presentations to clients and allows any necessary changes before work begins. These photographs from a cd rom show the results.



each grape hand turned



gilded eagle on sign above

To make the signs durable(nearly always they are exposed to the elements), David uses mahogany, white oak, marine plywood, and high density polyurethane board called Sign Foam. For glue, it's epoxy. Outdoor sign primers and enamels wear well with minimal fading, a necessity since their work is very colorful.

Most of the time they work in a large room attached to their home next to the kitchen. The messy, dusty chores David does outside even when it is 40 degrees.

One time, and maybe the last time, David used a motorized extension scaffold to apply gold leaf to stone carved lettering above a bank's second floor windows. There was a breeze so applying the almost molecule thick leaf was exasperating as well as expensive from the loss of several sheets that blew away. Standing on the scaffold was scary and no fun either. We had a fine evening with a happy couple who definitely enjoy their new occupation after retirement.

DISCOUNT SUPPLIERS

The following suppliers offer special discounts to Guild members. To receive a discount you must be a member in good standing and show the merchant your current membership card.

Abrasive Resources

900 Lund Blvd #400, Anoka, MN (763) 586-9595 or (800) 814-7358
Sandpaper, coated abrasives, rolls, clearance items - 20% discount.

Art Betterley Co.

11160 Central Ave NE (Hwy. 65) Blaine (763) 755-3425
Various discounts depending on product.

Eide Saw Service

Dave Heidtke
<daveh@eidesaw.com>
1329 Tyler St. NE (Behind Youngblood Lbr.) Minneapolis 612-789-3288
Saw blades, router bits, planer knives, and band saw blades welded to length. 10% discount on all items, sharpening included.

Forest Products Supply

2650 Hwy 61, Maplewood, MN 55109 (651) 770-2834. 10% discount on all lumber purchases.
www.forestproductssupply.com

Gardner Hardware

515 Washington Ave N, Minneapolis (612) 333-3393.
Contractors standard discount with MWG card.

Hirshfield/Lathrop Decorating Centers

20+ metro locations, Rochester, St. Cloud. Discounts on all items including stains, varnishes, application tools, etc. Must show membership card. Ask for MN Woodworkers Guild account.
www.hirshfields.com

Holdahl Company

1925 Annapolis Lane, Plymouth (612) 333-7111 or (800) 777-8992.
Commercial cabinetmaker's

supplier but will sell at wholesale to Guild members - router bits, saw blades, abrasives, tools for laminating, laminate, decorative and functional hardware.

Nob Hill Decorative Hardware

3027 Holmes Avenue South, Minneapolis (612) 824-7424.
Decorative hardware for doors, cabinets and bathrooms. 10% discount, 15% on orders over \$1000.
www.nobhillhardware.com

Rockler Woodworking

Minneapolis, 3025 Lyndale Ave S (612) 822-3338; Burnsville, 2020 W Cty Rd 42 (952) 892-7999; Maplewood, 1935 Beam Ave (651) 773-5285; Minnetonka, 12995 Ridgedale Drive (952) 542-0111
10% discount on all regularly priced items except power tools.
www.rockler.com

Savitt Brothers

1515 Nicollet Ave., Minneapolis (612) 871-1155. Everything in paints & stains, accessory items. Contractor discount to net price.

Swanson Hardware

7501 W 27th St, St. Louis Park (952) 925-4083. Cabinet shop supplies, hinges, handles - Wholesale to Guild members.
www.swansonhardwareco.com

Valspar Paint

Plymouth, 2984 Niagara Lane (763) 557-1361; St. Paul, 106 Water St W (651) 222-8435; 20% discount to Guild members.
www.valspar.com

Woodcraft

9125 Lyndale Ave S, Bloomington (952) 884-3634. 10% on all items except power tools.
www.woodcraft.com

Woodcarvers Store & School

3056 Excelsior Blvd, Minneapolis (612) 927-7491. Books, tools, classes, supplies. 10% discount on all items (except electrics 5%).
www.woodcarversstore.com

Youngblood Lumber Co.

1335 Central Ave., Minneapolis (612) 789-3521, or (800) 933-1335.
Wholesale prices to Guild members.
www.youngbloodlumber.com

New Members

James	Dohogne
Gerald P	O'Driscoll
Paul	Bonin
Shane	Boyd
Roger	Brandel
Brian	Cornell
Michael	Fuller
Peter	Grande
John	Griffin-Wiesner
Jim	Hannah
Marc C.	Hodel
Eric	Hopp
Dale	Jansen
Gary	Lechko
Boris	Morari
Larry	Myking
Wyatt	Newbauer
Todd	Roach
Craig	Rowe
Peter	Sickeler
John	Stasieluk
Joseph	Sullivan
Dallas	Sursley
Keven	Swanson
Mike	Torison
Nick	Tretiah
Roy	Wervey
Timothy	Poor
Lynn	Aavang
Dean	Abbott
Bjorn	Anderson
Thomas A.	Bang
Dave	Brittain
Tim	Daulton
Greg	Flanagan
Byron	Gilman
David	Greenspon
Jack	Harness
Jeffrey	Harvey
John J.	Hughes
Bob	Jensen
Brian J.	Kerber
Richard M.	Konecki
Jim	Manley
Dennis	Martin
John D.	McCabe
David A	Paulson, MD
Dwight T	Pederson
David K.	Porter
Michael	Power
Austin	Rutherford
Steve	Schwabecher
Norris	Stafford III
Ken	Stoffregen
Tad	Thompson
Wil	Traeger
Chris	Zawistowski
David (Bud)	Zeien

THE CLASSIFIEDS

Material;

8/4 and 10/4 Hard Maple Slabs. All are 30" wide and 121" long. I rescued this log from being burned! They were sawn on a bandmill, dried in a vacuum kiln to 6%, and are quite flat. There was not a knot in the whole flitch. I've got 10 of these available. I'm asking \$5/bf, discount possible if purchasing more than one. Contact: jason@jholtz.com, 715 557-0328

Nemadji Woods of Sandstone

Minnesota would like to announce that we have a full assortment of hard and softwoods for purchase at very competitive prices (Ash, Maple, Oak, Basswood, Pine, Hickory and Cherry). We have both a Vacuum Kiln and D/H Kiln for drying wood. We also have a full service milling operation for custom requests, which is able to produce and replicate moldings. We are able to accommodate the needs of both the large and small wood worker. For types of wood available, pricing and other information contact Ken, Toll Free at (888) 496-5556 or (320) 245-6909 during regular business hours.

