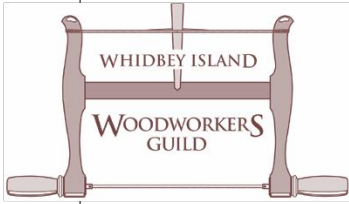




August,
2006



August 2006 Meeting was cancelled, but do come to the Show!

The Whidbey Island Woodworkers Guild will not be holding a regularly first Thursday of the month meeting in August. Instead, we hope to see all members that can make it at our Third Annual Gallery Show Opening at the Bayview Cash Store on Friday, August

18th from 6:00 to 9:00 PM. The show will feature the works by twenty of our members and is sure to be bigger and better than the last two, which were great. The Show hours are 11:00 AM to 6:00 PM beginning August 19 through August 27.

The printed brochures are now available from John Shinneman or Gary Leake for you to mail to clients, friends, and family. An informal catalog of the items in our gallery show has been send to you as a PDF attachment to an e-mail.

Special points of interest:

- Gallery Show open on August 18 at the Bayview Cash Store Gallery (page1)
- September Meeting on the 7th at Jim Bertram, Renaissance recorders in Coupeville (page2)
- Time to renew your membership for 2006-2007 (page3&4)

Splinter Group "Lite" Newsletter

Apologies for this month's newsletter for being late in coming out and without the usual great graphics , Want-Ads, and Gallery List (hence a "Lite" version"), We plan to return to our normal quality next month.

-Bob Johnson, Editor

Thank You,

By Gary Leake

The July meeting was at Dave and Karen Anderson's lovely home with attached Island Greens golf course. For those who missed it, Dave had ordered just the right amount of sun and breeze for the day. As we drove into the driveway, Sandy and I saw a couple of examples of Dave's wood-working pieces and inside there were more. My favorite was the huge Pacific Northwest Native-style carved wooden bowl with the commanding presence

of nearly 3 feet of chips held within. The group assembled for dinner, ate and chatted outside on the large deck overlooking the Anderson's beautiful, pastoral golf course. After dinner, more than a few brave souls grabbed a club and went out onto the course. Since I have not played golf for next to three decades, I took pictures of some golfers among us instead. Rob Hetler did play and reported, "The outing was a lot of fun. I ended playing

with Kevin Fristad, Karl Nielsen, Dave Anderson and Sue Scofield. The food and beverages were tasty and there was lots of laughing, until we got serious about golf. My four-some got in nine holes before dusk. Sue sunk one from about 50 yards out. There were squeals of delight and Dave considered it as difficult as a hole-in-one on a par four for a pro.



Upcoming Events

By Bruce Schwager

WIWG Meetings:

September 7:

Jim Bertram makes top quality Renaissance recorders and other musical instruments at his studio in Coupeville at 605 NE 6th St. See his web site:

www.bartramrecorders.com or call (360) 678-9272.

October 5:

Brad Rice is a highly skilled boat builder who has set up shop in an old barn at 4785 East Harbor Road, two miles north of Freeland on the right (east) side. He builds everything from sailing skiffs to mahog-

any racing runabouts and cruising sailboats. His phone is (360) 331-1109.

November 2:

"Shop Warming" at John Shinneman's new place. Details to follow.

December 7 (Tentative):

Annual WIWG Christmas Potluck. Details to follow. Plan on attending to see who among those that paid their 2006-2007 dues wins the drawing for the Lie-Nielson block plane.

UPCOMING:

Don't miss the **Wooden Boat Festival** in Port Townsend on September 8-10. It's the biggest gathering of its kind! See

www.woodenboat.org/festival/ for times, ferries, and exhibits.

The **Northwest Industrial Woodworking Expo** will be held at the Tacoma Convention and Trade Center will be held November 16 and 17 (Thursday and Friday). It will display ideas and technology for industrial wood products, furniture, case goods, and other uses. See www.northwestwoodexpo.com

Presidents Report

Dear Chip Lovers,

I and two other local woodworkers attended the Gary Knox Bennett show and lecture earlier this month at the Bellevue Art Museum. It proved very interesting and thought provoking. The show titled Call Me Chairmaker, consisted of fifty chairs that Bennett had taken from a recent series. They were mostly derivative of historical chairs from such luminaries as Thonet, Mackintosh, Reitveld, Nakashima, and Wright, although with a tongue-in-cheek attitude reminiscent of the California Funk movement. The Garry Knox Bennett: Call Me Chairmaker shows runs through to November 26, 2006. See <http://www.bellevueart.org/exhibitions/index.htm> for information on show hours and there is a cata-

log of Bennett's work available at the Museum's Store.

For me, the most interesting aspect of the show was that these chairs were about a progression of ideas, some made in less than two days. The craftsmanship was always appropriate, but not belabored. The idea was the thing. How many of us have spent days and weeks and even month on one project, initially started from a flash of inspirational moment? To work quickly with a flow of ideas, as one would with a sketch book, is very appealing. All too often, I become lost in the minutiae of the work. Weeks seem to go by and the struggle to maintain the vision of a project is strained.

