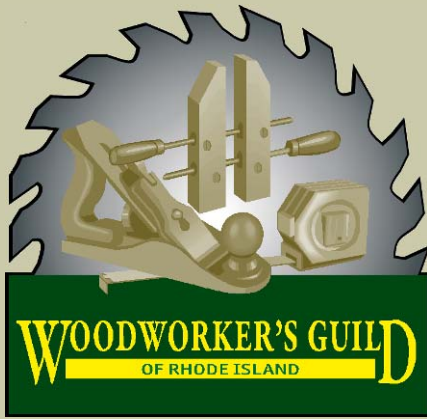


Shavings

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- “It’s Suggested Woodworking Wisdom: For safety use the **STAR** method: **Stop, Think, Act, Review**. Stop and plan your process and your set up as well as which is the best and safest tool to use. Think, about the options and what can possibly go wrong. Act, by taking measures to choose the best method and put yourself in the least dangerous position. Review, how everything worked out and how it can be improved next time.

Upcoming Events and Announcements

Announcements

- ❖ 2010 Meeting Dates
 - ~ September 1st
 - ~ October 6th
 - ~ November 3rd
 - ~ December 1st

A Message from the Officers

The Fall season is a great time to work in our shops and plan new projects. Also Keeseh Studio is offering many workshops in the Fall and Winter season, with a 10% discount to Guild members.

Remember, our continued success depends in a large measure on member volunteers to participate in events and committees. Get active in something you will enjoy and get to know other members. If you have an interest, talk to any of the officers about where you may fit into future plans. We need planners and helpers for the annual Christmas party, Scituate Art Fest and upcoming Woodworker’s Symposium to name just a few.

Don’t forget to bring items that you have finished to display at the next meeting. More to be announced at the meeting on all Guild initiatives.

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

September 1, 2010 – Boatbuilding

This month's presentation will be on my favorite topic: boatbuilding. Richard Wedge has been part of our group for the past year. After seeing his 'show & tell' display last month, and the quality of his work, I convinced him to put on a presentation. We will have the pleasure of listening to and discussing his passion for boatbuilding. As a hobby, Richard has manufactured both cedar strip and marine plywood construction, wrapped with fiberglass/epoxy skins.

It is always nice to hear from one of our own!

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WWGRI NEWS:

❖ **Unanimous vote for new web site at August Meeting**

A vote was held at the August meeting on funding the reconstruction of the Guild web site. The vote was unanimous and the site is expected to be operational on October 1st. The new site will not only have a new look and feel but will have an application for members to administer their own membership and update e-mail address, phone numbers, address etc.

The new site will be arranged in the most efficient manner to allow for updating at minimal cost and the new format should allow us to keep a more accurate database for e-mails and notifications.

❖ **Library Listing Available**

The up to date library listing is now posted on the web site. To borrow materials please send the number of the book or video you would like to borrow with your name to John Heaney and he will deliver it to you at the next meeting. A form for borrowing will be posted on the new web site in October.

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.

August 2010 Meeting Recap:

By Bob Fontenault

I have to rate last month's presentation and discussion on chain saw woodcarving as one of my top five presentations since I have been affiliated with the guild.

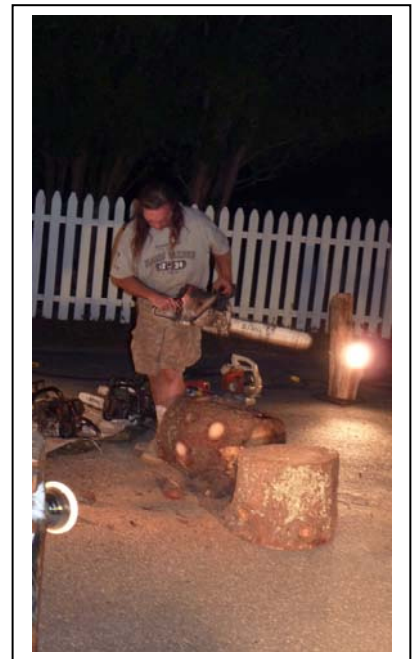
Mike Higgins, owner and chief bottle washer of the Magic Garden of Tiverton RI, specializes in chain saw sculpture. His chainsaw work is comprised of three different methodologies: performance carving, educational offerings, and commission work.

