



# Newsletter of the St. Petersburg Woodcrafters Guild

December 2002 / January 2003

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**From the Editor:** Happy New Year to everyone and your families. I hope everybody had a wonderful and safe Holiday season. The Holidays were filled with family activities, and upon returning from vacation in the new year, I have been very busy at work. Please accept my apology for my inability to get a newsletter together in December and for the delay in getting this month's newsletter out to you. I have attempted to combine two months into one so some of the news may be a little old. Again please accept my apology and let's get the sawdust flying for a great year!

**A Year-end Message from the President:**  
By Jim Nelson 2002 Guild President

As the end of the year winds down I just wanted to say thank you again to all for the support I have received over the past year as President. It was extremely rewarding for me personally and I enjoyed every minute of it. For those members that could not make the Christmas party, you missed a great time. The Christmas party was again another unqualified success. The homemade deserts were unbelievably good and I think I sampled them all. All members of the Guild received a door prize with many prizes far exceeding the cost of membership. We have many door prizes left over and they will be made available to members over the next several meetings.

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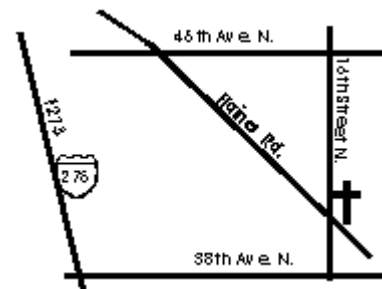
**Calendar of Events:** Mark your calendars with these important dates for the beginning of the year:

Jan 30 – Feb 1	Fair entries accepted
Feb. 2	State Fair judging
Feb. 5	Feb. Board meeting
Feb. 6 – 17	Florida State Fair
Feb. 9,11,13,15	Guild members work at State Fair
Mar. 21-23	Woodworking Show

**DUES ARE DUE!! See details later in the newsletter. Don't miss all the fun.**

**Meetings are held the 4<sup>th</sup>  
Tuesday of every month.  
NEXT MEETING  
TUESDAY January 28, 2003**

**Grace Lutheran Church in the  
Fellowship Hall  
4301 16<sup>th</sup> Street North  
St. Petersburg, Florida  
7:00 – 9:00 PM**



**SPEAKER:** This month's speaker will be Mr. Norm Busziglio, a Florida State Fair 2002 Best of Show winner. He will give us a presentation on Cabriole legs.

## Officers and Committees for 2003

<b>President</b>	<b>Mark Miller 321-2022</b>
<b>Vice President</b>	<b>Art Mowry 328-7955</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Bruce Hickman 898-2048</b>
<b>Secretary/ Editor</b>	<b>Bob Bistor 587-9027</b>
<b>Associate Editor</b>	<b>Mark Miller 321-2022</b>
<b>Members at Large</b>	<b>Ernie Barta 866-2670 Tom Barnhill</b>
<b>Toys</b>	
<b>Membership/ Hospitality Projects</b>	<b>Bruce Hickman 898-2048</b>
<b>Resources</b>	<b>Ernie Barta 866-2670</b>
<b>Past President</b>	<b>Jim Nelson 576-2926</b>
<b>Programs</b>	<b>Art Mowry 328-7955</b>
<b>Library &amp; Guild Merchandise</b>	<b>Jose Rivera 528-1774 Co-chairman Wayne Hyman 867-1708</b>
<b>Webmaster</b>	<b>Wayne Hyman 867-1708</b>

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### What is a Guild?

**A guild is different from a club in that members are dedicated to teaching what they know and learning what they don't.**

**Year-end message continued:** We are fortunate to have excellent officers and new directors for next year so you can count on having many new and informative programs at our coming meetings. I encourage all members to seek office and to volunteer to chair the various committees next year. You will find it as rewarding as I did.

If you have not yet paid your membership dues please do so at the January meeting so that you can take advantage of all the benefits the Guild can offer you next year.

I wish you all a blessed and Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New year. See you next year, Jim Nelson

**November 2002 minutes:** On Nov. 26, 2002 the St. Petersburg Woodcrafters Guild was called to order at 7:00 PM by our Vice-President, Mark Miller, as Jim Nelson was on vacation. Mark reminded us what a Guild is. We had 2 visitors this month.

### Committee Reports:

**Treasury:** Ernie Barta gave a treasury report. The Guild currently had \$ 4773.71.

**Resources:** Cocobolo sells cutoffs for about \$500 for a cord.

**Library:** Books, videos and plans are available for \$1.00 per month.

**Toys:** John Miller needs to step down as Chairman. Anyone interested in the position should contact the Board.

**Newsletter:** Anyone with items to sell or wishing to buy should contact Bob Bistor two weeks before the meetings. Also if you know a member who is ill, please let Bob know so he can send out a card.

**Membership:** Bruce Hickman, membership chairman said we still had 70 members.

**Programs:** The last meeting for 2002 is the Christmas party.

**Guild Merchandise:** Since we have changed the design of our logo all Guild merchandise is being cleared out at 50% off. Caps are now \$3, shirts \$8, and shop aprons \$10. Get them while they last.

