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"Setting up shop"

A workshop is a space that, together with the tools in it, provides the means for you to explore your woodworking desires. Woodworking needs its own space, which we never seem to have enough of. The tools are fairly big, the material can be bulky, and with each project you will end up with material left over that you can't bear to throw out. And since some projects are completed over a period of time, days, weeks, or in my case even months, you'll need space for assembly, parts storage and finishing. Another thing to consider is the noise and dust generated by your tools. A dust collection system is not a box fan in the window of your shop blowing everything on your neighbor's house. Keeping woodchips and sawdust out of your house makes everyone happier. There is no "correct" way to set up a shop. Every shop is different in meeting the needs and budget of the woodworker.

Experiment, plan and check out other people's shops. You'd be surprised how many members will show their shops and share tips on how to save space. All you have to do is ask. My tip is, the more pleasant and comfortable your shop is, the more likely you'll spend time in it. The more time you spend in it, the better the chances of finishing the projects you start.

Stay Safe...
Randy Watson

**Meeting are held on the
4th Tuesday of each month**

**Next Meeting
Tuesday, February 28th 2006
7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.**

Grace Lutheran Church
Fellowship Hall
4301 16th Street North
(at its intersection with Haines Rd.)
St. Petersburg, Florida



OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES --- 2006

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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.

Business Cards

The Guild has business cards. If you would like some to

Membership, Dues, Interest in Joining

You can mail your dues or bring them to a meeting.

Contact

Bruce Hickman

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Please make checks payable to:

Secretary's Report for the November 22, 2005 Meeting.

by Tom Barnhill

The meeting was opened by Joe Pettit at 7:06 pm. Present with the members were guests; Ed Call, Judy Call, and Don Woldridge

Election of new Officers:

Candidates for office were given an opportunity to address the members before the election.

The office of Vice President had only one nominee,

Bonnie Barnhill, who was elected unopposed.

The office of Treasurer had only one nominee, **Bruce Hickman**, who was elected unopposed

The office of Secretary had only one candidate, **Tom Barnhill**, who was elected unopposed.

The offices of Member at Large had three candidates running for two positions, **Cathy Arnold**, **Mike Fucile**, and **Richard Samay**, . Elected to those two positions were, Cathy Arnold and Richard Samay.

Business card holder and pens contest:

Voting on the pen and card holder contest was announced white tickets were used to vote for the best turned pens and blue tickets were used to vote for the best business card holders. The vote took place during the break. Randy Watson won a free Guild membership for the 2006 year with his winning business card holder. Ron Theriot won free 2006 Guild membership for his winning turned pen. The real winners were the board sponsors who would receive the card holders and pens as gifts for their sponsorship.

Membership:

Memberships to the Guild reached a new record of 87 paid members in 2005. Treasurer and Membership chairman, Bruce Hickman reminded all members that 2006 Guild dues are due during the month of January.

Woodworker's Show Report:

The woodworker's show at the fairgrounds on November 18, 19, 20 was a success. Friday was the business day. Randy Watson put on a show with his Alaskan Sawmill which drew in the crowds. The Belt Sander Shuffleboard exhibit was mildly successful, but it appears we need to "tweak" that

Buy and Sell:

Art Mowery has a lead on 100bd/ft of sugar pine which needs to be sold by the first of the year. Most of the lumber is 1X8's of various lengths This lumber is priced at \$1.00/bd/ft.

Christmas Party:

The annual Guild Christmas Party is scheduled for December, 12 at 6:30 pm in the fellowship hall of Grace Lutheran Church. There will be gifts for all members donated by our sponsors and gifts for many of our guests. The menu will be baked chicken, mashed potatoes, baked apples, green beans, variety of breads, ice tea, lemonade, and coffee supplied by our sponsor, Po Folks Restaurant. Deserts will be brought by our members. Members are encouraged to bring items for show and tell.

Library Report:

Our library has many books, videos, plans, magazines, and 1 dvd A new book, *Wood Identification and Use*, by Terry Porter has been added to the library.

Resources:

Our sponsor, **Woodcraft** will be moving to a new location, 18891 US Highway 19 North, Clearwater, at the beginning of January.

Wood of the Month:

Randy Watson presented Mahogany as the wood of the month.

Show and Tell:

Art Mowery displayed his red oak child's rocking chair w/ caned seat and back which won him a third place ribbon at the recent woodworker's show.

