

TideWater Wood Workers Guild
24 April 2006
Minutes

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Tide Water Wood Workers Guild was held on the evening of Monday 24 April 2006 in the classroom area of the *Woodcraft* Store in the JANAF Shopping Center in Norfolk, VA.

Prior to the opening of the meeting President Andy Steinberg distributed 2006 Membership Cards and Sherwin-Williams Discount cards to dues-paid members who were present and had not yet received them.

The Meeting was then officially called to order at 7:03 PM EDT by President Andy. He then announced that this meeting was planned to include a raffle, the prize to have been the solid wood slab top to the Guild's decommissioned workbench; however, the prize could not be located and so the raffle was postponed 'til the Regular May 2006 Meeting.

Following the above announcement, Andy introduced Martin Carter, Presenter of the Evening Program, demonstrating the making of hand-made dovetails, both full- and half-blind types.

The program, which was very complete and detailed and which was enhanced by the excellent use of video equipment as well as detailed and lucid commentary by Martin, was an outstanding demonstration of each step in the development of these styles of joinery. It involved, however, so many fine details, principles, tips and skills that to summarize here is beyond the capabilities of this reporter. Video and Still Photography were used and should be helpful to any who view it. The presentation was noteworthy for its detailed demonstration, and explanation; and the Presenter was applauded for his skill, both in craftsmanship and pedagogy.

Appended to the main body of his presentation was a demonstration of how dovetail joinery can be created and used for providing added strength and beauty to furniture making, as well as conserving cabinet-quality material.

The program did include a 10-minute stretch break, and was concluded at 8:55 PM EDT.

President Steinberg then called for guests and new members to stand and be recognized; of whom there were several.

Membership Chairman Ed Bunker reported that the Guild presently numbers **75** dues-paid members, of whom **45** were present for this meeting.

Motion was put and carried without dissent that the Guild make a donation of \$300.00 from the treasury to the Relay for Life program, currently under way.

President Steinberg announced that in the near future one of our programs would be a show-and-tell type contest in which members would be challenged and judged by the membership to produce an object made from and using at least 75% of a 2" x 4" x 6' or 8' piece of lumber (pine acceptable, other woods welcomed); and perhaps a sharing and demonstration of a favorite shop tool.

Show and Tell offerings included a set of 3 turned walnut candlesticks and a complex barstool height chair of mahogany made by Martin Carter

2 samples of wood from a dogwood tree felled by hurricane Isabel were shown by Bill Molloy, one of which had been turned when green and was a useable piece of round stock while the other was a piece of square stock sawn after drying. The square stock was deeply marred by splits and flaws weakening the wood considerably. It was suggested that, if using dogwood, it should be worked while green.

Andy commented that lot of trees that could well be used in furniture making are cut into firewood; if, therefore, we have access to such a felled tree we do well to contact members Paul Garrity or Andy Westrich who may well be able to saw them into shop-worthy cabinet wood.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 PM EDT.

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Hoffman, Secretary