



# Shavings

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*"When we build let us  
think we build forever".*

*- John Ruskin*

## Upcoming Events and Announcements

### *Announcements*

- ❖ July 2009 – No Meeting – Summer Break
- ❖ August 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting – Bill Bovina – Spiral Staircase Construction – ONSITE MEETING!!
- ❖ September 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting – Jerry Kelley – Tunnels and Trains

## A Message from the Officers

The June meeting became the first annual tool auction and all participants seemed to have a good time (See the Auction Summary later in this Newsletter). The chair design class has been completed at Keeseh Studio. Although nobody was able to complete their chair during class time, everyone went home with their chair construction well underway. Hopefully we will see some finished chairs on display at future meetings. As everyone knows there is no meeting in July and the August meeting will be held off site (see further info on this meeting later in this issue). In August we will begin to discuss 2009 officer elections and preparation for the 2009 Scituate Art Festival.

Here is hoping everyone has a great summer. Sitting on the beach would be a great time to come up with some new ideas including classes and presentations for 2010.

## UPCOMING MEETINGS!

Meetings are held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month at 7 PM, except for the month of July, and are located at the No. Scituate Community House, W. Greenville Rd, No. Scituate, RI 02857

### July 2009 – Summer Break – No Meeting

### August 2009 – Spiral Staircases - Wednesday August 5<sup>th</sup>, 6:30PM – ONSITE MEETING

*Presented by Bill Bovina*

Bill Bovina will be hosting the WWGRI for our first onsite presentation of 2009. Bill will be discussing construction of spiral staircases and will be showing us pieces both finished and under construction. The meeting will be held at **Hardwood Design Inc., 24 Dorset Mill Road, Exeter, RI 02822 Tel: 401.294.2235**

Bill's interest in woodworking started with building a small speedboat in his basement at age 15. He was able to get an apprenticeship with a boat builder where he worked while attending high school and then Boston University School of Management. At BU he took several credits at the 'Program in Artisanry' (now defunct) in furniture design under Alfonse Matia and Gerald Osgood. In 1985 he and two partners started Hardwood Design focusing on general cabinetry. Market opportunities drove them to specialize in stair building which has been their primary focus for the past 12 years. The shop currently employs 20 people.

### September 2009 –Tunnels and Trains - Wednesday September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6:30PM

*Presented by Jerry Kelley*

Septembers presentation will be a little out of the ordinary in that it will be of interest both to wood workers interested in modeling and also people interested in local railroad construction history. Jerry will be giving a short talk on the Hoosac Lining Towers and the survey that contributed to the successful completion of the railroad tunnel in Western Massachusetts over a century ago. He will also discuss his model building, specifically his work on “scratch-building” and construction using wooden “craftsman” kits. Several samples of his work on diorama, boat and train models will be exhibited from his store of completed models.

Jerry Kelley is an avid rail fan and Hoosac Tunnel historian whose life-long interest prompted him to create the website, *Hoosac Tunnel Then and Now*. His work has been showcased in *Railfan & Railroad* magazine and National Public Radio's “Engines of Our Ingenuity” series. He also assisted the History Channel with Hoosac lore for the popular *Modern Marvels* show “Drilling.” He has recently authored an article on the Hoosac Lining Towers for the Boston and Maine Railroad Historical Societies' *Bulletin* Magazine. Jerry lives outside of Boston with his wife Gayle and works for NSTAR Electric and Gas as a Licensed Electrician.

#### Guild Officers for 2008-2009

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## ❖ Auction Summary:

As a matter of general interest we have gathered some auction statistics:

Items listed for sale = 130

Items sold = 79

People in attendance = 65

### Auction proceeds:

Gross Sales	\$ 1,213.50	all receipts from tools sold
Net proceeds paid to members	\$ 994.95	total paid to the members who sold tools
Fees taken from net proceeds	\$ 218.55	what we deducted from sale price
Expenses of sale	\$ 157.49	what we paid for refreshments and supplies
Net to Guild	\$ 61.06	left over and kept by the Guild

Please let the officers know if you would like to see this become an annual event. Also as the club would like to express our thanks and appreciation for the auctioneer and volunteers that helped make this event a success.

Photos from the event:



**The Volunteers**



**The Auctioneer  
Jeffrey Arsenault**

**Tools for Sale!!!**

- Buffing and grinding rig
- Belt driven mini lathe
- Stanley Miter Box
- Leigh Dovetail Jog
- Belt driven jeweler's lathe





### Molding Planes!!!

- Excellent assortment of individual molding planes for sale
- Box to the left has a large set for sale as a single lot

### The Bidders!!!

- In the forefront we have some of the items that were being auctioned off
- Items include a table top band saw, motors, circular blades and a routing station



## OFF-CUTS:

### ❖ **Woodworking Classes Available at Keeseh Studio**

The following classes are available at Keeseh Studio. They are located at 999 Main Street, Suite 701 Pawtucket, RI (248) 877-4425 - <http://www.keesehstudio.com> , email: [info@keesehstudio.com](mailto:info@keesehstudio.com).

#### Classic Membership **\*\*NEW\*\***

Want to make a table? Chair? Shelving? This membership is geared towards those who have had some instruction in woodworking or may currently be in one of Keeseh's courses. This membership provides an opportunity for individuals to learn from experienced woodworkers, have an opportunity to gain assistance in developing projects, and/or simply gain access to machinery or tools that you may not own at home. Meets first and third Tuesday of each month from 6-9pm. \$45 per month

See attached email for additional class offerings or visit their website for the latest information.

### ❖ **Barrette's Quality Hardwoods**

Some member's of the club recently mentioned their success in finding lumber they needed in sizes that are a good match for their project. If you're in the Thompson, CT area, be sure to stop in at Barrette's for your project ready hardwood needs. Specializing in regional hardwoods. On the web at <http://www.barretteshardwood.com> or visit in person at 129 Robbins Road, Thompson, CT 06277. Telephone is 866.928.9373.