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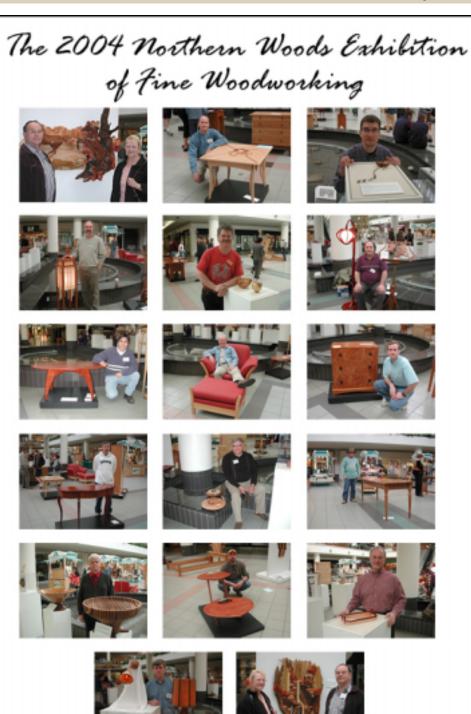
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President's **NOTES** Jeff Zinsli

It's hard for me to believe that it has already been a month since we wrapped-up the 2004 edition of Northern Woods! It's equally hard to think that we started planning for this year's exhibition back in November of last year, just after our inaugural fall educational seminar with Graham Blackburn. But indeed it has been that long.

Once again, this year's Northern Woods committee members Wilfried Hein, Bill Kraetz, Doug Perlick, Chuck Pitschka, Tom Schrunk and Richard Tendick) did an absolutely fantastic job of pulling together all the resources required for another successful show. Many thanks go to each of these fine people, to our three judges (Linda Sue Eastman, Randy Johnson, and Dean Wilson), to each of our sponsors, and most especially, to all of the volunteers who stepped forward to help out before, during, and after the show. It takes many, many volunteers to help put on a show like this. If you'd like to get involved with next year's edition of Northern Woods, please contact next year's show coordinator, Wilfried Hein.

Congratulations also go to Dennis Chilcote, Jim Corrow, Tim Gorman, Bruce Kieffer, Charlie Kocourek, Tony Kubalak, Mark Laub, Burt Levy, Chuck Pitschka, Robert Schmidt and Tom Schrunk for their award winning work. And finally, many thanks also go to all of you who entered the show. The talent level and creativity of people who put their work on display continues to grow each and every year. If you weren't able to attend this year's show, take a look at the recap of this year's award winners elsewhere in this edition of Northern Woods.

Several years ago, we were approached by a group of women who wanted to form an organization for women woodworkers. As a result of the work of several key individuals, the group was formed and monthly meetings were established. Attendance was quite good initially, but dwindled as most of the founding members of the movement either moved away from the area or became unable to commit the time required to keep the organization moving forward. As a result of a lack of schedule and someone to champion the movement, we have decided to discontinue separate women's/skillbuilder meetings. Members who joined the Guild with the intent of coming to the skill-builder meetings are encouraged to come to the regular guild meetings held the third Tuesday of every month.

The Board of Directors recently approved purchase of a 3'Starrett straightedge as an addition to the Guild's tool collection. You will find this tool useful in setting up and fine tuning several pieces of machinery in your shop. As soon as a case is built to house this tool, it will be available for use by members in good standing. Contact our Toolmaster (Craig Jentz) top check out this tool.

Last fall, the Board moved its monthly meetings from various board member homes to the Edina Community Center, in part to provide a centralized location for meetings, but also to encourage Guild members to attend board meetings and participation in operation of your Guild. So if you are interested in coming to a board meeting to see what we are all about, I would encourage you to do so. We meet the first Monday of every month at the Edina Community Center, 7:30 pm sharp, usually on the third floor. Look for video monitor at all entrance locations for the correct meeting room.

