

THE SPLINTER GROUP

NEWSLETTER

Thanks!

THANKS to Tom Eller, the wood shop instructor at the Coupeville High School Vocational Technology Facility for extending his long day to host our November meeting. Tom talked about the challenges and rewards that come with teaching woodworking to today's youth! We also got a sneak preview of the plans for new metal and wood shop the district is building.

December Meeting

On Friday evening, Dec. 2nd (yes, Friday!), Kim Hoelting will be hosting our 3rd annual Holiday Gathering and Family Potluck Dinner. As usual, we want to particularly welcome your spouses, partners, kids, and woodworking friends where fun, great food, and camaraderie will be guaranteed in a spectacular setting around a massive stone fireplace. Plan to bring a generous dish to share (including a serving utensil), along with whatever beverage you wish to put out on the table. Paper plates, napkins, cups, and plastic ware will be provided.

We'll be gathering for a "social hour" starting at 6:00 at Kim's shop, which is located on Maxwellton Rd., 1.6 miles from Highway 525 heading South. Turn left at the green street sign that reads "Woodland Hall Pvt. Ln.", and then another immediate left into Kim's spacious parking lot. Woodland Hall, where Kim's showroom is located, is off to your left. Around 7:00, we'll be walking to a covered picnic area (with tables and benches) almost immediately adjacent to the Hall where a fire will be roaring and where we'll be eating. There's a full heated kitchen including a stove and a refrigerator for your use if you need it to complete your meal preparation. Dress for the occasion, but you'll be able to stay as warm as you like next to the fire. You might even consider bringing hot dogs and marshmallows for people to roast!

For those of you who may not know, Kim's business, Northwest Woods, specializes in big, often highly unusual pieces of wood and timber. He regularly journeys to Alaska where he gathers much of his stock. His lumber yard is like none other, and even though it will be dark, there will be enough lighting for you to roam among some of the piles and get a sense of what's going on. Kim is an excellent designer and furniture maker and has been living and working on South Whidbey for many years. You're in for a treat with this opportunity to visit his shop and to see his operation.

Steering Committee Report

by Kevin Fristad

The end of the year is approaching and with it, a few changes to the Steering Committee. Bob Johnson has come on board and has agreed to take on the role of Newsletter Editor beginning in January. Bob brings with him considerable organizational skills, a great deal of knowledge and interest, and unbounded enthusiasm for the group and its goals. We would like to thank him for accepting this task and look forward to the Newsletter getting better and better each month!

Rob Hetler has "officially" become our first President, and will hand off his bookkeeping duties to Randy Scofield who will assume the post of Treasurer. Bruce Schwager will be doing more organizational work with the monthly meetings and already has two really exciting presentations lined up for January and February. John Shinneman has agreed to be the 2006 Show Chairman for the 2nd time in a row!

After 3 ½ years of active involvement, I have decided that it's time for me to pull back somewhat, which will allow more time to pursue other interests. It's been a wonderful experience and it would be difficult to find a more dedicated and awesome group of people to work with. I still plan to be associated with the Guild and will help out wherever I can in the years to come.



December 2005

Events and Happenings



Would you like to take the kids for some maritime holiday fun? Come to the **Center for Wooden Boats** Christmas Celebration Dec. 10 from 12:30-4:00 at the Lake Union CWB boathouse for refreshments, free sailboat rides, and toy boat building. Or take the kids to their Cast Off Program on Sundays at 2:00 featuring a free half hour sail on a Sharpie, Bristol Bay gillnetter, a Friendship sloop, or their 1909 steam launch *Puffin*. See www.cwb.org, or call 206-382-2628.



The Seattle chapter of the **American Association of Woodturners** meets the second Thursday of each month in Redmond at 7:15 at the Overlake School, 20301 NE 108th. See <http://home.comcast.net/~seattleaaw/index.htm> for information and a map. Jon Magill is a member and a good contact.



If you haven't yet been to the **Northwest Fine Woodworking Gallery**, put a trip on your calendar. WIWG's own David Gray shows his wonderful furniture there along with some of the finest in the world. They, along with over 35 other galleries in Pioneer Square, sponsor a free Gallery Walk every First Thursday from 6-8 pm. NW Fine Woodworking Gallery is on First and Jackson. More info: 206-625-0542, or check out www.nwfinewoodworking.com.



The **Pacific Northwest Tool Collectors Guild** will not meet in December. Watch this space or call

Dick Schusler (678-1083) for information on the January meeting.



If you're in Fairhaven near Bellingham, drop by the

Artwood Gallery, 1000 Harris Ave. and see some of Karl Nielson's cool stuff, or visit <http://www.pacificws.com/artwood/>.

Upcoming Guild Events

Our early 2006 gatherings promise to be very exciting. Don't miss a tour and demonstration pour at the Soul In Bronze Foundry on January 5 at Stan and Lynn Swanson's place in Glendale. The foundry specializes in art and architectural bronze casting, and you've probably seen Lynn's bronze sculptures in local galleries.

On Feb 2nd we will host a presentation by Kent Goodyear of the Portland-based Ecotrust (www.ecotrust.org). He will discuss linkages between sustainable forest practices, milling, distribution, construction and manufacture, and clients/homeowners of forest products including Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) certified wood. This will be open to the public, and we'd like to invite architects and builders as well. Place TBA.



Woodcraft of Seattle

Woodcraft of Seattle (5963 Corson Ave. S. Seattle, WA 98108) offers a full slate of classes during the month of December through their "Woodcraft University." A partial list of classes appears below. For class details, or to preview a complete list of upcoming classes, please visit their web site (<http://www.woodcraft.com/stores/store.aspx?id=307&nav=home>) or call: (206) 767-6394.

