



APRIL 2011

NEWSLETTER

Meeting Date: April 28, 2011

**PLACE: Agricultural & Industrial Museum
217 W Princess St., York, PA 17403**

TIME: 7:00 PM

PROGRAM: Furniture Design

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It's that time of year once again when mowing and other yard work starts cutting into shop time.... I say pave your yards and paint them green! We all need priorities!

I was paging through an old magazine recently on my lunch break and came across an article on Gunlocke chairs. They've made chairs for several past presidents Nixon, Carter and Kennedy and I spent some time looking around their website Gunlocke.com. If I could have charged those kind of prices maybe I'd still be in business!

I also attended the first meeting of the new Maryland SAPFM chapter April 9th and picked up a Vega rip fence and 24" omnijig at their silent auction. It sounds like they plan to have a meeting at the Towson Woodcraft store sometime this year and may even come up to the Harrisburg Woodcraft.

Lie-Nielson is having one of their hand tool events coming up May 6th and 7th in Gaithersburg, we'll talk more about that at the meeting.

See you all thursday, Mark 1

THIS MONTH'S MEETING

This month we are excited to announce that the award winning designer, Peter Danko will be our speaker. His designs, lectures, and writing center on making the transition to living in harmony with nature. He believes the materials that best tell this story are those that can be seen by the casual eye to be green. His personal challenge is to make beautiful objects with materials that Obviously Manifest Green (OMG). He believes it is the job of architects and designers to incorporate OMG materials that tell the story of a comfortable future. A future that has beauty, romance, and fun. Only the design community can move people from the status quo to choose that which makes a more environmentally balanced world. He graduated from the University of Maryland in 1971 with a Bachelor of Art major in Fine Art and Art History.



Peter has been tinkering with industrial, graphic exhibit and web design. He is skilled with illustration, CAD drawing, woodworking, upholstery, product testing, ergonomics, mechanical and electrical engineering and photography.

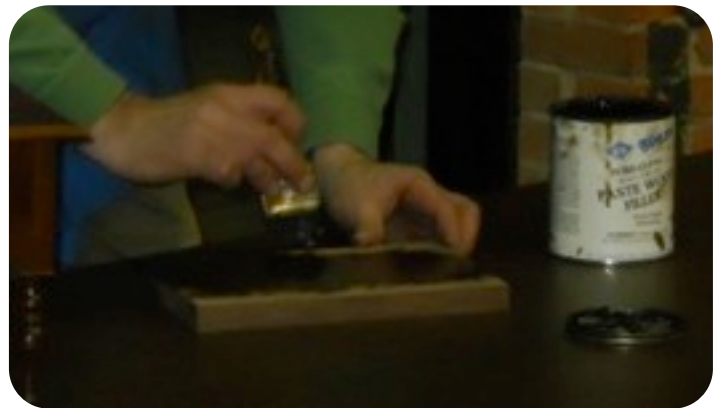
He has displayed his works in many museum shows and a number of museums have acquired his works, especially his chairs, for their permanent collections. He has also received at least four awards and has several patents to his name. What is especially nice, is that Peter a resident of York, is another member of York's growing artistic community. You can visit his website at: www.peterdanko.com for more details information about his work. Pictured below are images showing a small sampling of the beautiful creations he has made.

Don't miss this meeting!



LAST MONTH'S MEETING

Our own Dennis Kunkle gave a presentation on the importance of using a grain filler as part of the finishing process. Certain types of wood, most notably, oak, walnut and mahogany are open grain woods. The step of filling the grain or the pores of this wood, gives a smoother more polished look to the finished surface. If you rely only on the top coat, your project will lack that mirror-like luster that can easily be achieved with a grain filler. Try this on your next project. Note, cherry and maple are closed grain and this step is not needed.



This photo does not do justice in illustrating the mirror finish on this miniature lowboy. Dennis provided this piece as a sample to show the positive benefits of using a grain filler.