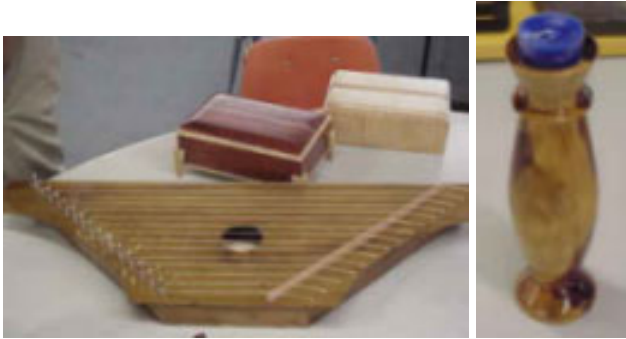
The minutes of the October meeting were accepted

**Elections:** Elections were held for the offices of Vice President – Art Mowry ran unopposed, Secretary – Bob Bistor ran unopposed, Treasurer - Bruce Hickman beat Ernie Barta in a close race which necessitated a re-vote (Hey this is Florida – the dimpled chad state), Members-at-Large (new position) – Ernie Barta and Tom Barnhill won out of a slate of 5 nominees. CONGRATULATIONS to all the winners and a thank you to all those who accepted nominations. This is OUR Guild and will only be as good as the effort we volunteer to put into it.

**Old & new business:** Plans were finalized for the Christmas party, and sign up sheets were passed around for the State Fair and Woodworking Show. Tim Stark, a visitor who joined at the meeting, had some lathe tools & sanding belts for sale during Buy/Sell. **50/50 Raffle:** Frank Dimina won \$27

**Dues:** That time of year is here to pay your dues for next year. A renewal notice is attached to this newsletter. You can mail your dues in or bring them to a meeting. Anyone interested in joining the Guild may send your check to Bruce Hickman , 720 18<sup>th</sup> Ave. North, St. Petersburg, FL 33704 or bring it to the meeting.

**November Show and Tell:** Bob Robertson began our show and tell with a psaltery, which is a hand held harp dating back to medieval days and a precursor to the modern day zither. Musical instruments are fun to make as well as play. Bob also showed us a turned candleholder which he created.



Alex Panaglotacos showed us a couple of boxes which he made. One box is seen below and another one can be seen in the photo above in back of Bob's psaltery.



Art Mowry showed us a picture frame and a sign which he made.



Bob Bistor showed us a couple of his holiday yard decorations. Bob does the cutting and sanding, while Lynda does the painting. Bob has the easy part! Although not evident in the photo, there are a couple of knots which are showing thru in the white areas of the Santa. Bob used this as an

example to remind us that if we are using anything other than a natural finish (stain, wax, varnish, etc.) that we need to be aware of knots as the tannin in them can and will bleed thru paints and ruin your hard work. A good quality sealer, followed by a good primer will help. Just be sure to pick materials which are compatible with one another.



**November speaker:** Our speaker for the month was our own Charlie Kested. Charlie was a pattern maker in the Navy. This was a very elite group of craftsmen whose job it was to make the patterns which were used to make the molds for castings of metal parts. Charlie explained the entire casting process stressing the many considerations that had to be made when creating the molds. As the metal cools it shrinks. How do you account for this? He told us about multi-part molds needed to get complex parts out after they have hardened. Charlie also showed us some recent patterns he has made which are to be used to create silicone parts for cosmetic and reconstructive surgery. The minute detail and precision tolerances to which he works are the mark of a master craftsman. Thanks Charlie for a very informative presentation.



**December meeting / Christmas Party:** As Jim Nelson stated in his Year-end / outgoing Presidents message, our Christmas party was an unqualified success. As your editor, I will say it was a lot of fun! Our membership is up to 71 members and we had 68 attendees (including spouses) at the party. What an excellent turn-out. And for those who were not able to attend, we hope you can attend next year.



The Party began at 6:00 PM with a feast fit for a king. Chicken with all the fixins and a variety of desserts brought by the members that would put a North Pole gingerbread house to shame. I think more than a couple of us walked away from the party feeling we were as plump as Santa for the holidays. As we enjoyed the desserts and beverages, Jim Nelson began our meeting. He gave thanks to a great number of people –our Board and Art Mowry; the decorating committee which did a wonderful job in the hall; all those who brought the wonderful desserts; all the spouses for their continued support (and tolerance of us buying new tools); all the 2002 officers and committee people (and he explained what each one did); Francis Ricottilli for running the 50/50; Cathy Arnold for helping Francis and helping with the name tags; Francis’s wife for her donation to the door prizes; and all the members, for without them we wouldn’t have a Guild. Jim also reminded us of some of the highlights of the year 2002 – birdhouse projects resulted in 80 houses in the spring and 177 houses in the fall for school kids to put together, teaching them about nature as well as the satisfaction of making something from wood; over 100 handmade toys completed and donated to the Christmas Toy Shop to brighten young children’s faces on Christmas morning; several members had entries in the State Fair and several won awards; we worked at the State Fair and the Woodworking Show bringing in several new



