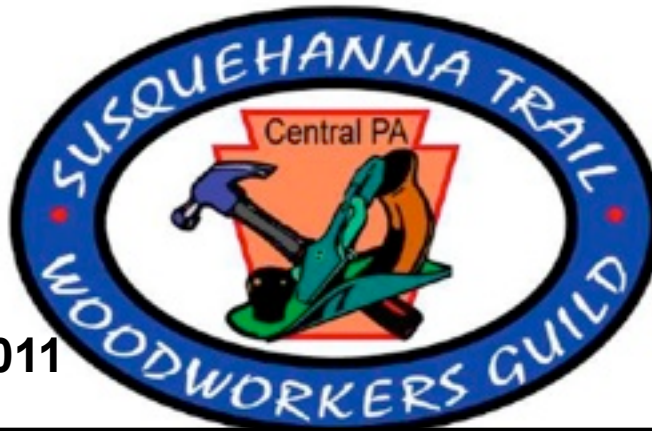




FEBRUARY 2011

NEWSLETTER

Meeting Date: February 24, 2011

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

TIME: 7:00 PM

PROGRAM: Lee Sumner - Metal Plane Restoration

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

From time to time, life's events have a way of making us reflect on just how we got to where we are as woodworkers. Mann and Parker Lumber in New Freedom was my co-op job from Vo-Tech and while working there second shift, I was asked to build a kitchen for Brian and Julie, good friends of my uncle. This was no ordinary kitchen mind you, they were building the majority of this house out of recycled materials such as hand hewn beams and brick from a burned out house, along with the weathered pine I built their cabinets out of. I guess he was ahead of his time, the way reclaimed material is a big thing now but this was 20 years ago and the thought of leaving this rough wood unplaned seemed crazy to me. I wasn't sure if I would ever get all the splinters out of my hands! A few hours in the morning and weekends was going to take too long so the decision was made to strike out on my own for the first time. After all I had a 10" table saw that whined like a cheap shop vac, a 12" portable planer that was even louder, a 4" inch jointer and the common hand tools along with his 10" radial arm saw...what more

could a young entrepreneur need? About a year later I was back at work in a furniture factory, but the bug to work for myself had bitten me and would never go away. As it turns out Brian became quite involved with scouting over the years with his three boys and was a part of the Wizard Safari that Ray and Dennis volunteered at, representing our group last fall. I've managed to figure this out over the last few days since Brian's memorial service on Saturday after losing his battle with leukemia at age 47. I didn't make it to the Wizard Safari; too many other plans were already made for that day, not knowing I would have seen him there. Small world, and you just never know how people in your life may be connected. Don't forget to sign and date ALL of your projects, it will tell an important story someday.

Mark

THIS MONTH'S MEETING

We are pleased to feature Lee Sumner as our speaker this month. He will be reviewing the steps needed in the restoration of metal planes. In this throw it away society, we are changing into a people who are learning

how to repair or maintain items. Just because it is old, dull and rusty doesn't mean it is of no value. If you listen, take notes and follow Lee's advice you can turn those old rusty planes into beautiful, working planes that you will reach for time and again.

Lee retired from York International in 2006 after 37 years as a mechanical and electrical engineer. He ended his career as a computer consultant in the data center at York in the area of data back up and disaster recovery planning.

Some of his hobbies over the years have been photography (newspaper and free lance in college), sports cars (auto crossing in a Lotus and an Alfa), played guitar and harmonica (long ago), computers (turned into late career), table tennis (numerous tournaments in southeast while in college and here in northeast), electronics, ham radio (WB3BCF), model airplanes, old model airplane restoration (some from 1930's), woodworking (built all shop furniture and other projects), old tool restorations, reading science fiction, etc. I also had my own company in the early 80's as a computer consultant, columnist for computer magazines and book author.

His main hobbies now are woodworking, tool and model engine restoration, selling restored items on eBay and general futzing around. I am trying to get set up with a metal lathe and mill to make parts for old engines. CNC is on the horizon in my shop.

I will be presenting a short discussion on how I restore old woodworking planes, from Grunge to Go. Topics covered will be disassembly, inspection, cleaning, removing rust, repairs, refinishing metal and wooden parts and reassembly. Fettling and sharpening will have to wait until another presentation.



Don't miss this meeting.

See the photos of Lee's latest creation on page 6

LAST MONTH'S MEETING

Last month we were honored to have David J Lunin as our speaker. David focused his talk about time honored traditional furniture making techniques. His experience includes restoring antiques as well as designing new furniture using these same skills. David utilized a power point presentation to highlight the traditional furniture he has made, including a William & Mary highboy (see photo on the next page) that showed off his wood turning skills. Using this knowledge and his many years of experience has allowed David to expand his repertoire into a new field of surreal furniture. He also fielded a wide array of questions from our members. He offers one on one instruction on the use of the lathe in his shop and is also a guest instructor at other venues.

If you visit his website, you can see the exquisite traditional furniture, as well as the array of whimsical and surreal pieces he has constructed. Commissions are always welcome, in addition to an inventory of popular pieces. Pictured on the next page is the Arrowback chair from his surreal collection.



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Fielding a wide array of questions from our Guild members David shared his extensive knowledge with our group.

SHOW & TELL



Jack Kapp fashioned this little bowl from a piece of wood he found at the Mechanicsburg recycling center. He was emptying a can and the wood fell to the ground at his feet. Talk about recycling, Jack has taken the idea to the MAX!





Allen Brittell and his son, Jesse, were busy making boxes. Allen showed us his beautiful jewelry box with a faux ribbon made from laminated wood. He perfected the styling of the bow thanks to techniques he learned from Jim Whetsone who was the featured speaker at the September 2010 meeting.

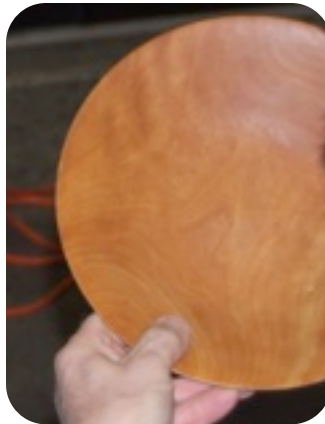


Jesse on the other hand focused on a surprise hidden inside the candle style box he created. The clever mechanism brings a big, ugly plastic spider out when the lid is slid open. It generates initial shock to all who want to see what's inside - the dismay quickly turns to laughter when they see they've been "had".





Howard Younger was certainly busy turning out a group of striking wooden bowls, plates, trays, to name a few of the lovely items he shared with the Guild.



President Mark Borter attended the recent seminar sponsored by Woodcraft "Rough Cut - Woodworking with Tommy Mac." In addition to learning new skills, picking up lots of great tips, Mark was able to get an autographed photo of Tommy. You can see more of Tommy on Public Television stations, check your local listings on WITF and WMPT for his show.

Lee Sumner's latest is a hall cabinet for his daughter. It is solid walnut from a tree cut down in Hellam in 1985. Thanks for sharing your project with the Guild members.



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SHOW & TELL

Allows you showcase your latest project! You can share the things that you may have learned during the construction of this. What a wonderful opportunity to provide helpful hints and tips to other members when you show off your latest!

WORKS IN PROGRESS

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

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