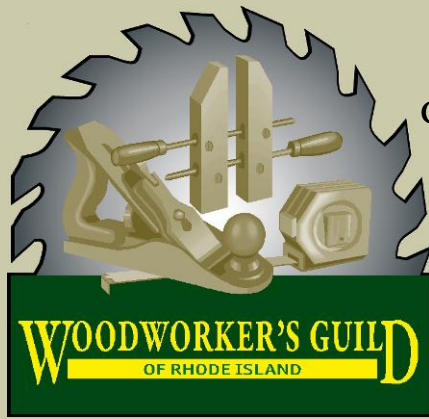


Shavings

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“How much wood would a woodchuck chuck if a woodchuck
Chuck if a woodchuck could chuck and would chuck wood ???”

Upcoming Events and Announcements

Announcements

- ❖ 2011 Meeting Dates
 - ~August 3rd
 - ~September 7th
 - ~October 5th
 - ~November 2nd
 - ~December 7th

Events

Scituate Scituate Art Fest – Oct
8-10
Wood Symposium – Sept 2012

August Presentation

JED DIXON

Jed Dixon a craftsman and owner of North Road Woodshop. He has been a self employed wood worker for 35 years. For the last 20 years he has concentrated on stair building. In his shop they make almost everything from scratch Jed strongly believes that good design comes before construction. That beautiful materials and perfect craftsmen ship cannot save work that is poorly designed and that learning to be a good designer is a life long project. Jed will present a narrative slide show sharing his knowledge about traditional design from the ancient Greeks to the Victorians and then explain how this effects his work and your work. and your work. He will also talk about the design and construction of his staircase projects.

Message from the Officers

Hope everyone is having a great summer. We will continue with regular meetings in August. The Columbus Day weekend will soon be here and the Guild will participate in our annual Scituate Art Fest demonstrations. This event provides our group with needed exposure and usually brings in quite a few new members. If you have never participated you are missing a lot of fun. We do demonstrations, talk to people about our group and generally hang out together and have a good time. Ed Charpentier has agreed to lead this year but needs a couple of people to do the heavy lifting on set up and break down.

This year has gone well with trips to Tommy Macdonald's shop at which he shared his cut off bin with us, Barrettes and an excellent party at Everett Larson's house and many great presenters. If you enjoyed these events, think about jumping in and helping to plan new ones. See Bob Fonteneault or John Pietrella to discuss.

Symposium Planning

Paul Morrissey has been on hold while Keeseh relocated, but now I think we are ready to go forward with planning our first woodworking symposium. In addition to Paul we have two new members of the planning committee who have volunteered to pioneer this event. They are Julian Peters and Dan Lambert. There is still room for more planners and helpers, so let Paul know if you are interested.

The plan at this point is to take on co-sponsors of the event which may include; Woodcraft, Keeseh Studio, Ocean State Wood Turners and maybe someone like Barrettes. No dates are set but this will probably become a 2012 event.

UPCOMING MEETINGS!

Meetings are held on the 1st Wednesday of the month at 7 PM, except for the month of July (when there is no meeting), and are located at the North Scituate Community House, West Greenville Rd, North Scituate, RI 02857

Boy Scout Opportunity – Merit Badge

Wanted Woodworkers: I am looking for volunteers to help with the Boy Scouts Merit Badge College planned for January 21, 2012 at Rhode Island College. Last year there were 10 boys that signed up for the Wood Carvers Badge and about the same for the Woodworkers Badge. Luckily, only six showed up for the Wood Carving Class. You can imagine trying to control all these boys with sharp carving knives. The result was they all left with their own carved neckerchief clip and four with band aids covering minor cuts! With additional help, maybe we can reduce the number of cuts and improve the carving experience.

The Wood Carving Badge requirements include the scouts demonstrating the different types of cuts, such as paring, push, score, and stop cut, also the types of wood used in carving, and finally do a simple wood carving.

The Woodworkers Badge requires that the scout has some knowledge of the types of wood species, demonstrate the proper care of his own tools, show proper sharpening techniques for his tools, demonstrating the use of tools such as hand sawing, boring holes with a hand drill, use of a hand plane, etc., and turning duplicate parts on a lathe. Last year one of the counselors brought a small lathe for the scouts use. appreciation of various woodworking skills. What better way to foster this interest than sharing and teaching these skills to young boys. You do not need to be a teacher or master craftsman to help out. Believe me this is one of those things that you get more out of than you put into. help out. Believe me this is one of those things that you get more out of than you put into. Please let me know at the August meeting if you are interested or email me at donaldhorn@aol.com.

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Off-Cuts:

- ❖ From Asher Dunn on Keeseh.com: “We recently took part in the renovation of 42 Rice Street in Providence, a 13,000 square foot building on the West Side attached to the Pearl Street Lofts. The warehouse space sat underutilized behind Firehouse 13 (www.firehouse13.org) formerly housing the School Department Warehouse and before that a hinge manufacturing company. Keeseh joined forces with ANCHOR, Providence’s newest incubator space, to breathe new life into the location. 42 Rice Street is the new home of Keeseh, Anchor (www.anchor.cc), Studio Dunn (www.studiodunn.com), Ecolect (www.ecollect.net), and there is space available for more businesses to move in and grow. The tenants at 42 Rice Street share a common lounge, kitchenette, gallery space, and so much more. Our brand new facilities separates the uses, noise, and dust between the Machine Room, Workbench Room, and Offices. This space will allow Keeseh to offer more courses and workshops, extend open studio hours and membership offerings, collaborate with the community in new and exciting ways, and host gallery exhibitions of member and class works. We’ve made a big move but our prices haven’t gone up! Our mission remains, to offer access to woodworking facilities and courses at affordable rates. New courses and workshops will be posted on our website shortly!”