members and informing the public about our Guild; a fun filled Guild picnic; and we again were asked to evaluate the new prototype Dewalt Planer which incorporated our input from the previous year. Dewalt has said our Guild is the most professional and dedicated of all the groups NATIONWIDE that they have dealt with. Also this year we have changed our Guild logo and got a new banner, had two very successful and informative open shops, expanded our Board to now include two Members-at-Large, we have 3 new sponsors, and had the highest revenue ever in the history of our Guild. All this PLUS 11 meetings a year with speakers, a wonderful Christmas party, an invaluable Guild library, and the fun and camaraderie of our fellow woodworkers, all for \$25 a year!

Jim then introduced all of our new officers and board members for 2003. Although none of these fine things would have happened this past year without the efforts of all of us, Jim Nelson, thru his hard work led us along the path of our most successful year ever. The Board presented Jim with a plaque for his effort and dedication to our Guild.



Then it was time for the toy contest. All the toys entered were to be donated to the Christmas Toy Shop. We had 6 entries, all of them won a prize. Charlie Kested won \$30 for 1<sup>st</sup> place with his truck and trailer.



Glenn Wheaton won \$25 for 2<sup>nd</sup> place with his oak truck.



Ernie Barta won \$20 for his manger puzzles which won 3<sup>rd</sup> place.



Floyd Eller won \$15 for his red and black truck.



Francis Ricottilli won \$15 for his coin banks.



And Art Mowry won \$10 for his gingerbread candy cane holders.



We also had Show and Tell. Members were encouraged to bring anything they had made during the year so that the spouses could see what we have made. Sean Kelly showed us his rocking motorcycle. More than one member would have been willing to ride this home.



Charlie Kested showed off another one of his beautiful scroll work pieces which won him Best of Show at the State Fair again this year.



Ernie Barta showed us a beautiful sled coffee table he made.



Bob Bistor showed us some of his outdoor holiday yard decorations.



Ron Eddinger showed us a beautiful turned lidded bowl and a Christmas tree and family of snowmen he turned on his lathe

**Then it was time for the door prizes!** Thanks to donations and discounts from our wonderful sponsors, we had an unbelievable assortment of door prizes. The value of many of them exceeded the cost of our membership and every member got to pick one.



As can be seen in the photos, the assortment of books, tools, tool bags, etc was wonderful.



Francis Ricottilli and his wife also donated two items to the door prizes.



Every member also had a chance to win the two big door prizes. Tim Stark won a \$50 gift certificate to Weiss Hardwoods and Tom Barnhill won a \$50 gift certificate to S&J Hardwoods.

Even the guests had the opportunity to win several rosemary trees, the poinsettias on the tables and the balloon bunches.

### Since the meeting:

**Membership roster:** All members are encouraged to please check the membership roster and let us know any corrections that are needed. Don't miss out on potential information because we do not have your most current information. Let Bruce Hickman know any corrections which are needed. We will be sending out the latest roster with the next newsletter and would like all the information to be correct.

**Business cards:** The Guild has our own business cards. If you would like some cards to hand out, see a Board member

**Open Shops:** We are a Guild, and as our definition states, we are dedicated to learning and teaching. We had 2 fantastic open shops hosted by Ernie Barta in 2002. We want to continue this tradition in 2003. Please contact a Board member if interested. Ernie has hosted the first 2 so now it is time for someone else.

**Buy/Sell:** If you are looking to buy a particular item or have something to sell, you may have it listed in the newsletter. Call Bob Bistor (587-9027) two weeks prior to the meeting and we will put it here.

Dave Wegener has a Sears 12" band saw – 6" cut, digital readout, 80" blade. He also has a Rigid 16" scroll saw. Give him a call at 593-3281 if you are interested in either of these items.

Tim Stark has an assortment of large size sanding belts as well as an assortment of 3M super fine grit sanding pads (1000+ grits). Give him a call if interested.

**Next Board Meeting:** February 5, 2003 at Bruce Hickman's house.

**Member Spotlight:** This feature will be continued in the next issue.

**Florida State Fair:** The Fair is rapidly approaching. All entries are to be delivered to the fairgrounds on Jan. 30-Feb. 1. The judging will take place on February 2. If you have never attended a judging, it is a worthwhile learning experience as you listen to each piece critiqued on how it could have been improved. Lunch is available and provided by the Tampa club for a nominal fee. As usual our Guild will be helping to man the booth during the fair. Those who signed up need to check with Ernie Barta as to the schedule and further details.

**Woodworking Show:** The annual Woodworking Show is coming March 21-23, 2003. Again the Guild will have our own information booth at the show to let the public know about our Guild and attract new members. Check with Ernie on the schedule if you signed up to work the booth. During your shift, bring along something you have made to show to those who stop by.