

**Tidewater Woodworkers Guild
Minute of the Regular Meeting
June 25, 2007**

The Regular June 25, 2007 Meeting of the Tidewater Woodworkers Guild, held in the Classroom of the Woodcraft Store in the JANAF Shopping Center, Norfolk, VA, being called to order at 7:05 PM EDT by President Andy Steinberg. Officers of the Guild and Committee Chairpersons were introduced by the President, who also stated that the Newsletter was currently available on the Guild website. Three new memberships were announced and the President greeted the new members.

The floor was then assumed by Vice President and Program Chairman, Bret Lancaster, who introduced member Jack Spillane, Guitar Maker *par excellence*.

Jack's presentation and demonstration was very informative, beginning with the selection of materials through their shaping and assembling, noting the importance of esthetics/appearance, critical nature of measurements, contouring of parts, special tools required and wood-finishing materials as well as methods of repair. Methods for both acoustic and electric guitars were shown, questions responded to clearly and sometimes with humor.

The President re-assumed the Chair at 8:00 PM, declaring a 10-minute break to be followed by the business session.

Re-convened, Andy noted his efforts to conjoin the work of the Guild as an entity with our offering of member-made toys to be Christmas Gifts. His thesis is that by so doing our life as an organization and the community interest in this project could enhance both subjects. It was also noted by our President that this might also make public relations with the Newport News area more effective, via the relationship of the *Virginian Pilot* and the *Daily Press* newspapers.

Efforts to enhance our relationship with woodworkers on the Eastern Shore of Virginia continue, although communication is intermittent and progress is slow.

Ed Bunker reported that the Committee working on the revising of our by-laws continues that work, and that it is time for the Executive Board to approve the work accomplished to date as it has been 3 years in the making.

Pat Taylor advised the members that he has a number of wheels available for the making of Christmas Toys. Andy also stated that he has plans available for those interested.

New Business brought forth the announcement that Eliot Burgess is in the process of re-locating and has a number of tools for sale. For further information, please see our website.

President Andy noted that the Freud "Rolling Shop" is anticipation a visit to this area in July or August; he will keep us advised of progress in that regard.

Pat Taylor received a "Woodworks Ltd" catalog (Craft Parts) offering a 10% discount to TWWWG members. (Mention discount code WWC507 ... good until July 15th, 2007). Ed Bunker was asked to send out E-mail to the membership to include both the Internet address as well as phone number for those teams making toys for the Christmas Project. Their Internet address is <http://www.craftparts.com> and can also be reached via phone at 1-800-722-0311.

Show and Tell brought forth some interesting products. Pat Taylor exhibited a jewelry stand made of scrap lumber and offering a method to hang items for easy display. The Plan for the stand is available in the June 2007 *Wood* magazine.

Geoff Adams displayed a hand-carved Boy Scouts of America logo, very well executed and colored with gold leaf and hand painted colors.

And Steinberg displayed a small slab of maple, finished and showing lovely design in the wood. He also commented that the remaining wood, from which this sample was taken, was to be made into a dining room table.

Bob Fred advised the membership that member Fred Old's brother has been gathered to his fathers, and our sympathy may be expressed.

Another member noted that he has a large Craftsman table saw for sale, as well as a few accessory parts.

There being no further business, The President declared the Meeting Adjourned at 8:40 PM EDT.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Hoffman, Secretary