

Northwest Woodworkers' Association

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Next Meeting:

**Mega Show-and
-Tell And
Attendance
Sweepstakes
January 31,
2013**

▶ 6:30 PM ◀

Woodcraft Supply

**5963 Corson S.,
Seattle 98108**

Guild Officers

President—Open Position

Membership—Allen McCall

Treasurer—Chris Green

Secretary—Rick Tydings

**Programs—Al Falco, Don
McNutt, Jack Martin, Ed Moore,
Ray Ross**

**Raffle—Tom Murray, Herb
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The Outgoing President's Message

— by Bob Schaefer

The final meeting of the Northwest Woodworkers Guild took place on December 6 at Woodcraft Supply. The meeting consisted of another Show and Tell which once again demonstrated the high quality for craftsmanship by Guild members. Details of the presentations and photographs may be found elsewhere in this issue. As in previous years an abundance of several different kinds of pastries and food and beverages were served--mainly self service--for the enjoyment of all present in the holiday season.

This is my final message--now as ex-president. In any group, club or association a time inevitable arrives when a change in administration and leadership becomes a matter of high priority for the continued benefit not only for the guild as a whole but also for the individual members as well. As time passes new challenges arise and fresh guidance becomes not merely desirable but also necessary. With these considerations I am concluding my term as Guild president.

As we stated earlier, an ad hoc provisional committee has been established to assure a smooth transition and to define the future guidance of the Guild. And again, to repeat—anyone who is interested in participating with, in or on this committee would be welcome. Questions about the committee may be submitted to Chris Green or to me. I am not a member of this committee but am merely acting as a liaison at this time.

It has been a privilege, an honor and yes a responsibility to serve the Guild, initially as treasurer, then membership/treasure and finally in the past three years as your Guild president.

At this time I thank deeply and sincerely the other officers and members who have assisted me. This includes Chris Green, Sally Wright, Rick Tydings and Ed Moore. Special thanks beyond measure to Steve Krauss who has done an outstanding job as newsletter editor and publisher and whose services in that capacity have benefitted the Guild tremendously.

Thanks to Don McNutt for his most helpful service as program chairman making my job easier. Thanks also to Tom Howorth for his work on the Guild website and to Scott Wilson for doing the all important photography when Steve is unable to attend. Thank you also Allen McCall for starting early as membership secretary. I also thank many of the Guild members who expressed encouragement and support for and to me these past three years. If I have forgotten to express gratitude or appropriate thanks to anyone who deserves so, my sincerest apologies.

Finally, I and the Guild say thank you a thousand times to Ron and Michele Hall for providing us with the best possible meeting venue for a woodworking club--and to all the staff of Woodcraft as well.

A forum for woodworkers of all skill levels to share their common interests



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Member's Discounts

Crosscut Hardwoods

4100—1st Avenue S.,
Seattle 98134
10% Discount

Rockler Woodworking

3823 Stone Way N.
Seattle 98103
10% Discount (not valid on power tools)

Woodcraft Supply

5963 Corson S.,
Seattle 98108
10% Discount (not valid on power tools or workbenches)

Edensaw Woods

8032 S. 194th St.
Kent, WA 98032

December Meeting Minutes

Before, during and after the formal meeting, guild members enjoyed the annual Christmas feast. At 6 PM, President Bob Schafer called the meeting to order. He reminded the Guild that this was his last meeting as President.

Twenty-six members were present. New member Brian Weiss introduced himself; guests Jason and Harriet Airhart introduced themselves.

Chris Green, treasurer, noted that the Guild had \$2,785 in the treasurer. Alan McCall announced that 62 members had renewed their membership, 7 had declined to renew mostly because of moves, and he was waiting to hear from 32 other 2012 members about renewing for 2013.

Announcements

The guild thanked Ron and Michele, Woodcrafters Store Owners, for hosting the meeting.

The next Guild meeting will be January 31; the program will be a mega-show-and-tell and members were encouraged to bring examples of their work.

Tropical Hardwoods has been added to vendors who will give guild members a discount on goods purchased from them.

An ad hoc committee will oversee the transition to new Guild leadership: Contact Chris Green or Herb Stoops.

Show and Tell

Daniel Harrison displayed three inlaid door panels reflecting the NW which he was commissioned to develop. The panels showed his superior ability to design and execute staller inlay art. He also offered hints on working with inlay veneer.

Herb Stoops gifted silicone glue brushes to Guild members as his annual Christmas thanks.

Chris Yee displayed a hard maple log stool he had created. He added that he had carved out the seat area and gratefully received hints and suggestions for stabilizing cracks and checks. He also showed some kitchen spoons he was working on.

Program

Bonnie Klein presented and taught members about various turning techniques using Christmas items as the focus. She travels around the world teaching turning classes and giving demonstrations and the Guild was fortunate to secure her for the December program. She is extremely deft with the various turning tools, some of which she created herself. All attendees benefitted from her knowledge and skill. At the end of the program she offered the Christmas tree, ornaments, beads, snowman and spin top she had made for a drawing. THANKS BONNIE!

Steering Committee Report

We realized that having a clearer understanding of the Association's purpose would help us in guiding what the Association does and how it does things. We see the Association's purpose as "To facilitate woodworkers getting together for the exchange of information, ideas, knowledge, experience and (sometimes) facilities."

57% of our membership that renewed for 2013 has approved the proposed name change. Thus we are now the **Northwest Woodworkers Association**. Your 2013 membership cards, this newsletter, and several other places have been changed to the new name.

Along with our new name, we also have a new website address, www.nwwoodworkers.org. Tom has it setup to automatically point to the existing site. That makes sure people can get to the site using either the old or new address. We would like the website to have more pictures of members projects, of their shops, or of any other woodworking related stuff. You can send Tom the pictures and a description - send to thoworth@gmail.com

Meetings will continue to be on the last Thursday of the month. The meeting time has been left at 6:30PM since it was almost a tie 'vote' with changing to 6PM. However, you are all very welcome to come at 6PM for socialization and set-up.

Due to many requests we are adding a Questions & Answers segment to our programs. This is so a member can ask or inform the group regarding any topic related to woodworking. It may be a problem that the member wants suggestions about. It might be information about a new product, a new tool, a woodworking exhibit at a gallery, museum, etc., or an upcoming woodworking event. So come with your Questions or be there to provide an Answer to help someone else.

For the January meeting we will have two program topics. We will be doing the 2012 Attendance Sweepstakes, and you must be present to win the \$25 gift card. The main program event is a Mega Show & Tell, so please participate by bringing something to share with the group.

We are looking for presenters for upcoming meetings. Please contact any Steering Committee person if you have a presentation for a future meeting.

We are also looking for a volunteer to be the Program Manager. Current leadership is being done via the steering committee, but this is only a transition process.

December Photos

Photos courtesy of Scott Wilson