And finally, I announced in our last newsletter that Lee Rickard and Allan Hall have been working on bringing master cabinetmaker Frank Klausz to Minneapolis for our next fall seminar. Plans have been finalized, so mark your calendars now for October 15, 16 and 17 at the Minneapolis College of Art and Design (MCAD)

The "Ruler Trick

for what should be another great seminar. A more c o m p l e t eannouncement is located on page 9 of edition this Northern Woods. Many thanks go to Dean Wilson and MCAD for agreeing to host us again this coming fall.

Enjoy your summer!



New Tools and Videos

Several additions have been made to the Guild's tool loaner program and video checkout library this month. If you are in need of a nicely machined straightedge to check the surface of one of your power tools, or to align the infeed and outfeed tables of your jointer, then you may want to check out our new 3' long Starrett straightedge. As soon as a case is built for this fine addition to our tool collection, it will be available for checkout. This is not an inexpensive tool, so if you do check it out, please take care in handling of this item. Contact Craig Jentz for more information.

The Guild has also purchased four new videotapes, including David Charlesworth's terrific new video on sharpening of plane irons (see review

below), two additional titles by Frank Klausz ('Hand Tools', and 'Biscuit Joinery'), our guest lecturer at this fall's educational seminar, and a new title 'Rough to Ready', by Rob Cosman, which demonstrates how to prepare rough lumber with hand tools. Rob's video should be available for checkout by mid-to-late July.

For more complete listings of loaner tools and library resources, check out the Guilds website at www.minnesotawoodworkersguild.com, then click the 'about us' link.



Video Review

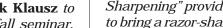
by Jeff Zinsli

David Charlesworth's new video "Hand Tool Techniques by Rob Cosman Sharpening" provides an excellent tutorial on use of Japanese waterstones

Unlike most other sharpening videos, which tend to focus on multiple aspects of sharpening a variety of tools, this particular video is focused solely on sharpening of plane blades. David's approach to sharpening breaks the task down into discreet process steps (using only two sharpening stones) that should be very easy for any of us to repeat with excellent results.

Several novel approaches are taken in this video, most notably a process for providing a secondary bevel on the back side of the plane blade dubbed "The ruler trick". This particular technique (shown in concept by the photo immediately to the left of this text), uses a standard six-inch steel rule to provide a micro-bevel on the back face of the plane blade, and is also used to round a cutting just enough to prevent digging into your favorite piece of

I can't wait to try this technique out on one of my favorite planes, and you should check out this video as well. It's sure to help you improve your sharpening technique!



to bring a razor-sharp edge to any plane blade. The methodical approach to sharpening used by Mr. Charlesworth should allow anyone with basic hand tool skills to produce razor sharp edges and fine shavings with their favorite hand planes.

2004 NORTHERN WOODS EXHIBITION AWARD WINNERS

Article by Jeff Zinsli - Photographs of work by Burt Levy

The twenty-fourth annual Northern Woods Exhibition of Fine Woodworking was held at Southdale Center, Edina, Minnesota, April 29 through May 2. As usual, the show was well attended, both by exhibitors and the public. This year's show featured sixty-four pieces entered by thirty-six members and non-members, with entries from Wisconsin and Iowa, and of course from throughout the state of Minnesota. Many thanks go to all show participants and volunteers who helped to make this year's show possible.



Best In Show Award Winner

\$500 cash award

Sponsored by Youngblood Lumber

Burt Levy - Hall/Sofa Table 60"L x 13"D x 30" H Cherry and wenge Finished with shellac, oil and varnish mix



Judges' Award Winner

DeWalt portable thickness planer

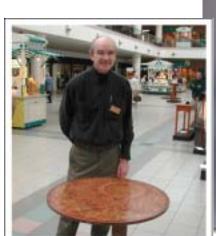
Sponsored by DeWalt Tools

Robert Schmidt - Dodecastarblossom 5" Diameter

American holly, satinwood, poplar, padauk, purpleheart, bloodwood and wenge, with wenge and maple veneer accent lines

