

Tidewater Woodworkers Guild
Monday 22 May 2006
Minutes

The Regular 22 May 2006 Meeting of the Tidewater Woodworkers Guild was held on Monday 22 May 2006 in the Shop Classroom of the *WoodCraft* store in the JANAF Shopping Center in Norfolk, VA.

President Andy Steinberg called the Meeting to order at 7:04 PM EDT. The first order of business was the introduction of the Board Members by Andy; all Board Members were present and acknowledged their introductions. Andy noted with apology the late posting of the Guild Newsletter and stated that it was due to his slow action, which apology was obviously accepted and forgiven by the warmth of the member response. Andy then announced that there would be a change in the order of the Meeting, since there was present an especially honored guest.

Immediate Past President and Continuing Board Member Pat Taylor was then introduced and accorded special recognition in appreciation for his twenty-three (23) years of continuous service to the Guild. Lasting expressions of appreciation were presented to Pat, including a depth gauge made of black Madagascar Ebony wood, calibrated to 1/128 inch and in millimeters; a wall plaque of carved big leaf maple burl and containing an inscribed plate bearing words of thanks for his service and conveying to him Life Membership in the Guild with all of the Rights and Privileges thereof; a check in the amount of \$15.00 returning to him the 2006 dues he had already paid; a Gift Card entitling his wife and himself to supper at the Lynnhaven Fish House; and a specially made cake decorated with words of thanks and the logo of the Guild. After gracious words of thanks, Pat cut the cake into generous squares and a delightful refreshment time was enjoyed by all present.

President Andy then announced that the program for the evening had been cancelled and would be replaced by a presentation by member Robert (Bob) Molloy: a dialog and demonstration of how a Shaker Chair is made.

Bob made an outstanding presentation, offering for examples a finished chair as prototype and a partially assembled chair still under construction for demonstration. An excellent teacher, Bob taught, demonstrated and responded to questions as he proceeded. With very few exceptions he showed the tools used and the techniques for using them; and was exceedingly effective in showing the simplicity of part-making, the simple and often shop-made tools, jigs and measures; and in communicating the importance of *Art* in the conception, for significant to the quality of the product is not only the accuracy but also the eye-pleasing lines and individual comfort factors of the individual chair. He also stressed the importance of quality in the materials and tools used.

While countless details were shown and described, apart from audio/video aids it would be most difficult to present them in words alone. Bob did circulate a book (named elsewhere in the Website of this organization), which to the prospective or active chair-maker would be quite helpful. The program included sufficient detail and was of sufficient length that a 10-minute break was offered after some 45 minutes of active presentation.

The excellence of the program was proclaimed by the applause and expressions of thanks and appreciation when concluded/

President Andy then called for new members to introduce themselves; and David Derby introduced himself.

Announcement was made that an e-mail had been received from a writer named Alice inquiring whether someone would be willing to build a *Snoopy* type dog house and offering an adequate fee for the service.

Woodworking information, including contests, is available via the Internet on WoodWorking.com.

Show and Tell featured a spacing block with magnets inset enabling the block to act as a fixed spacer for cutting multiple short lengths of material and a distance gauge for measuring the diagonals of boxes.

The next meeting will be at Pat Lester's shop, directions to which will be available in the newsletter to be posted on the Website and contained in the mailing piece prior to the meeting.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Hoffman, Secretary