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*'Tis a gift to be simple,
'Tis a gift to be free.*

- Shaker hymn

Upcoming Events and Announcements

Announcements

- ❖ June 3rd Meeting – WWGRI 1st Annual Tool Auction. Tool Auction forms can be submitted via mail, email or during the May meeting.
- ❖ July 2009 – No Meeting – Summer Break
- ❖ August 5th Meeting – Bill Bovina – Spiral Staircase Construction – ONSITE MEETING!!

A Message from the Officers

Well the Auction has arrived. Many good items are for sale and a chance to sell your unwanted tools.

This is a great opportunity for friends and family that would like to start into woodworking but don't want to make a big initial investment. July will be a "no meeting" month, so we can all catch up one last time at the auction before summer vacations.

The chair class at Keeseh Studio in Pawtucket is in its fourth week and everyone is stretching their abilities and learning new things. Each participant has designed a chair and is learning about doing joinery that is not at 90 degrees, and many times in more than one axis! Project classes like this take us out of our comfort zone in the shop and cause us to think of our work in different ways. We are proud to have Asher Dunn as a partner and a member. If you would like to pursue some new woodworking interests give Asher a call at Keeseh Studio.

We are still looking for people to share their projects, thoughts and maybe shops with the newsletter. Other members are interested and your contribution helps keep our newsletter content lively and relevant so consider writing an article for the next issue.

It is time to start thinking about electing officers for 2010 so consider who you would nominate to be President, Vice President, Treasurer or Secretary. Don't forget you can nominate yourself. We will begin talking about nominations in August so consider whether you would like to take a more active role in the Guild.

See you at the Auction.

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 No. Scituate Community House, W. Greenville Rd, No. Scituate, RI 02857

June 2009 – WWGRI 1st Annual Tool Auction - Wednesday June 3rd, 7PM

The tool auction is quickly approaching, Please remember to submit your auction forms as soon as possible so that a complete auction catalog can be created. The auction form can be found at the end of this newsletter. See the News section below for more details or attend the May meeting where the details will be discussed.

July 2009 – Summer Break – No Meeting

August 2009 – Spiral Staircases - Wednesday August 5th, 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.

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WWGRI NEWS:

- ❖ **1st Annual WWGRI Tool Auction** – In lieu of the regular meeting in June, the guild will hold a tool auction for members, friends and family. The auction will not be publicized but will be open to anyone wishing to attend.

The general idea behind the auction is that most woodworkers have items in their shop that they wish to get rid of because they have upgraded, do not use them any longer would like to sell one tool to spend on another. This would give everyone an easy opportunity to sell these items and to purchase other items that they have been looking for.

We will pre-register items to be sold so that we can identify how many items we will have in advance of the auction. In addition this will allow us to quickly handle these items on the night of the auction. A registration form is will be available in each month's newsletter (*On the last page*) in March, April and May, as well as on the guild web site. Registration papers should be given to John Pietrella by May 15, 2009. Registration forms can be done in paper format or e-mailed to John at johnpietrella@comcast.net. Anyone listing an item to be auctioned will supply a minimum sale price. If this minimum price is not met the item will be returned. Large items such as lathes can be listed for sale and sold using a photograph and detailed description of the item. On the night of the auction all items will receive an item number which will be registered to the seller. All items will be put out for brief inspection prior to the auction.

Bidders will receive a bidder number and placard on the night of the auction. All items will be paid for at the end of the auction. Checks will be accepted from members only all others must transact in cash.

Sellers will receive their payment for the items sold by mail within 2 weeks after the auction. The guild will retain a 10% fee from each sale to be added to the guild treasury.

Auction form attached at the end of the newsletter or you can submit your items at the next two meetings, forms will be provided.

