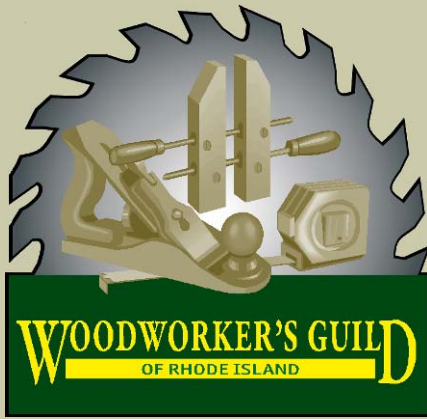


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“Arguments with furniture are rarely productive”

- *Kehlog Albran*

Upcoming Events and Announcements

Announcements

- ❖ 2010 Meeting Dates
 - ~ July – No Meeting
 - ~ August 4th Dave Lamontagne, Specialty Woodworking, to be confirmed
 - ~ September 1st Tom Macdonald, “The New Yankee Workshop” to be confirmed
 - ~ October 6th
 - ~ November 3rd
 - ~ December 1st

A Message from the Officers

Hi All,

Welcome to summer all. Hopefully your shops are air conditioned! If not, summer is the perfect time to catch up on your summer reading. Review the woodworking magazines you quickly scanned last winter and develop a project list for the fall. Ditto for the books we received last Christmas. See you in August.

Thanks,
Jeff Arsenault

UPCOMING MEETINGS!

Meetings are held on the 1st Wednesday of the month at 7 PM, except for the month of July, and are located at the North Scituate Community House, West Greenville Rd, North Scituate, RI 02857

July 2010 – Summer Recess – No Meeting Scheduled

The WWGRI members do not hold a formal meeting in July but members should feel free to invite others to their shops and share techniques, tools and enjoy each other's company. It's always a good time to connect with others and learn something new, especially if their shop is air conditioned...

August 2010 – Still Confirming

Our Bob Fontenault is hard at work confirming upcoming presenters including a visit the New Yankee Workshop with Tom MacDonald. Check our website for updates.

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WWGRI NEWS:

❖ Refreshments

We have been fortunate over the last few years in having member volunteers do the work of providing for refreshments at meetings. Most recently John Heaney handled this task for a few years and now Lynn and David have taken it over for 2010. My view is that nobody should have to do this as a volunteer for more than a year. I propose that we find three or four volunteers that will handle this for a 3 for 6 month basis on a rolling schedule.

If you have been to other club's meetings you know that having these refreshments available is a real treat and adds a lot to our enjoyment of the meetings. Please let John Pietrella know if you are willing to join the "Hospitality Committee" and take a turn providing beverages and pastries for our regular meetings. The expense of these goodies is covered by donations and the Guild treasury so there is no expense to you.

So if you want to help out but would prefer a low profile job, this could be the committee for you.

❖ Scituate Art Festival Planning

Well it is almost that time again. The Guild will host a table at the "Scituate Art Fest" once again. The fest takes place on Columbus Day weekend and we display work by members both actual items and photos. We also have our lathes going for demos and members demonstrate other skills such as hand tools, carving and scroll saw work. Our biggest membership increase is always after this event.

This year we will be purchasing pen making supplies so that we can use these as a demo. If you were in the pen making classes hosted by the Guild at Keeseh Studio you might want to get some practice by being a turner at the fest. If you are interested in helping out with set up or supplying samples of your work for display or being a demonstrator please talk to John Pietrella or Ed Charpentier who will once again be the coordinator for the Art Fest.

❖ Guitar Building

Dave Wudyka is assembling information and details to put together an acoustic guitar construction class. Let Dave know if you are interested and to share your ideas and preferences.

❖ Woodworker's Symposium

Paul Morrissey and Dave Wudyka are working to begin organization for a woodworker's symposium hosted by the guild and its business partners. Nationally known woodworkers will teach and lecture and manufacturers will demonstrate their tools and accessories. If you are interested in helping to organize please contact Paul or Dave.

❖ Articles Wanted!!!!!!!!!!!!

Please to take the time to tell us about a new or past project or woodworking story to publish in "Shavings". Our newsletter is a place to share stories, photos and information so take the time to submit an article.

June 2010 Meeting Recap:

By Jeff Arsenault

2nd Annual WWGRI Tool Auction – Our auction went off very smoothly this year with over 40 items changing hands and the Guild earning \$190 for our efforts. We had a very nice assortment of items and the tips and tricks we learned last year certainly streamlined our efforts this year. A big thank you goes out to all the helpers including Paul Morrissey's and John Pietrella's wives. Walt Croft was the winner of the 50/50 auction and once again Lynn Hosford did an outstanding job of making sure a variety of refreshments were available.**Personal thanks to whoever sold their oscillating sander. I used it for the first time last weekend and wondering how I functioned without it!