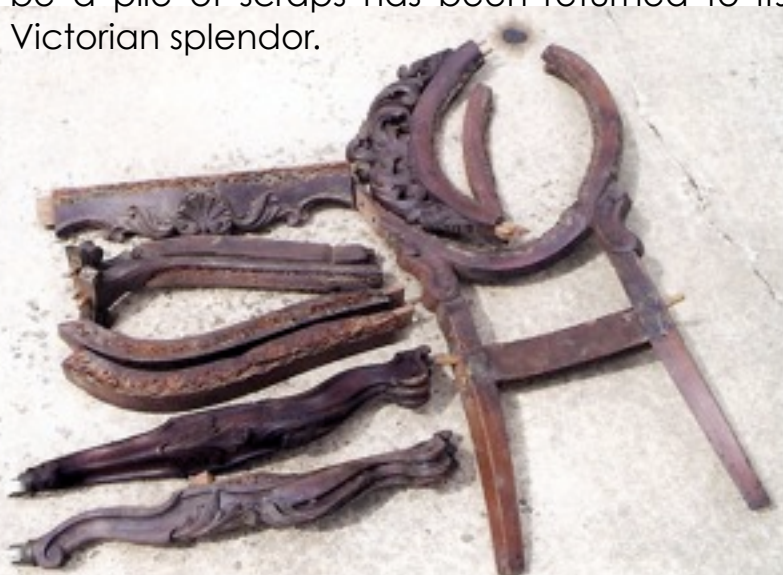
STWG members were asked to be the first to try out this bow lathe that was made for the Agricultural & Industrial Museum. The museum is always looking for hands on items that can be used to demonstrate the way things were done in

the past, especially for the school tours. This lathe gets the job done. Joe helps by providing the muscle as Dennis turns this green branch. For a real education, type in *bow lathe* in your internet browser or in "YOU TUBE and you can see videos of individuals making all manner of items by themselves using just the lathe. Keep this lathe in mind in the event of a power failure!



SHOW & TELL

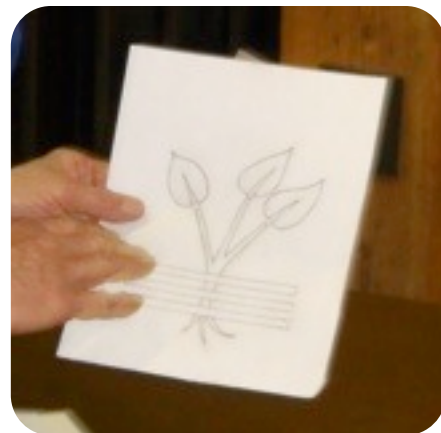
Ralph Dermota certainly had his work cut out for him. He tackled the complete restoration of this victorian arm chair. Ralph has saved another relic from the past. What appears to be a pile of scraps has been returned to its Victorian splendor.



This is another of Ralph Dermata's creations. He must never turn off the lights in his shop. He built this *Shut the Box* game using instructions from the Lowe's Woodworkers magazine. Notice the striking carving on the lid (that wasn't in the instructions).



Let the games begin!



You may recall that Tom Elledge made a podium a couple of months ago out of walnut. This is his second one that has

emerged from his workshop. He really pays attention to the details. These items will be used at the Presbyterian Church in Hunterstown, PA. The church was built in 1778.



I still think is he getting ready to be the next Guild President!



Palmer Burke's granddaughter is one lucky little girl! He has crafted a lovely two story stone and brick mansion that should give Madison hours of happy



play! This one of a kind house is a 1/16 scale replica of his daughter's home that is located in Dunbar, VW. I wonder if he is going to start building the furniture?



The Guild has received
a
THANK YOU
from the York County
Heritage Trust for the
recent donation that
was made by the
Guild.

We are very fortunate
that the YCHT allows us
to meet each month
at the Agricultural &
Industrial Museum and
we
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March 30, 2011

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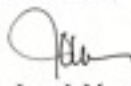
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Again, thank you for your wonderful support of YCHT.

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a guest at
last
months
meeting,
has
several
chairs that
need this
repair.

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A member
brought this
puzzle to the
meeting last
month. How
did he get the
screw inside
the middle leg
of this block of
wood.

Who was this
mystery
person?

SHOW & TELL

Don't forget to bring your latest project to the meeting! Not only will you be able to showcase your work, you can also share the things that you may have learned during the construction. This is a wonderful opportunity to provide helpful hints and tips to other members when you share your work during "Show & Tell!"

NEWSLETTER MATERIAL NEEDED

Have you recently read or learned something that is of great value to you about woodworking? You can share this information with your fellow Guild members by forwarding a copy for publication in the newsletter.

If you have a work in progress or a finished work that is too large to bring to the meeting, you can still share this with others members by emailing your photos and a description of your work to the editor at: stwg@comcast.net.

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