

TideWater Wood Workers Guild
Regular August 2007 Meeting
Minutes

The Regular August 2007 Meeting of the TideWater Wood Workers Guild was held on Monday 27 August 2007 in the Classroom of the Woodcraft Store, JANAF Shopping Center, Norfolk, Virginia. The Meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM EDT by President Andrew Steinberg, who then introduced the current Officers and Committee Chairpersons of the Guild. Next he called on new members to stand and introduce themselves. Al Gross, Tim Dooley and Dr. Tom Meads did so and were welcomed by the membership.

Gunnery Sergeant Deena Coleman, United States Marine Corps, was then introduced by the President and accorded the Floor for a special presentation. She presented a full explanation of the co-operative work of the local Marine Corps and the Salvation Army in the collection and distribution of new toys for children who would otherwise have none at Christmas, providing information as to dates, method of distribution, types of toys, proper manner of wrapping, etc., stating that toys made by members of the Guild were looked to hopefully as a source of such contributions. The period for fabrication, donation and collection will run from the present until 21 December 2007; Christmas Day being 25 December, days after 21 December will be reserved for final distribution. New toys only, wrapped in transparent plastic are needed; and donations of money will also be welcome. Further information will be contained in the Guild Newsletter for September 2007.

Andy also noted that Gene Meyers has moved from Oregon to Wakefield, VA and may become a guild member.

Member Jerry Crick was then introduced and presented an informative program on *Routers – Types, Characteristics and Limitations*, showing a number of the tools and accessories for inspection and discussion and responding helpfully to a large number of questions.

Following Jerry's very informative presentation, President Andy declared a 10-minute break, following which he advised the Membership that the *Virginian Pilot* reporter (who was present at the Regular July 2007 Meeting) hoped to do a feature story on the Toys-for-Tots work of the Guild and would like, during the period September 4 – 7, to arrange an occasion on which members making toys and photographers could meet with her. Andy stated his hope that this would offer an occasion for Guild Public Relations as well as feature story for the newspaper.

Teams of 2 members, including Ed Bunker and Gene George, Don Hubbard and Adrian Marshall are presently working on such toys. It is hoped that in November 2007 there can be an assembly of toymakers and a presentation of the toys to the sponsors.

Andy announced that there would be a Woodworking Show in Richmond Friday 12 – Sunday 14 October 2007; Ticket price is \$8.00 per person, with a discounted price for TWWWG Members of \$5.00 per Member. Car-pooling can be arranged.

Need for a members to serve on the Nominating Committee for the selection of 2008 Guild Officers was announced. Members volunteering please contact John Moore.

November 2 – 3 Bill and Heather Caillet will be celebrating their first anniversary and would appreciate members volunteering to work on a scheduled presentation demonstrating Woodcraft tools in action. 2 hours has been reserved for TWWWG, with volunteers offering 15-minute presentations.

Member Ed Bunker distributed copies of the Guild By-Laws recommendations to the Board of Directors, and stated that a Board Meeting is needed to resolve issues implicit in the document, thus enabling the Nominating Committee to proceed with their work. Board meeting was set for September 4, 2007 at Ed Bunker's place.

An issue of one of the woodworking magazines during 1990 – 1992 contained plans for a toy dragon; and one of the members has lost one page of said plans. He would appreciate anyone who can do so helping to obtain the missing page.

Show-and-Tell brought forth not only examples of items made by members but brief presentations of the challenges and methods of meeting them as well:

Adrian offered a development on the blade-sharpening technique demonstrated in an earlier program, whereby glass support for varying grits of sand paper were used for creating edges. His development consisted of ¾" plywood to form usable boards shaped like breadboards and which could be hung on a wall, to which glass was glued with sandpaper then glued to the glass. Several of these could be made and stored, thus simplifying the procedure when sharpening was required.

John Moore displayed examples of cabriolet feet for chests, made with a table saw, a bandsaw and glue.

Don Lancaster displayed some toy trucks made from 2 X 4 lumber cut and sawed into puzzles.

Pat Taylor advised the members that he has a number of wheels suitable for toy construction. Bill Caillet also has bags of such wheels on behalf of that Guild that had been donated.

Gene George displayed a fine rocking horse that he made – he has made 6 of these in the past 10 years, thus he can provide a number of helpful tips to anyone wishing to also make such items.

President Andy then gently and adroitly reminded the membership of the importance of courtesy and attention when a speaker is making a presentation, noting that speaking to a neighbor can be distracting to those nearby.

There being no further business, our President declared the Meeting adjourned at 9:13 PM EDT.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Hoffman, Secretary.