

TideWater WoodWorkers Guild
Minutes
Regular September 25, 2006 Meeting

The Regular September Meeting of the TideWater WoodWorkers Guild was held in the classroom of the WoodCraft Shop in the JANAF Shopping Center in Norfolk Virginia on the evening of September 25, 2006.

The Meeting was called to order by President Andy Steinberg at 7:05 P.M. EDT. With Andy first introducing the Guild Officers and their duties. Members were encouraged to submit suggestions or queries concerning Guild functions/activities to the appropriate officer or chairperson. He then relinquished the Chair to Member Adrian Marshall who was to introduce the program for the evening.

The Presenter was Doug Gordon, Owner and Operator of **Hampton River Furniture Co.**, in Hampton, VA., who opened the business (originally named *Gordon Furnishings*) in 1993, renaming it in 2001. He is engaged in the making of custom furniture, sometimes of very unusual design and materials. It is not a high-tech business, but the clientele are frequently searching for someone willing to build unique pieces that other furniture shops are unwilling to undertake.

Doug's style of presentation was informal, organized and grounded in recollections of actual persons, pieces and challenges. These facts were amply illustrated in the fact sheet that was provided for distribution to the membership. He welcomed comments and questions from his audience and responded lucidly, certainly not giving any impression of shielding "Trade Secrets."

Doug's handout featured his major tools in his 5000 square foot shop: some really large (6 and 7 foot) sanding beds and work surfaces, along with a Coke Machine. His shop address, phone and web-site were displayed on his handout, suggesting that those interested in a visit to his shop might be welcome, with an advance notice. (*Hampton River Furniture. 228D Paterson Ave., Hampton, VA. (757-727-9057) / www.hamptonriverfurniture.com*).

It was, indeed, an outstanding program and presentation, meriting every decibel of applause with which it was greeted at its conclusion.

President Steinberg resumed the Chair, thanking Doug for his excellent program; then moving on to inquire as to new members, visitors and returnees of which there were several.

From the August 2006 Meeting were the results of a Word Puzzle Contest; from 41 names hidden within the puzzle, 46 names had been discerned by the most astute puzzlers.

Ed Bunker pointed out that, there being 5 Mondays in October, members would be encouraged to mark 23 October for the TWWWG Meeting so as to avoid attending on the incorrect night.

Andy noted that a member has a need for a 15-inch planer; and suggested that the Guild might wish to consider owning one so that those with only occasional need for tools might have access to them, avoiding the expense and need for storage.

John Moore, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, announced that all present Officers had been polled and each had affirmed his willingness to serve another term. The membership then affirmed by acclamation the re-election of the entire slate.

President Andy then brought forward (for a second time) the possibility of a Holiday gathering in December (Monday the 11th being mentioned as a specific possibility), at the Grate Steak with a choice of

steak, chicken or fish (vegetarians being on their own); with attendance being restricted to TWWWG Members and accompanying Significant Others; and with a pre-paid commitment being required. Feedback on this proposal is welcome.

One member has a 10-inch table saw, table and lathe for sale for which he is asking \$75.00.

Pat Taylor distributed those TWWWG embroidered polo shirts to those present who had placed orders. He allowed that he would personally contact those members with outstanding orders, and make those shirts available at the October Meeting. Those shirts not called for and paid for by the next meeting will become the property of the club, to be made available to the membership at large.

Member Bee Norris announced that Dick Murray, a 35-year veteran with Sherwin Williams will present our October 23rd Program. She told us that he would talk about finishes and also demonstrate “touch-up solutions”. However, he stated, we need to understand he does this with products that are not available through the local Sherwin Williams stores and will not be. However, he hopes to have a source for us to obtain the products before his presentation. Dick will also provide general finishing techniques and troubleshooting. At the meeting, in addition to Dick, will be Bob Meyers. Meyers is the Sherwin Williams Wood Tech Rep for the Eastern Division. Dick said that not only is Bob excellent with finishes and problems with colors, he at one time owned a successful cabinet shop.

Show and Tell brought forth several items.

Fred Olds dome interesting “old tools”; a [pattern cutter suitable for cutting circular gaskets, using a manual drill, and a selection of intricate German hand-held shaping tools.

Gene George, in his own inimitable way, provided us with some very interesting information concerning the construction of boxes with box joints and mitered corners.

Several old tools were presented with emphasis on the age, quality and mystery of their use.

Frank Pogue shared a wooden toy truck he made from a 1944 set of plans, with a removable arched roof and tilting tail gate on the rear bed.

An old tool for planing miter joints was demonstrated.

A 17-foot Kayak made by Bill Caillet was shown.

All of these occasioned no small amount of comment and admiration.

The next Regular Meeting will be held on Monday 23 October 2006 at 7:00 PM EDT in the Classroom of the WoodCraft Store in the JANAF Shopping Center in Norfolk, VA.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Hoffman, Secretary