



# Shavings

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**Upcoming Events  
and  
Announcements**

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- ❖ 2011 Meeting Dates  
-- Dec 7
- ❖ 2012 Meeting Dates  
-- Jan. 4

**Message from the Officers: New Officers Elected for 2011**

At the November monthly meeting new officers were elected for 2012. The elected officers are:

President - Dave Finnegan  
Vice President - Ed Charpentier  
Secretary - Dave Wudyka (returning)  
Treasurer - Don Laversis

New officers will take charge on January 1, 2012 and retain their offices for a period of two years.

In addition to the elected officers the following people will take charge of critical committees and services:

Ned Quist and John Pietrella - "Shavings" Editors  
John Pietrella - Web Site Coordinator  
Jim Horn - Guild Photography  
John Heaney - Library  
Paul Morrissey - Symposium Committee  
Bob Fonteneault - Programs Director

Hospitality will continue to be handled by volunteers each month.

Thank you to all past officers for their time and service to provide programs and information for all members.

## UPCOMING MEETINGS!

Meetings are held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month at 7 PM, except for the month of July (when there is no meeting), and are located at the North Scituate Community House, West Greenville Rd, North Scituate, RI 02857

### Upcoming Christmas Party - December 7 at 7PM

As always, the Guild will host a free Christmas party for members, member's spouses and significant others.

We will have food, beverages, music, games, raffles and door prizes as in past years. A Yankee swap will be held and if you wish to participate you should bring a gift of \$15 minimum value. Men should bring a woodworking related gift and women should bring a gift appropriate for another woman. Dave Finnigan will preside over the annual swap.

Some food will be catered and members can bring their favorite recipe of food or dessert if they choose.

The night is a laid back chance to socialize with other members outside of a regular meeting format. If you have never attended please do yourself a favor and take advantage of a fun time.

## NOVEMBER MEETING RECAP:

### Presentation Summary

Mickey Callahan was our guest presenter at the meeting and he was as always interesting, informative and at times comical. Mickey actually provided two technique presentations. The first demonstration took the group through all the steps involved in creating an upholstered chair seat including the frame construction, webbing, fill and covering. The second demo was on finishes and highlighted the use of shellac and proper application and finishing techniques. Mickey is heavily involved in the “Institute of Early American Furniture” and provided brochures to share with the group and described their activities and upcoming exhibits. The group had many pointed questions on the subjects presented and you get the feeling that many of the techniques or steps to perform these techniques were of great interest to the group. Mickey teaches regularly for the Connecticut Valley School of Woodworking. See his classes at: <http://tinyurl.com/88tnta5>

#### Guild Officers for 2010-2011

President	John Pietrella	<a href="mailto:johnpietrella@comcast.net">johnpietrella@comcast.net</a>
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Director		
Hospitality	Rotating	
Newsletter/Website		<a href="http://Reddogstudios.com">Reddogstudios.com</a>
Club Photographer	Jim Horn	
Club Librarian	John Heaney	

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Mickey Callahan discusses the classic corner chair he built for the December 2010 issue of *Fine Woodworking*



Mickey shows the weave of the webbing on the frame of the seat. He subsequently demonstrated how to upholster the seat



Mickey discusses finishing using simple traditional methods.

## Members Gallery:



Wooden bowls by Chris Horn



Candlestick by Ed Charpentier. Kolrosing examples by Don Horn

## Off-Cuts:

- ❖ New courses are available on the Keeseh Studio website at <http://keesehstudio.com/?cat=4>. Keeseh's new listing includes a broad range of classes from Jon Pietrella's Introduction to Handtools to Sharpening, Dovetail joints and a host of project-based classes.
- ❖ Auctioneer Bill Spicer and Tool Manager Bud Steere hold another antique tool auction at the Masonic Temple No. 5, 1515 Ten Rod Rd., North Kingstown, RI, Saturday, December 3 at 10:00 AM. Preview Friday 1-6 PM and Saturday, 7-10 AM.

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## Book Review



### **The Man Who Traded His Wife For Woodworking Tools: And Other True Stories Of 19th Century Jackson, Michigan**

by [G.L. Blanchard](#) (Create Space, 2010)

“What kind of community has citizens who trade wives for joiner's tools? You'll have to read the book to find out, but if you do, you'll also read about a prominent, highly respected citizen who shouted unprintable epithets while drenching a young woman and her kids with a garden hose on Main Street, a dog who trained his master to steal sheep, a 12 foot vampire mummy...” [from Amazon.com review] Just thought that members may be interested in considering what kind of deal they may be able to get for their spouse! JP