My current project is going on month number four (yes

the end is in sight), and the shape is just beginning to emerge. The design was completed maybe six months ago. I recognize that one cannot build a kitchen in two days, but the concept of satisfying a creative urge so rapidly is most compelling. The work could become a gesture, as in a painterly stroke or sketch carrying the power of what we do best. Perhaps the rapid staccato of ideas built without regard for the marketplace would become grist for more solid projects of scale, allowing us to refine those simmering ideas that never got off the sketchbook page. The show at the BAM

Following the show, I had some questions for all of you reading this: What are we? What is the Guild? What is our Mission? The definition of mission is something that has been left undefined. I always

thought of the Guild as an organization of professional woodworkers, along with those that aspire to excellence and yet are otherwise supported. We believe in the artistry of woodwork and are committed to superior craftsmanship. We love our work and tools. We are inspired by the material, and try to act in responsible ways to conserve wood as a sustainable resource.

Tell me what else. Is this our mission statement? Is this who we are? See you all at the Third Annual Woodworkers Show (or at Payless).

May your chisels be sharp and your shavings long,

-Rob Hetler Cabinetmaker



Steering Committee Report

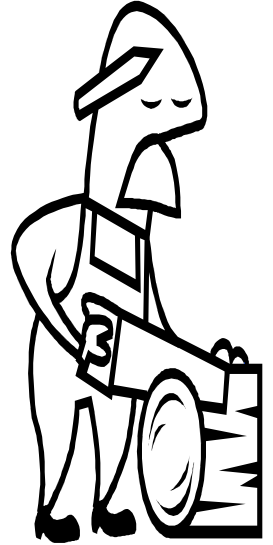
The Steering Committee met at Bob Johnson's home on July 18, 2006. Present were Bob, Carl, Gary, John, Randy and Rob. Bob provided us with some great eats and drink to keep our mental energy high!

Third Annual Woodworkers Show: John reported that the Press Releases to local papers would be go-

ing out soon. Each of the 20 participants will be working a half-day shift during the Show (coordinated by Tom Fisher) to host the gallery from 11:00 to 6:00. Judging by the photo images submitted for the brochure, some great work will be on exhibit! Tell your friends and get the word out there...

by Gary Leake

Dues: Just a reminder that our fiscal year ends August 31. When you send in next year's dues, be sure to include the completed Membership Form. The form can be printed via the Guild's website (www.whidbeywoodworkers.com) - select "About the Guild".



See how you can win a fancy block plane... see page 4 for the entry form

Guild Membership: Time to Renew - Time to Join

Not yet a Guild member? To join WIWG, please print out and fill in the membership form available at the WIWG web site (www.whidbeywoodworkers.com) - and mail it with a check for \$25 made out to the Whidbey Island Woodworkers Guild to Randy Scofield, Treasurer, 5739 Mutiny Bay Rd, Freeland, WA 98249. For more information, call or e-mail Randy at 331-2395, scofield@whidbey.com.

Current Guild Members: Your dues of \$25.00 for 2006/2007 are due by September 1, 2006. Although all those on the WIWG e-mail distribution list receive monthly notices of the next meeting (date, time, loca-

tion and topic) without being a paid member, there are benefits to membership including eligibility to participate in our annual gallery show, tool sale and web site and a listing in the membership directory. Your membership helps to promote fine woodworking on Whidbey Island, allows you to give and receive advice, share sources and resources and get assistance when needed. For those in the profession that qualify, you may be able to write off the cost of membership.

To renew your WIWG membership: Send your check for \$25.00 made out to the Whidbey Island Woodworkers Guild and the membership form avail-

able at the WIWG website (www.whidbeywoodworkers.com) to Randy Scofield, Treasurer, 5739 Mutiny Bay Rd, Freeland, WA 98249. Randy will accept your check or cash and the Membership Form at the meeting too.

Membership Prize: Those who join or re-new by November 1st will automatically be entered in a drawing for a Lie-Nielsen low angle bronze block plane. The drawing will take place at our December potluck. The membership form available at the WIWG web site (www.whidbeywoodworkers.com) is your entry into the drawing, so be sure to fill out the form.



Green Certified Wood Available

More and more home-building and remodeling clients want assurance that the wood products used in their homes come from sustainably managed forests. That is the impetus behind the various third-party agencies — most notably the Forest Stewardship Council or FSC (Editors Note: as presented at February's WIWG Meeting held at the Bayview Cash

Store).
Green Certified Wood, Continued,

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The groups monitor forest operations and certify that the products bearing their logos were harvested in an ecologically responsible manner. Potlatch has passed the FSC's rigorous certification process, demonstrating that each link in a piece of lumber's "chain of custody" exercises sustainable forestry practices. The company offers both certified plywood and lumber for about 15 percent more cost. FSC-certified Douglas fir plywood comes in thicknesses from 3/8 to 3/4 inch. Potlatch can be reached at 509/328-0930, www.potlatchcorp.com

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Tear off this form then get it with your check or cash for \$25.00 to Randy

Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone 1: _____
Phone 2: _____
E-mail: _____
Web site: _____
Business name: _____

Woodworking specialty, line of work or unique capability:

Would you like your contact information listed in the WIWG directory?

Yes No

Are you willing to help out with:

- Newsletter
- Web site
- Guild show
- Steering committee
- other _____

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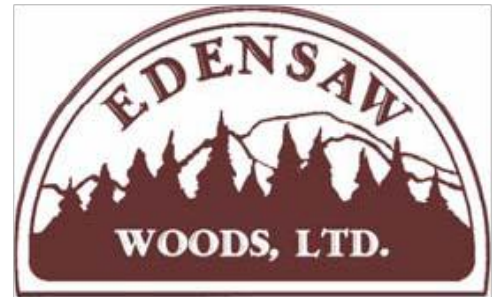
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From:

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