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Moulding

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Our December 5, 2013 meeting was held at Woodcraft in Seattle. We opened our meeting with 16 regular members and one new member, Tony Simpson. Tony described his wood-working interests as “leaning toward furniture making after an 8 year hiatus while overseas”. Welcome, Tony – we hope your membership in the Association will be mutually beneficial to you and us.

Bill Bond posed a question concerning the motor on his table saw. In the middle of a project he turned on his table saw to cut some miters but the saw only buzzed. He tried replacing the switch, but that didn’t solve the problem. Various members chimed in with possible diagnoses and fixes. When the discussion came to the issue of “repair or replace?”, most recommended replacement because of the technical superiority of newer motors.

Allen McCall stated that the membership renewals have been mailed and so far 39 have been returned, including one on-the-spot-renewal. From previous experience, Allen said this is about the normal pace of renewals from previous years.

Tom Howorth noted that the forum use has dropped off lately and he encouraged members to visit the forum to post and respond to other member posts.

Bill Bond, who volunteered to design the new NWWA banner, presented three possible banner designs for member review and comment. Because the members presented a wide variety of suggested changes, it was decided that the Steering Committee will review the designs and suggested changes and decide upon a final banner configuration. Bill agreed to incorporate whatever changes the Steering Committee decided upon.

Jan Erickson, who had graciously volunteered to develop a brochure about the Association to be made available at our sponsor’s facilities, presented the latest configuration for review and agreed to post the final configuration on the forum. The Steering Committee will decide upon the final brochure configuration.

The banner and brochure presentations led to a discussion of possible avenues for greater publicity about the Association. Several ideas were presented including contact with various local woodworking organizations, such as the Wooden Boat Center, the Seattle Community College Woodworkers Training Center and various woodworking and craft shows around the local Puget Sound area.

Paul Stoops reemphasized the need for help completing the 2014 Meeting and Program schedule and encouraged the newer members to actively participate as presenters in future meetings.

MEGA SHOW ‘N’ TELL

The highlight of the meeting was the presentation by seven of the members of their Christmas projects and other recent works.

Jerry Rettig showed a stunning example of an end grain cutting board of walnut and maple he intended to use as a Christmas gift. He described the process of creating the complex pattern of end grain blocks and the comprehensive sanding and finishing operations.

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Seattle 98103

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Tukwila, WA 98188

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Tom Howorth showed how he started with a “stick” of Rosewood and turned exquisite handles for a marking knife, an awl, and some chisels. He described his finishing process using CA glue and a fixative. In the process, he emphasized the value of using marking knives over pencils, and of the effective use of mortising chisels.

Chris Green stunned the crowd with his display of three hanging vessel projects: Ethanol – What a Corny Way to Go, with its amusing use of color, circularity, and symmetry, It’s All in the Angle – a container based upon pyramids, and Blessed are My Diamonds – based upon equilateral triangles, proportionality, and many zigzagged supports and optical illusions. Chris’s delicate craftsmanship, outrageous colors, and imaginative use of facets, angles, balance, and proportionality left many members scratching their heads in wonder! He tried to get the members to vote for their favorite, but the voting came out a tie!

Chris Yee showed his new ventures into Suiseki (Viewing Stones), the Asian art form Paul Metiva discussed in our October meeting. He displayed six creations, incorporating found rocks and driftwood diazas (bases) he intended to give as Christmas gifts. The natural simplicity of his pieces was a delightful contrast to the mind boggling complexity of Chris Green’s projects!

Jan Erickson showed a rolled edge box she created from a sliced walnut burl she had milled. The rich hues and swirling wood grain patterns created a one-of-a-kind treasure box which graciously displayed her craftsmanship and attention to detail.

Herb Stoops then stepped on stage with two wildly different projects. The first showed the duct hanging brackets and the molded blast gates he purchased from ClearVue Cyclones for use in his home shop dust collection system. (Remember the ones we saw in use when we visited their factory in Kent in June?)

