

The Tidewater Wood Workers Guild
27 March 2006
Minutes

3/26/2006 – revised following information from Andy Steinberg

The Regular Monthly Meeting of The Tidewater Wood Workers Guild was held on Monday 27 March 2008 in their usual location, the Classroom of the Woodcraft Shop in the JANAF Shopping Center in Norfolk, VA. The Meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM by President Andy Steinberg.

Officers of the Guild were introduced by Andy: Bret Lancaster, Vice President; Bill Hoffman, Secretary; Gene George Treasurer; Pat Taylor, Immediate Past President. As they were introduced, VP Bret, commented briefly on his duties. Then Committee Chairpersons were introduced and each made brief statements regarding the responsibilities of their committees. Ed Bunker (Membership Committee Chair, Webmaster) asked for clarification and corrections to e-mail addresses that were, at present, not resulting in deliveries; and requested that application forms (available at the Guild Website) be filled out and turned in by all members so that he would have current member information. President Andy stated that feedback from members is welcomed by him and helpful in developing the quality and effectiveness of the monthly newsletter. Attention was called to the roster of upcoming events on page 4 of the newsletter, and special note was made of the Biennial Atlanta Wood Working Show, the major event in its category. President Andy then noted that membership cards for dues-paid 2006 members were on hand and ready for distribution, as were 15% discount cards for use at Sherwin-Williams Paint stores.

Approximately a year ago a large slab of wood that was the top of the Guild's Workbench prior to the construction of the present bench had been disposed via a raffle; however, the winner had never removed it from its temporary resting place in the Woodcraft Store, and the operator thereof desired that it be taken care of, *i.e.*, removed from the premises. Note was taken of this fact and it was agreed that the Guild was responsible for its early removal.

The Program for the evening was then presented: Robert Wagenseller demonstrating tips and techniques for using the table and hand-held router. Using both tools, and with effective commentary, considerable instruction was offered in the making of mortises, tenons, dadoes, inscriptions, and trivets. In addition to the techniques involved, safety procedures and the reasons for them were demonstrated. Bob also used and explained a number of jigs, both commercially made and shop-built for use in the making of wooden equipment.

In the course of the presentation members asked a number of questions and Bob had cogent answers to each one of them. While details defy recording in these minutes, the presentation was very useful to any active woodworker and this was evidenced by the enthusiastic response of the membership at its conclusion.

Unfinished Business included the report of the President that the earlier decision to copy our videotape library to CD recordings had met with a delay due to the malfunction of the equipment involved. It was also noted that the technician performing the work is surely due the thanks of the Guild, and is due his check in payment for his services.

New Business consisted of the advice that the Guild is now ready to form small classes (6 – 8 persons) for learning particular techniques. Interested persons are encouraged to advise Board Members via e-mail in order to facilitate the program.

Past President Pat Taylor brought us the latest information concerning possible acquisition of logo-bearing Shop Aprons, Caps and Polo Shirts. Additional sources of supplies and costs are to be explored.

Sure Set Saw in Chesapeake, VA is presently offering lower-than-usual prices for certain products and services; however, these sale prices will end 31 March 2006.

Debbie Glaze has given the Guild a set of plans for constructing a model tanker truck; the plans being a fund-raising device for another organization (a Cancer Support Group). It is possible that the plans will be scanned and included in an upcoming newsletter.

Under Show-and-Tell a **horizontal router jig** that can be used in conjunction with a drill press or table saw, Robert Molloy demonstrated shop built from plans shown in an earlier edition of Woodcraft Magazine and it elicited notable interest.

There being no further business, the Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Hoffman, Secretary