Woodturning – Architectural, Furniture components and Artistic. Diameters up to 18" and lengths up to 8 ½ feet. I can help with design or duplicate an original and supply the turning blank or use yours. Quantities from 1 to 100 or more. Contact Don Wattenhofer at 763 360 8282 or 218 573 2386 drwatt@arvig.net

Tools;

Steam bending box, 8' x 12" x 12" with the copper steam manifold inside, opens at both ends, built in the fashion noted in Fine Woodworking some 25 years ago. No longer bend wood, available for free to a good home. Jim Marquardt, "Arkworks"
1500 Duluth St., Saint Paul, MN.
651-774-7993

Having recently overhauled my dust collection system, I have used 4" and 3" PVC pipe, 4" and 3" flexible hose, and fittings; free to anyone who wants to set up a system. All you have to do is call me and pick up the stuff. Mike Hipps 952-949-3589 mandchips@comcast.net

Restored trade and collector tools from early 1800's to 1950's. Large assortment of quality planes, chisels, saws and hand tools. Grey Wolf Antiques will provide current guild members with a 15% discount on all tools. You must present your membership card. Located at Midtown Antique Mall, 301 South Main Street, Stillwater, MN or Email: gwa@lighthousebay.us

Personal & Services

WANTED: Skilled Woodworkers, Cabinet Makers and Craftspeople
St Paul Shipwrights, an award winning shop, is looking for skilled woodworkers/ craftspeople to do restoration and repair on classic wooden yachts.

Minimum Qualifications:

- Advanced post high school training in woodworking
- 2 – 3 years of serious woodworking experience
- Able to understand three-dimensional work, detail work and production
- Motivated, energetic, able to work well in a team

Only applicants meeting the above criteria will be considered.

We offer competitive salary (DOQ), disability & health insurance, 401(k) plan and a great working environment.

Please submit your resume on line at www.stpaulshipwrights.com

Go to the "Contact" page for email

Plane soles milled flat, price ranges from \$12 for a block plane to \$40 for a #8. Sides can be milled square to the sole for \$15-\$20. Contact Chuck Pitschka at 952-935-0660, or by e-mail at cpitschka@mn.rr.com.

"MY FAVORITE PARLOR TRICKS"

AN INSPIRATIONAL WOODWORKING WEEKEND WITH MARK LAUB

Mark Laub is well known for his distinctive, meticulously detailed furniture, his many awards at Northern Woods and other juried art shows, as well as his love for cheap wine.

This summer, Mark will be hosting a 2 day weekend retreat in his studio and will provide a rare opportunity to learn his approach to creative furniture design and share his secrets to exceptional woodworking embellishment. Topics will include:

- Finding creative design inspiration
- Living without plans and straight lines
- Wood choices
- Marquetry
- Shell inlay
- Decorative joinery
- Texture carving
- Glasswork
- Metal patination

This weekend retreat will be held in Marks beautiful studio in a secluded forest on the banks of the scenic Rum River, one hour north of the Twin Cities.

YOU HAVE YOUR CHOICE OF DATES : JULY 12-13, JULY 26/27 AND 8/16/17.

Gourmet meals, picnics, wine, forest walks, evening fireside chats and a comprehensive class workbook and reference guide are included. **THE DISCOUNTED PRICE FOR MWWG MEMBERS IS \$150**

For more information call or email mark laub at 763.753.1368 or 612.210.773 boardroomstudios@gmail.com

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Guild Meetings

Mark Your Calendars

June 17th - Tool Testing with TTI

Description: Join us for a night of tool testing with our friends from TTI, Inc. TTI designs, markets, and manufactures tools for Ryobi, Milwaukee, Rigid and Craftsman and they would like your feedback. There will be tools to test as well as the opportunity to talk with the folks from TTI to help influence future tool design.

Location: Forest Products Supply. 2650 Highway 61, Maplewood, 55109.

Take Highway 36 to Highway 61. North on Highway 61 to County Road C. You'll see Forest Products Supply on the northeast corner of the intersection.

July 15th - Wood Finishing Simplified – Kevin Southwick

Description: A discussion of how to simplify wood finishing by defining some important terminology and applying good decision making before opening a can of finish. Consider using the same type of well planned and careful thought process to finishing that you would use to design and build a beautiful piece of furniture. Kevin Southwick is a wood finishing specialist and instructor in Minneapolis, MN. His shop offers furniture conservation, restoration, custom wood finishing and consultation services. Kevin has studied with Don Williams, Senior Furniture Conservator at the Smithsonian Institute and currently volunteers at the Minnesota Historical Society in the objects conservation lab.

Location: Richfield Community Center, 7000 Nicollet Ave. S., Richfield, MN 55423

½ mile north of I-494 on Nicollet Avenue

Time: Show & Tell at 7:00 p.m; Program starts at 7:15 p.m.

Check the guild website www.minnesotawoodworkersguild.com for updates.