



Shavings

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"It is amazing how one chair begets many. But each chair is designed individually. It is a living thing."

- Sam Maloof

Upcoming Events and Announcements

Announcements

- ❖ October 7th Meeting – Turning Presentation
- ❖ November 4th Meeting – TBD
- ❖ December 2nd Meeting – 2009 Holiday Party

A Message from the Officers

The October meeting will be a very important gathering. We will hold elections for officers for the 2010/2011 season. This year we are having members send nominations by e-mail to the Guild Secretary Barry Rubenstein (barry@barrysboxes.com). Nominations can also be made from the floor at the October meeting but we encourage people to nominate in advance so that those nominated can consider their willingness to participate. You can nominate another member or yourself. The positions are President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. All positions are for a two year term.

The importance of your participation in these elections and the willingness of people to step in for a two year period to guide the Guild cannot be understated. New officers bring with them new ideas and talents and help us expand and offer better benefits and programs.

In addition to the elections it will be our final meeting before the Scituate Art Fest which has been a great tool to educate the community on who we are. We will exhibit member's works and provide demonstrations. Ed Charpentier will once again be our chairmen and is looking for members willing to help as good will ambassadors, exhibitors, and demonstrators as well as people willing to set up our booth and equipment. If you have never come to this event you are missing a great time, so see Ed and come join us for a great time.

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

October 2009 –Project Goodwill and Turning Demo - Wednesday October 7th, 7:00 PM *Presented by Charlie Crouteau and Dave Eaton*

This October we have a pair of speakers presenting to the club. First, Charlie Crouteau will be giving a short presentation on his cause - Free Wheelchair Mission (<http://www.freewheelchairmission.org/>) . Charlie is a former president of the Central New England Woodturners and is involved in an initiative called Project Goodwill which collects wood scraps for free and transforms them into products which are donated for resale to raise money for the cause.

After Charlie, we will have Dave Eaton who is an active member of the Central New England Woodturners presenting on how to turn natural edge bowls and long stem goblets. Please join us on Wednesday as the presentation is sure to inspire you.

Guild Officers for 2008-2009

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WWGRI NEWS:

- ❖ **2010/2011 Election of Officers** - At the September meeting we will discuss upcoming election of officers for 2010/2011. There are basically four elected positions including President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. These positions are now held by John Pietrella, Dave Wudyka, Jack Keach and Barry Rubenstein. All positions are for a two year term.

This year we will take nominations by e-mail from September 3 through September 30. Nominations will be sent directly to the Secretary (Barry Rubenstein at barry@barrysboxes.com) Members can nominate new candidates, existing officers or themselves. At the October meeting additional nominations can also be offered up. We will ask prospective candidates at the meeting if they will accept the nomination and a vote will be held.

This will allow the existing officers to meet with new officers in November for a smooth transition in January of 2010.

- ❖ **Scituate Art Fest – October, Columbus Day Weekend** - Once again the Guild will be participating in the Annual Scituate Art Fest. You are missing a real treat if you have never attended. There are many booths with items for sale, music, and food. The Guild sets up a booth displaying member's work and has demos including turning, scroll saw, and carving.

Ed Charpentier will once again be the chairman and will be taking sign-ups for members wishing to do demos, show their work or be good will ambassadors. Their will be information and sign up sheets available at the September meeting.

September Meeting Recap:



Our meeting in September was a diversion from our ordinary programs. Jerry Kelley who is an avid rail fan and who has done in depth research of the construction of the Hoosac Tunnel in western Massachusetts was our presenter. Jerry told us about the 24 year long trials of the State to construct the tunnel which is the longest east of the Mississippi. Many of the tools and techniques used today in tunneling were started, invented or first used during the construction of the tunnel.

Jerry was able to put a human face on the story by telling us about the people involved in the design and planning as well as the workers and the difficult job they under took to complete this tunnel. We were amazed that 194 lives had been lost and the hardship endured by those involved. The presentation was accompanied by a thorough PowerPoint presentation with many period photos and current photos taken by Jerry during his hikes of discovery to find the missing remnants of the work.



In addition to Jerry's tunneling presentation he brought examples of train and ship models that he has completed both from scratch and from kits. Especially interesting were the dioramas of the tunnel entrances build using plaster and true to actual geographic detail.



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.

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

Course Updates

- Intro to Woodshop Hand Tools – 8 Classes, 2 Hrs ea, Sundays Oct 4th – Nov 22nd, \$925
- Intro to Woodshop Machinery – 8 Classes, 2.5 Hrs ea, Sundays Sep 20th – Nov 8th, \$295
- Bent Lamination – 8 Classes, 2 Hrs ea, Sundays Oct 4th – Nov 22nd, \$315
- Woodworking for your Kitchen – 9 Classes, 2 Hrs ea, Oct 7th – Dec 9th, \$315
- Advanced Woodshop Experience – 8 Classes, 2 Hrs ea, Sep 30th – Nov 18th, \$295

❖ Oktoberfest Party – Woodcraft, East Greenwich, RI – October 24th, 2009

Woodcraft will be holding their annual Oktoberfest party on October 24th, 2008. There will be demonstrations by various woodworkers and clubs, finished projects on display, some vendor representatives, food and drinks. Volunteers are needed for WWGRI representations, if interested speak to John regarding details. It's a great way to give back to Woodcraft and strengthen our partnership. Aaron will be posting details to the Woodcraft store website shortly:

<http://www.woodcraft.com/stores/store.aspx?id=535>

❖ Upcoming Events in New England

- **Fostering Arts – Open Artist Studios – November 7th, 2009**
<http://fosteringarts.org>

- **Lie-Nielsen Hand Tool Events**

MYSTIC, CT - October 30th – 31st

Mystic Seaport – The museum of America and the sea!

Mystic Seaport will be demonstrating traditional boatbuilding techniques during the show. Also joining us and offering demonstrations will be representatives from Fine Woodworking Magazine and Czeck Edge Tools.

Lie-Nielsen has negotiated a \$19 museum admission price (2-day pass) for Hand Tool Event attendees – please mention the Hand Tool Event when purchasing admission. Admission price will be refunded with a \$200 Lie-Nielsen purchase. For information on the museum visit:

www.mysticseaport.org

BOXBOROUGH, MA – December 4th – 5th

We'll be returning to Massachusetts with an Event at the Holiday Inn at Boxborough, MA. If you are traveling a distance, there will be a special room rate for those staying at the hotel; just contact us for details. Please visit our website for up-to-date news on guests and demonstrations!

OPEN HOUSE – WARREN, ME – December 4th and 5th

Lie-Nielsen will be hosting an Open House at the Toolworks in Warren, ME on the first weekend in December. The Midcoast area is always busy this time of year, with great Christmas shopping, art exhibitions, and other winter activities. The nearby town of Camden is also hosting their Christmas by the Sea celebration that weekend, with free festivities that the whole family can enjoy.

❖ **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.