Furniture Series I: An Introduction To Furniture Building For Women with Michael Egbert
December 6, 10am - 4pm

Christmas Ornaments: Turning Simple Ornaments
December 7 or 14, 9:30am - 12:30pm or 1:30pm - 4:30pm

Woodcraft University: Turning 101 with Jack Wayne
December 9, 6pm - 9pm & December 10, 10am - 4pm

Funky Pen! with John Jones
December 8, 6pm - 9pm

Introduction to Chip Carving with Audrey Baugh
December 9, 10am - 1pm or 2pm - 5pm

Sawdust Therapy II: Women's Intermediate Woodworking with Steve Dando
December 5 & 12, 6pm - 9pm

European Rolling Pin with Mark Baldwin
December 11, 1pm - 4:30pm

Segmented Bowls with Jack Wayne
December 7, 6pm - 9pm

Colorful Kalaidoscopes with Mark Baldwin
December 15, 9:30am - 12:30pm or 1:30pm - 4:30pm



Dresser - Walnut, Holly 45 x 24 x 42. by Geoffrey Wirth



December's Featured Guild Member: Geoffrey Wirth



Asian Variation Side Table - Mahogany, Zebrawood, 18 x 18 x 18.



Craftsman Chair - White Oak, Leather, 20 x 20 x 48.



Formline Chair. Cherry, Walnut, Upholstery, 21 x 19 x 36.

Geoffrey is one of those guys who was born to be a woodworker. His career includes his early childhood when he began making things. For him, "it was the beginning of a life filled with craft, and a love of creating."

Geoff has been a professional woodworker since 1988, and several years ago opened Possession Point Woodworking, LLC where he works closely with his clients throughout the entire design and building process. It's not unusual for his customers to drop by his shop several times to see the various stages of the development of their project. It's this interaction that Geoff thoroughly enjoys and encourages.

Geoff's influences range from the Arts and Crafts style to contemporary. His approach is simple elegance but yet he strives to include his own distinctive design element on each piece. He uses traditional construction methods on all his pieces, which include mortise and tenon joinery, and solid wood dovetailed drawers. Most pieces have a hand rubbed oil finish. Geoff's furniture is fully functional and he wants it to be used. His pieces are built to last a life time and will no doubt be handed down for generations.

Geoff lives adjacent to his shop, which overlooks the water near Possession Point, with his wife Teresa and their young daughter.



Geoffrey with his refurbished radial arm saw.



Dining Table. Elm. 60" long x 36" wide x 30" high



Three legged stool. Mahogany, 18" tall

Classified Ads

This space is available for anyone who wishes to place a free ad for anything even remotely related to woodworking. Please e-mail any one of us below before the third Thursday of the month to have your ad in the following month's newsletter.

For Sale: 10hp rotary phase converter - \$500 or best offer. Also, Rockwell radial drill press - \$125. Call Geoff Wirth at 579-2183.

For Sale: Mechanical hand screw veneer press. Includes 7 pairs of 4" x 6" laminated cauls each with 5 Wetzler press screws, and 2 sheets 1" MDF 37" x 97". Can press up to 37" wide, length variable up to 96". Cauls are spaced as necessary. \$250. Call Bruce Schwager at (360) 730-8165.

Caps for Sale! Whidbey Island Woodworkers Guild monogrammed baseball caps in sage green, highest quality. \$20. Call Rob at 360-222-3121.

For Sale: 200 sq. ft. cherry backer boards, 3/4" - 1" thick, \$2.75/sq. ft.. Call Rob at 360-222-3121.

For Sale: Williams and Hussey molding machine with a few molding knives and a set of 7" planer blades. Call Nick Werve at 360-678-2079.

Machinery for Sale:

Dewalt 14" Radial arm saw single ph. 220v - \$850.00.

Delta 10" table saw w/ 8' x 7' table - \$650.00.

12" jointer 3hp 3ph Indiana Machine Works, #2 blade cutter head - \$1,000. Call Karl Nielsen at 360 675-2751 or e-mail nielsenfinewww@whidbey.net

Free (Donation accepted) A miter box saw. Call 222-3121.

For Sale: 9/4 white oak #2 and # 3 rough. 2.00/bd ft. Call Rob at 360-222-3121.

Steering Committee

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Web Site Update

Starting in January, the Newsletter will begin appearing on our web site at www.WhidbeyWoodworkers.com. You will simply receive an e-mail reminder each month to check the site and to access the newsletter, which will inform you of the monthly meeting among other things.

Another feature that we will be adding to the site next month will be the names, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses of all those who have become members. If you prefer that your name and e-mail address not be listed, please let Rob Hetler know before December 10th, and you will not be included. The idea is to make it easier for members to contact each other regarding referrals, woodworking questions, or anything else that may be of mutual interest.

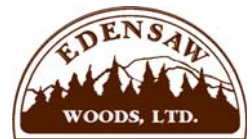
Also if you are interested in having your work included on the site, please contact Rob Hetler or Craig Yamamoto for details. Ultimately we hope that it will be a successful marketing tool for those who have or will become a part of it in the future.



Mother & Child, by Guild member Joseph Albert
Alder on Burl, mounts hidden, 20"L x 12"H x 8"W. Available at Artworks Gallery, Greenbank Farm, WA

Odds & Ends...

As you know, Edensaw Woods is a sponsor of the Whidbey Island Woodworkers Guild. We would like to extend our gratitude and appreciation by supporting them as much as we can. Thank you Edensaw for your help!



Become a Member! Send your check for \$25 made out to the Whidbey Island Woodworkers Guild to Rob Hetler, PO Box 230, Greenbank, WA 98253. We have close to 50 paid members now and the list is growing! Your dues will be put to good use – just wait and see!

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