Finished with Deft spray lacquer







Peer Award Winner

\$250 cash award

Sponsored by Blue Sky Galleries

Tom Schrunk - Offset Radial Table 29" Diameter x 29" High Carpathian elm burl veneers with walnut solids Finished with catalyzed lacquer

Most Technically Accomplished Award Winner

\$200 cash award

Sponsored by American Woodworker Magazine

Tom Schrunk - Six-Person Dining Table 43"W x 81"L x 29" H
Sapele veneers with mahogany solids

Finished with catalyzed lacquer



Best Handwork Award Winner

\$200 cash award

Sponsored by Rockler Woodworking and Hardware

Dennis Chilcote - Looney Bin

15"L x 10"H x 12"W

Birch bark basket, maple base, cherry rims and handles, with sedge/sweet grass cordage between the rims. Rims partially wrapped with pine root Finished with linseed oil







Top Drawer Award Winner

\$150 gift certificate

Sponsored by Highland Hardware

Bruce Kieffer - Greene & Greene Style Hall Table 48"L x 15"D x 30"H Mahogany with ebony accents Finished with danish oil

Most Daring Award Winner

Lie-Nielsen Independence Dovetail Saw

Sponsored by Lie-Nielsen Toolworks, Inc.

Tim Gorman - 3 Surprises

22"Wx22"Dx50"H

Maple, curly maple, tiger maple, ebony, brass, and rubber

Finished with water based dyes, clear and black lacquer





Best Carving Award Winner

\$100 cash award

Sponsored by Fine Woodworking Magazine

Charlie Kocourek - Lion Carving
5.5"W x 8"H x 4"D
Basswood
Finished with acrylic paint, tung oil and polyurethane

Best Finish Award Winner

\$100 cash award

Sponsored by Hirshfields

Burt Levy - Pivot Top Box 8.5"L x 5"W x 2.5"H

Lacewood, bee's wing andiroba, bee's wing eucalyptus, eucalyptus burl, pomele sapele, and cherry

Finished with shellac, oil, and varnish mixture







Best Turning Award Winner

\$100 cash award

Sponsored by Minnesota Woodturners Association

Chuck Pitschka - Box Elder Bowl 6"H x 10.5"D Box elder Finished with shellac

Best Design Award Winner

\$100 cash award

Sponsored by Woodcraft Supply

Tim Gorman - Sally's Wine Rack 15"L x 26"W x 7"H

Mahogany, cherry, turned aluminum (nickel plated), and stainless steel

Finished with water based aniline dyes and water based polyurethane







Woodworking for Pleasure Award Winner

\$100 cash award

Sponsored by Xylos Gallery

Tony Kubalak - Philadelphia Chippendale Side Chair 21"D x 23"W x 40.5"H (17"H at seat)

Honduran Mahogany, slip seat frame is pine Finished with aniline dye and hand-applied shellac

People's Choice Award Winner

\$100 cash award

Sponsored by Davlins

Mark Laub - The Rubicon Wine Cellarette 52"W x 52"H x 14"D Bubinga, maple, and copper

Finished with oil and wax







Committee Award Winner

Free professional photograph

Sponsored by Northern Woods Exhibition Committee

Jim Corrow - Pickin' Stool 18"L x 18"W x 26"H Cherry seat with diamond willow legs Finished with rub-on polyurethane

Frank Klausz

Master CabinetMaker



Fall Seminar Announcement

Who: Frank Klausz - Master Cabinetmaker

When: October 15, 16 & 17, 2004

Where: Minneapolis College of Art and Design, 1501 Stevens Ave. S., Minneapolis, MN.

How do I sign up: If you are a member of the Guild, watch your mail for a separate flyer announcing details. If you are not a member, watch the meetings section of our website (www.minnesotawoodworkersguild.com) for more information.