Charles Kested brought in a scrollwork- "cat" table made from 1/4 inch baltic birch plywood.

Erik Kenney shared his "garage sale disaster", a repaired and restained chair for which he paid a few dollars originally.

Jim Smoot presented his telescoping heart shaped basket and wood puzzle which was displayed at the recent Woodworker's Show.

50/50

The 50/50 winner received \$42.00

Program of the Month:

The program of the month was presented by Ed Keppel of Bosch Tools and Bill Stich of Jim& Slim's Tool Supply. Ed and Jim displayed some new tools by Bosch

Old Business

Our Christmas party this year was great. The food from PO FOLKS and all the desserts were absolutely wonderful! We want to thank all of those who contributed to the coordination of the party. Everyone left the party a winner!!!! We want to thank all of sponsors and the guild for the great gifts. Thanks to all of those who spent all their time working on the carts I'm positive that the guests that received them thought they were wonderfully done.

Show and tell was very entertaining. It is so nice to see what other members have worked on through the year. It displayed a really nice variety of talents in each one of us. Just imagine what we could learn from those people that brought their items in for us to see. Please keep this in mind when we are asking for one of us to hold a open shop or a demonstration at our meetings. At our party the presidency was passed on to Randy Watson from Joe Petite when Randy presented the Joe with the 2005 Presidential Plaque. This Plaque thanks the Former President for all his support, wisdom, leadership and



Joe Pettit

Randy Watson

Randy presents Joe with the Presidential Plaque.

Treasures Report

By: Bruce Hickman

Financial Statement: December 2005

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| Beginning balance as of :11/30/05 | \$ 6056.22 |
| Revenues | \$ 00.00 |
| Expenses | <u>\$-1076.51</u> |

Ending Balance as of 12/31/05 \$ 4979.71

The large portion of these expenses are due to the Christmas party.

Open And Toy Shop Reports

Well it's that time of the year again to think about Christmas. So we need help with toys so to start the year we will have our first open shop on Feb 4th . I would like to clean up the wood that is at the Christmas shop we need to build some racks for the wood also work on projects to cut out at the state fair. I also would like to get two to three people to cut up the sheet of plywood we have at the toy shop this will be used to make our block carts and dog carts also seal toys. And this will be done as a sub Open Shop at Joe Pettit shop using his panel saw so if you would like to see how it works join the open shop

Also in keeping with the Presidents article if anyone who would like to show off there shop or a new toy they got for Christmas please let Richard Samay know.

At present, we have 3 seal toys and 2 dog carts. We would like to make more toys than we did last year, so it is important we make this a year round project. And we would like to see more people become involved

Upcoming Events

Who: Mike Fortune

What: Furniture Design

When: March 10th slide show 7pm-9pm

March 11th Demo 8am-5pm Lunch is provided.

Where: Grace Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall

Admission: \$25.00 for members per person

There are only 50 seats available

Tickets available for this two day event must be purchased through Bruce Hickman by Jaunary 31.

After January 31st any open seats will be available to non-members at \$30.00 per person.

The following is information about Mike Fortune

FURNITURE DESIGN

Artists Statement

I primarily design and make furniture by commission for private residences across Canada and the United States I use traditional woodworking and metal. Working techniques in combination with innovative forming processes that have been adapted from the aerospace and boat building industries.

Although I describe my studio based work as contemporary I enjoy playing with a wide range of natural and historical influences, whether it is a beautiful vase from Mesopotamia circa 2800 BC, a piece of discarded furniture or the texture found on a split piece of firewood.

Sketching, making scale models and building full size prototypes are a very important part of my design process. My goal is to create objects that are resolved on every level and satisfy my personal aesthetic,

I also design wood products for manufacturers in developing economies such as' Trinidad, Belize, Mexico and (Guyana), These projects are either sponsored by international & aid agencies or are private ventures. This can involve on-site training and requires that I commute between my studio in Canada and the community that I am working with abroad. Participating in these-development projects allows my small studio to contribute, in a balanced way, to both our culture and the economy.