April Meeting Recap:

Presentation

Our May presenter was Joseph Esposito from Mechanically Designed Woodworking of Uxbridge, MA. Joseph discussed his long history as a designer and illustrator working on project ranging from Harpsichords when he first got into the business onto speakers for Bose and other major speaker manufactures. Joe took the leap a few years back and transitioned to woodworking full time and started Mechanically Designed Woodworking (<http://www.mdwoodworking.com>). Since then Joe has been happily creating furniture and customer home woodwork and cabinetry designs for clients.

Joe's presentation covered his gift for illustration and exceptional design which is an inspiration to all and brought along several items from his various projects, including a full size drawing of one of the Harpsichords. I don't know about others in the group, but I was inspired to improve on my illustration and design skills before heading in to the shop next.



Show and Tell

Before Joe's presentation the club had a quick business meeting and Show and Tell session.



Jewelry boxes

Created by: Barry Rubenstein

Description: First box is made of Lacewood with Walnut for the tree and handle. The bottom box is made of Tiger Walnut and both are coated with Bush Oil.



**Indestructible Oak Chair**

Created by: Smokey

Description: Smokey made this indestructible oak chair for his grandkids craft area. This is 1 of 4 chairs and there is also a 36" x 28" table. Oak and Urethane.

**Spiers Ayr Parrallel Sided Smooth Plane**

Brought by: Paul Grenier

Description: Paul acquired this plane recently and brought it into the club to show members and gather tips on restoring.

One member was hoping it would be featured in the upcoming auction!



July 2009 Tool Auction – Initial List of Items:

Listing of Some Items That Will Be For Sale At the Auction

- ❖ Antique wood moulding planes
- ❖ Table Saws
- ❖ Miter Saw
- ❖ Lathe
- ❖ Bench Grinder
- ❖ Shop Vac
- ❖ Misc. Grouping of Hand Tools
- ❖ 8” Drill Press
- ❖ Dado Blades
- ❖ Glue Dispenser
- ❖ Block Plane
- ❖ Hitachi nail guns
- ❖ Circular Saw
- ❖ Dewalt Dusthood
- ❖ Belt Sander
- ❖ Routers
- ❖ Router Tables
- ❖ Cordless Drill
- ❖ Miter Saw Stand
- ❖ Stanley Planes
- ❖ Hand Saws
- ❖ Drill Bit Sets
- ❖ Cabinet Hardware
- ❖ Clamps
- ❖ Power tool Accessories
- ❖ Closed Stand Shaper
- ❖ Router Bits

If you have not registered your items for sale that is okay; come early, bring your items for sale and fill out a registration form at the Auction. Please note, this is not the complete list just a sample of items received at the time this was written.

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.

- **Woodworking for Kids** – 6 Classes, 2 Hrs ea, Price \$167, 10am – Noon, Sat 6/27-8/8
- **Skateboard Making** – 5 Classes, 2Hrs ea, Price \$197, 5pm – 7pm, Tue & Wed 6/30, 7/1, 7/7, 7/8, 7/14
- **Intro to Woodshop Hand Tools** – 8 Classes, 2Hrs ea, Price \$290, 8pm – 10pm, Mon 6/1-7/13
- **Intro to Woodshop Machinery** – 8 Classes, 2.5 Hrs ea, Price \$290, Session 1 Tue 6/2-7/21 7pm – 9:30pm, Session 2 Thu 7/30 – 9/17 6pm – 8:30pm
- **Advanced Woodshop Experience** – 8 Classes, 2.5 Hrs ea, Price \$290, Session 1 Thu 6/4 – 7/23 7pm – 9:30pm, Session 2 Tue 7/28 – 9/15 6pm – 8:30pm
- **Automated CNC Routing** – 5 Classes, 2 Hrs ea, Price \$194, 7pm – 9pm, Session 1 Wed 6/3 – 7/1, Session 2 Wed 7/8 – 8/5

In addition to classes, Keeseh offers “open studio” time which is shop time, including tools and professional guidance on projects (\$25 per 3 hour session)

❖ **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.