Pre-registration will be encouraged. Reservations will be taken on a first come, first serve basis. Walk-ins will be accepted if possible.

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The Guild does. Head to the web and check out http://groups.yahoo.com/group/MN-Woodworkers/. This is a members-only group. All members of the Guild will be automatically approved for participation in the group. All others wishing to join the MN-Woodworkers group will need to be approved by the moderator, Peter Ribotto. If you have any questions, please drop Peter an email at pribotto@visi.com.

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Beautiful polished slab of brown/reddish brown/charcoal flecked granite. 1-1/4" x 41" x 48". Decided it's too heavy to use for original purpose. Will sell for \$150. Call Jane Hilary at 763-560-7904, or e-mail at jhilary@visi.com.

70 - 80 Fine Woodworking magazines. Best offer. Call Gordon Johnson 763-560-4941.

Basswood for sale - Approximately 100 board feet. Best reasonable offer. Contact Jim Berner at 612-869-9004.

Tools

Delta-740, 10 inch Radial Arm Saw with stand - \$350.00. Craftsman 1/2 hp Shaper - \$75.00. Call Steve Hall at 651-450-7218.

Christman Trees

Inca 10" precision cabinetmaker's table saw w/ mortise table and chuck. Garrett-Wade model #259. European style tilt table (blade remains vertical). 1.5HP 100V, 3450 motor. Miter guide, rip fence, drop stop, and micro adjust. Sturdy wood stand. Tenon jig. Molding hold-down. Several 10" saw blades, mortising bits, tools, and manuals - \$1050. Contact Dean Wilson at dean_wilson@mcad.edu. 651-777-8980.

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Bandsaw blades - 93-1/2 inch for 14" saws. Timberwolf 1/2", 4TPI x .025" (3 ea, new), Olson 3/16", 4TPI x .025" (1 ea, new), 1/2", 4TPI (2 ea, used/good), 3/16", 8TPI (1 ea, used/good), 1/8", fine tooth (1 ea, used/excellent). \$30 takes all. Contact Jim Boles at jimboles 111@yahoo.com.

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Mark Your Calendars

July 20, 2004, Tuesday, 7:15 pm

Timm's Lumber & Sawing - Steve Timm, owner of Timm's Lumber & Sawing will demonstrate how he selects and cuts all kinds of hardwood, and some softwood, from area trees. Steve has several large circular mill saws, plus many other machines. Of special interest is "the largest planer in the Twin Cities" that can plane a plank 24' x 24". Also of interest will be a large hand-made mortising machine that his father built, and he will give us a tour of his post & beam house he built out of white oak milled in his shop.

Location: Timm's Lumber & Sawing, 7290 County Road 6, Maple Plain, MN. Phone 763-479-3321.

Directions: From all points east, take Hwy 12 west, and go through Long Lake. About 1/2 mile west is a stoplight at County 6 (5th stoplight from 1494). Take a left at the light at Cty 6 & 12. Cross the tracks, then go west 4.7 miles to the sawmill. On the north side of the road you will see his sign and a large saw blade.

August 17, 2004, Tuesday, 7:15 pm

Forest Products Supply - Mike Mueller, owner of Forest Products Supply, will showcase some of the 90 species of wood for sale in his 20,000 square foot shop and lumber warehouse. His company caters to the professional and hobbyist, with expert advice on many of our wood questions, including what the working characteristics are of each species. His shop also makes specialized furniture and cabinets in a well-equipped shop that we will tour. We will not know what projects he will be working on, but an example could be the special burial casket he just finished out of 1,000 year old Cyprus wood for a Hmong family.

Location: Forest Products Supply, 2650 Highway 61, Maplewood, MN. Phone 651-770-2834.

Directions: From the south, east and west, take Hwy 36 east to Hwy 61 north. Go about 1/2 mile to County Road C. From the north, take I694 to Hwy 61 south to County C. Forest Products is on the NE corner of 61 and C. Enter off C.

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