Michael C. Fortune RCA

Fine Woodworking

No. 30. September/October **1981**, p. 84. Fixtures for Steambending

No 65, July/ August 1987. p 37. Production Hand Mirror
No 159. November/December 2002, p. 116, Master Class: Shaping Curved Furniture Parts”

No. 163, May/June 2003 p. 54. “A Slim, Comfortable Slip Seat”

No. 171, July/August 2004. p 48, “Inspiration for a Bedside Cabinet”

NO. 173, November/December 2004. p 66 “Five Tips for Better Band sawing”

No. 180, November/December 2005.p 38 The Favorite Band saw Jigs”

No, 181 January/February 2006. Nine Tips For Better Designs”

Canadian Home Workshop

Vol. 2. No. 1, February 2000. ‘College Bedroom: Single Bed Blanket Box, Night Table” March 2001, p. 42, Simply Elegant”

February 2002. p. 45-54, “The Elements of Inlay

Florida State Fair

The Florida State Fair is upon us we hope the state We hope everyone got their entries in on time.

Remember fair dates are February 9- 20. Judging for Fine Woodworking is scheduled for Feb.5th.You cannot remove your entry before Feb. 21.

We still need help manning the booth, the dates and times we are looking for, are listed below. Contact Richard and Jan Samay we need to know how many so Joe can make sure we have enough tickets. Thanks to all who already signed up.

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| Feb. 14 Tuesday | 1-5pm. | 4 Needed |
| | 5-9pm. | 4 Needed |
| Feb. 16, Thursday | 9-1pm. | 2 Needed |
| | 1-5pm. | 2 Needed |
| | 5-9pm. | 4 Needed |
| Feb. 17, Friday | 9-1pm. | 2 Needed |
| | 1-5pm. | 4 Needed |
| | 5-9pm. | 4 Needed |
| Feb. 18 Saturday | 1-5pm. | 2 Needed |
| | 5-9pm. | 3 Needed |

The Suncoast Woodcarvers are having their annual woodcarvers show. Seminars, demonstrations, vendors, carvings on display.

January 28th & 29th, 2006 hours are Saturday 10-4pm and Sunday 10-5pm. Admission is 2\$ under 14 free. For kids there is a foam block carving event !

At the Seminole Recreation Center, 9100 113th Street N, Seminole, Florida. Don't miss this event.

Library & Book of the Month

Book of The Month

Wood Identification & Use #1091. This book is great for those of you who may have a piece of wood that you need to identify. It contains over 200 woods, illustrated and described in detail. Each page contains common names, properties, seasoning, durability, typical uses, along with possible health risks. It also shows the different types of log cutting. What a cool book!

Don't forget we have lots of Books at our disposal as well as Plans and Video Tapes and now a DVD all for the small cost of \$1.00 per month what a great deal!!

Want Ads

Guild Photographer:

We need another Guild Photographer to help Rhonda Roquetta. They would take photos at Guild meetings and open shops and special events. Share the photos with our

Guild Historian, Cathy Arnold for our scrap book.

This person or person's will co-ordinate with Board members and open shop committee. Contact any Board member or Rhonda Roquetta.

Off Cuts Reporter:

Anyone who would be interested in writing any articles or reporting on events or open shops would be great. This person would report to off cuts editors and co-ordinate with open shop committee as well as Board members. Contact Richard and Jan Samay.

Buy and Sell

Art Mowry has possession of the Sugar Pine mentioned in the Secretary's report if you are interested in purchasing any of the wood contact him. They are at approximately 4 foot lengths.

Tips of the Month

Tip 3, 4, & 5 of 10

3. To make working on the scrollsaw more comfortable the height of the table should be adjusted to a proper height this is usually around elbow height also sitting can help.

Tip 4, as cutting wood the blade will flex under even the slightest pressure. This can cause the cut to become bowed slightly or not perpendicular to the table. To avoid this slow down the feed rate or pause to allow the blade to straighten itself. In dense or thick wood this may be ever 1/2".

Tip 5, to make it easier to see use a paper pattern rather than transferring the pattern using carbon or other means. Use Adhesive spray or double sided tape to adhere the pattern. And if you use too much spray as I have use a hot iron to remove the pattern.

Know a business That would be a good fit as a sponsor of the guild? Contact an Officer or a Board Member.

Editors Note:

The 15th day of each month is the last day for anyone to contribute to the newsletter for the following month. Please make sure your articles or photos are in by then.

I like to work a lot with wood. I make furniture that falls apart. I also sew.

Tim Conway