Herb then displayed a really interesting fine woodworking project: a hickory chest having eight delicate drawers and a shop made combination lock. The doors of the cabinet swung on dowel hinges. He diagrammed on the white board how the combination lock was constructed and how it worked. Very impressive!

Bill Bond completed the presentations with a slide show of his ever expanding shop, including his custom made workbenches. He also showed a variety of other projects including a highboy he created using his tablesaw to create the decorative molding that graced the project, a removable fascia corner fireplace cabinet, and a wooden train set.

Then Bill went on to describe one of his most unique projects – lovingly restoring a late 1800’s Brunswick billiard table which he converted into a pool table. He described his odyssey of locating an original picture of the table in an old catalog, locating original parts, tracking down the necessary technical advice, converting it to a pool table, including cutting the slate top and making the corner pockets, and covering the slate top and rails with new felt. After completion of the table, Bill learned how to make leaded glass panels to fabricate a period light to hang over the restored antique table. Still not done, he then designed and built a cue cabinet and cherry wine and liquor high boy curio to complete the room. Bill’s determination, skill, and stamina earned him the group’s hearty applause!

This was a very inspirational, and entertaining meeting that was enjoyed by all present. For those of you who were not in attendance, ya missed a good one!! – and we missed having you in the meeting with us.

STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT

Steering Committee members met on January 9, 2014 with Lawrence King, Manager of the new Rockler store at Northgate. We toured the new greatly expanded facility and were most impressed – particularly when recalling how cramped it was in their old store on Stone Way. This is a state-of-the-art flagship facility of the Rockler organization. The store also has a nice demonstration and classroom area with seating for about 30 people. We discussed having some of our Association meetings there and Lawrence was very agreeable and encouraging. Though our meetings usually end after their normal closing hours, Lawrence committed to keeping the store open for us as late as necessary. He also stated that he would work with us in securing some of the woodworking company representatives to conduct demonstrations and presentations at some of our meetings. We appreciate his willingness to work with us. We are currently planning to have one of our regular meetings there in the very near future.

After our meeting with Rockler, the Steering Committee met to discuss current and future Association issues. These issues included the following:

Brochure – We decided to publish the current version of the brochure which Jan Erickson had prepared. Allen is going to purchase an initial printing of 100 copies. Our intent is to display these brochures at each of our sponsor’s facilities. Paul agreed to put together a construction drawing of the brochure display holder and Allen is going to build a prototype.
Banner – We agreed on a banner configuration which best displays the purpose of the Association. Paul agreed to send the revised configuration on to Bill Bond for incorporation into the banner graphic file. Printing to be determined.
Survey Results – Chris presented a summary of the member survey question results. A significant number of the members indicated that they would attend a meeting at the new Rockler store at Northgate.
Meeting Ideas – A number of possible meeting subjects were discussed, some of which were those suggested by members on the survey. We are also pursuing the possibility of woodworking vendor presentations.
New Steering Committee Member – Allen is going to invite Bill Bond to become a member of the Steering Committee.

The Steering Committee is still considering programs and presentations for the 2014 meetings. We have many open opportunities for member presentations. We also welcome suggestions from the membership regarding outside guest speakers and places of interest to visit. Please be proactive and help us with this effort. Contact any of the Steering Committee members with your suggestions.

Thanks again to Jan Erickson for an excellent set of Meeting Minutes and notes.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Grand Opening of the new Seattle Rockler store at 832 NE Northgate Way will occur on Saturday, January 25, 2013 from 9AM to 6PM. We encourage our members to attend and check out the new facility. They are planning a gala event with many products displayed and demonstrated by vendor representatives. Also special sale items.
Our next meeting will be on Thursday, January 30, 2013 at the Seattle Woodcraft store at 6:30PM. The highlight of the meeting will be a presentation by Bill Bond on the topic Making Molding to Enhance your Project. Bill says his presentation will include such items as Molding Design, Using a Molding Head on a Table Saw, Making Cove Molding on the Table Saw, Contour Moldings, and Adding Splines to Mitered Molding Joints. This promises to be a very informative presentation – please plan to attend.

As usual, bring your Show ‘N’ Tell items to display.