

MARCH 2008



NEWSLETTER

MEETING DATE: Thursday, March 27, 2008

**PLACE: Agricultural & Industrial Museum
217 W Princess St., York PA 17404**

TIME: 7:00 PM

PROGRAM: Old Tools

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Spring is in the air, although it's snowing as I write this! The auction season is kicking in and last weekend I saw a lot of tempting cherry, wanut and oak at a sale up towards Dillsburg. An acquaintance asked me if one pile was oak or chestnut, but alas, I wasn't sure. If anyone has a sure fire way of distinguishing these species in the rough, please tell us all about it.

Many thanks to Marlin Hartman, who donated time and materials towards the refurbishing of the antique wooden lathe at the museum. The platform was built last week with his poplar and plywood. The next step will be the tongue and groove flooring and then it's on to the missing lathe pieces. For any of you who are mechanically inclined, please take a look at the foot treadle because we're still not sure of its operation.

April, May, and June's meetings are going to have very interesting speakers, but I'm keeping them a secret for now!

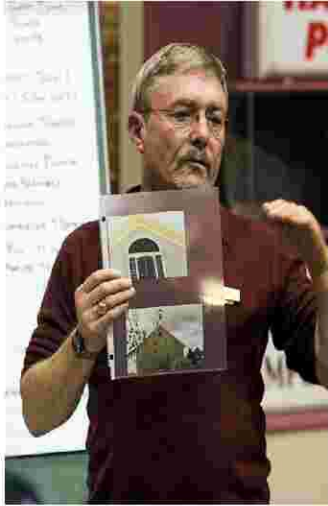
Dennis Kunkle

THIS MONTH'S MEETING

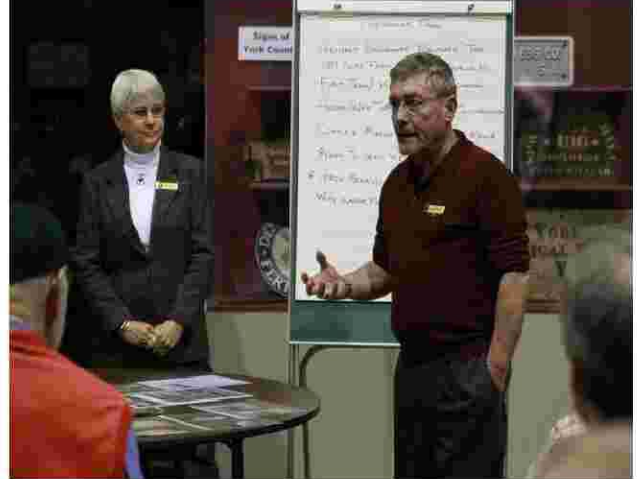
Since many of us use, or at least appreciate, old tools, March's meeting is going to be about acquiring these gems. Auctions, flea markets, yard sales and tool shows are a great source for hand tools. Deciding what to purchase and how to get them in shape will be discussed; audience participation is encouraged.

Dennis Kunkle will have on hand recent finds, past finds and mistakes, plus tips on returning them to service. An ordinary electric grinding wheel, as well as the "infamous" Tormek Supergrind 2000 will be demonstrated. The latter's value in the shop should make for a lively discussion. Don't bring your dull chisels with you to the meeting, there's only so much time! Hope to see you there.

LAST MONTH'S MEETING



Bill Ostereich's spoke to us about the work involved with keeping the Eisenhower Farm in its pristine and, authentic appearance. He and his wife are long time volunteers at this historic site. They walked us through the methodical procedures that must be followed when the U.S. Park Service strives to preserve our country's heritage. Their efforts at Ike's residence can now be seen in a new light by us.



Did you pay your Dues???

It's that time of year! The annual dues of \$24.00 need to be paid to the Treasurer, Allen Mark Brittel. You can bring your check or cash to the March meeting. Keep your membership in good standing, so you'll continue to receive all the benefits of membership.

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FOR SALE

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A DeWalt contractors table saw and a radio with built in battery charger. The two items can both be yours for \$125. Individually \$100 for the saw and \$25 for the radio charge. If you have an interest in either or both, contact Ray at 225. 5312 and he can bring them along to the next meeting.

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3 Ways to Make Dowels

Submitted by Kari Hultman

You can buy wood dowels in common species like walnut, cherry, and pine, but if you need a dowel in an uncommon species, or if you're making authentic reproductions, or you just like to try different techniques, here are three ways to make them.



One: Use a beading plane to round over both sides of a board, then snap off the dowel. Shave the rough, snapped-off edge with a block plane or chisel. Match the thickness of wood with the diameter of the bead so the dowel is perfectly round.



Two: Use a block plane to round over a square blank and eyeball it as you go. This works great if you like that imperfect, handmade look, like you find in PA German furniture. (If you take your time, though, you can make very precise dowels with this technique.)



Three: Use a dowel plate (mine is from Lie-Nielsen). Make sure you cut your blank very close in size to the final dowel diameter, otherwise, it's likely to split as you tap it through. Use a chisel to taper the leading end. Dowel plates work best with short pieces of wood.



SHOW AND TELL



**Marc Roberts
turned bowl
(spalted)**



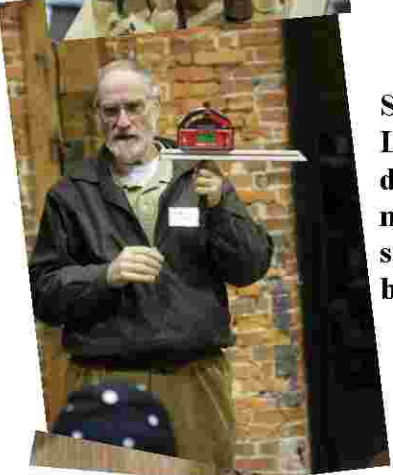
**Mike Galloway
indian carving
(walnut)**



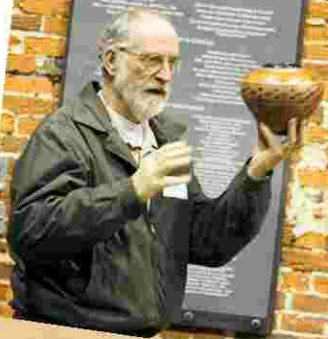
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