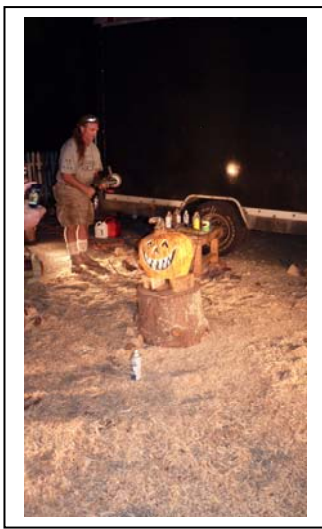
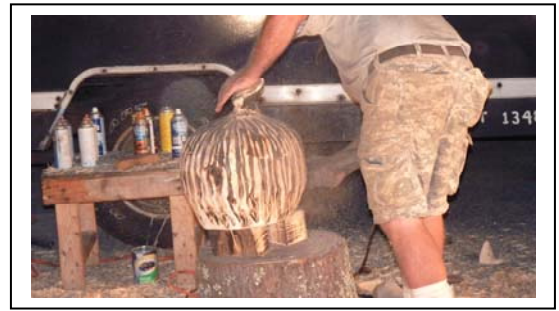
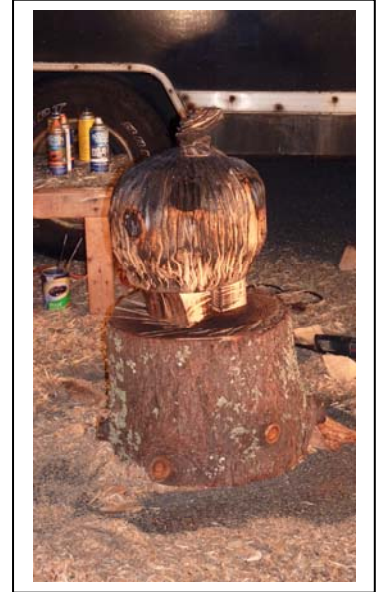
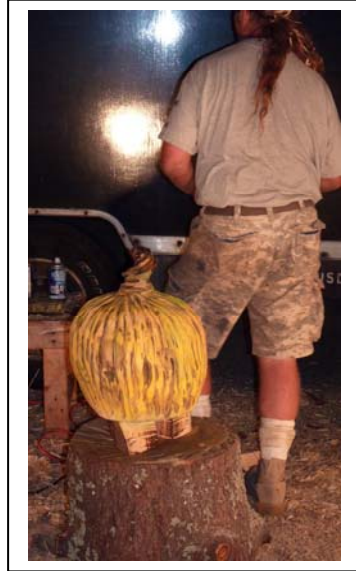
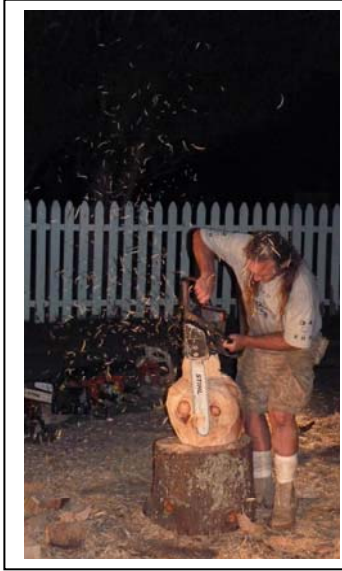
From Home Depot Store grand openings, to Roger Williams Park Zoo, to McCoy Stadium, Michael has left his mark with countless works of art which are not only awesome feats to behold, but also quite enjoyable to witness as they are created right before your eyes. He has been asked to reappear at various school systems in the area, to deliver his message of hard work and perseverance in following your dreams. He has sculpted many school related projects, senior class projects, and also many private party special occasion works of art. One particular project that stands out is the four characters from the wizard of oz! This was an exceptional example of Michael's commission work where speed of the performance was not the primary focus.

Mike spoke to the group for 45 minutes, sharing his story with us. He kept everyone interested, and quite entertained with his presentation skills as he delivered his message, answered questions, and presented numerous still pictures of past projects, along with a short DVD.

Last, but not least, we were able to witness the transformation of a 24 inch diameter section of tree trunk, into a fully colored jack-o-lantern, which he was able to produce in just under 1 hour. Mike then donated the pumpkin to the guild for future display and potential profit for the group!

This was definitely one of the most interesting presentation's to date!





Member Gallery:

Blanket Chest by Paul Morrissey



Chair by John Pietrella



Kayak Section by Richard Wedge



Spoke Shaves from Don Horn



Off-Cuts:

❖ Woodworking Classes Available at Keeseh Studio – 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>

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CURRENT COURSES

Hand Tools Workshop

Length: 2 classes, 3 hours each

Price: \$100+\$35 Material Fee

Instructor: John Pietrella

Time: Tuesday/Thursday, 7-10pm **Dates:** Oct 12 & 14

Inlay

Length: 3 classes, 3 hours each

Price: \$135+35 Material Fee

Instructor: John Pietrella

Time:Saturdays, 1-4pm**Dates:** Oct 23, 30, & Nov 6

Sharpening Workshop

Length: 2 classes, 2 hours each

Price: \$75

Instructor: John Pietrella

Time: Thursdays, 7-9pm **Dates:** Oct 21 & 28

Reviving Tools

Length: 3 classes, 2.5 hours each

Price: \$125

Instructor: John Pietrella

Time: Tuesdays, 7-930pm **Dates:** Nov 9, 16, & 23

Make Your Own Plane

Length: 2 class, 3 hours

Price: \$100 + \$60 Materials

Instructor: Steven Butler

Session 1: Tuesdays, 7pm – 10pm **Date:** Oct 19 & 26

Session 2: Thursdays, 7pm – 10pm **Date:** Nov 11 & 25

COURSES CONTINUED**Electric Guitar Building**

Length: 6 classes, 2.5 hours each

Price: \$225+\$160 Material Fee

Instructor: Nick Holcomb

Time: Sundays, 1pm – 330pm **Dates:** Oct 10, 17, 24, 31, Nov 7, 14

Everyday Molds & Castings

Length: 3 classes, 3 hours each

Price: \$125+\$95 Material Fee

Instructor: Matthew Cavallaro

Time: Thursdays, 7-10pm **Dates:** Sept 23, 30, & Oct 7

Above and Beyond Molds

Length: 6 classes, 2.5 hours each

Price: \$225+\$160 Material Fee

Instructor: Matthew Cavallaro

Time: Mondays, 7pm – 930pm **Dates:** Nov 8, 15, 22, 29, Dec 6, 13

Jump Start Woodworking

Length: 1 class, 4 hours

Price: \$75

Instructor: Asher Dunn

Session 1: Saturday, 1pm – 5pm **Date:** Oct 16

Session 2: Saturday, 1pm – 5pm **Date:** Nov 13

Digital Fabrication Workshop

Length: 2 classes, 3 hours each

Price: \$100+\$40 Material Fee

Instructor: Asher Dunn

Time: Mondays, 7-10pm **Dates:** Nov 15 & 22