The Chair Challenge

Below are some photographs of John Pietrella's Dutch Modern Chair from last month's article:



Protect Your Investment

By John Pietrella

My table saw is one of the most used tools in my shop and my investment in blades is substantial. My most recent inventory include blades with a narrow kerf, cross cut, rip, 7-1/4 inch combination and plywood blades as well as a very expensive dado set. I have stored these blades many ways in the past but have never had storage that would protect the blades, make them easily accessible, and identifiable.

After some time doodling with my ideas I came up with the idea of a 12" square cube with dados cut top and bottom to allow 12" square wooden dividers to be slid in and out. These dividers would have a knob through the center allowing a blade to hang on either side. A rare earth magnet would be inlaid into each side to hold the blade against the divider and finally a stop system of a screw through the top of the box, which would hit a piece of wood attached to the rear of each divider, stopping the sliding divider two inches shy of the end of the box. The box houses six divider plates which will hold one blade on each side for a total of 12 blades. I will be bringing the blade storage box to the August meeting for anyone wanting to see the finished project.

This project was extremely inexpensive to accomplish using scrap 1/2" plywood, dowels and 1/2" by 1/8" rare earth magnets purchased from Rockler. The only other materials are 1" screws and wood glue.

Cut List:

- 2 - 12" x 12" pieces of 1/2" plywood (top and bottom of box)
- 2 - 13" x 12" pieces of 1/2" plywood (sides)
- 1 - 13" x 13" piece of luan or plywood (back of box)
- 6 - 12-1/2" x 12" pieces of 1/2" plywood (dividers)
- 6 - 1" wood screws
- 6 - 1/2" dia by 1-1/2" pieces of dowel.
- 12 - 1/2" by 1/8" rare earth magnets

First cut a 1/2"+ dado 1/4" deep starting 3/4" from the edge then continue dados @ 1-1/2" apart. This should be done to the inside surface of the top and bottom plates.

Assemble top, sides, bottom and back of box. This box should have 12" square inside dimensions. Now find the center of each of 6 dividers and drill a 1/2" hole using a forstner bit.

Next you glue a 1-1/2" dowel piece through each hole with 12 inch exposed on each side (note I turned a bevel in each side of the dowel in which the blade can sit, this is optional). Now drill a 1/2" dia by 1/8" deep inlay hole in each side of the divider approximately 2-1/2" from the center. Use super glue or other glue meant for metal and wood adhesion to install rare earth magnets into the inlay holes.

Install a 3/4" by 1/2" piece of scrap wood at the upper back corner of each divider on the right side of the divider. Now put screws through the top of box 2" from the front of the box and 1/4" to the right of each dado. Put screws into top but not extending into the box until all dividers are installed, then extend the screws fully into the box. Now you have a storage box that will hold 12 table saw blades that can easily fit on a shop shelf for easy retrieval.

Blade Storage Project Photos:



Off-Cuts:

❖ **Woodworking Classes Available at Keeseh Studio – Summer 2010 Courses Now Available**

The following classes are available at Keeseh Studio. For full class details go to http://keeseh.com/?page_id=9 Keeseh Studio is located at 999 Main Street, Suite 701 Pawtucket, RI (248) 877-4425 - <http://www.keesehstudio.com> , email: info@keesehstudio.com.

Blog: www.keesh.com

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Keeseh-Studio/356389934172>

Twitter: <http://twitter.com/keeseh>

Upcoming Open Studio times will be the first Tuesday of each month, 6-8pm.

SUMMER COURSES HAVE ARRIVED!

Jump Start Woodworking - Length: 1 class, 4 hours, Price: \$75, Instructor: Asher Dunn, Session 1: Saturday, 1pm – 5pm Date: June 26, Session 2: Saturday, 1pm – 5pm Date: July 24

Wood Turning - Students are required to take one of these beginner workshops before taking the next level Bowl Turning workshops in the fall.

Bottle Stopper - Time: Saturday, 10am – 1pm Dates: July 17 Price: \$75

Honey Dipper - Time: Tuesday, 6pm – 9pm Dates: July 20 Price: \$75

Spatula - Time: Monday, 6pm – 9pm Dates: August 23 Price: \$75

In addition to our regular offerings, Keeseh has a few classes in the works for the Fall and we'd like your feedback...

Kayak Construction - Students will use the Stitch-n-glue method to construct their own Kayaks. Students will leave the class with fully completed kayaks ready for the water. 10 classes, 4 hours each, \$575+\$500 Material Fee.

Acoustic Guitar Building - Instructor demonstrations will guide students through the construction process. Students will leave the class with beautiful looking and sounding instruments. 10 classes, 3 hours each, \$425+\$500 Material Fee.

Iron Casting - In this class students will learn how to make wooden casting forms. Participants will work closely with a local foundry to have their forms molded and cast in iron. 8 classes, 3 hours each, \$325+\$50 Material Fee.