



JULY 2012

NEWSLETTER

Meeting Date: July 26, 2012

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

TIME: 7:00 PM

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Here we are in mid-summer and those of us who have vegetable gardens SHOULD have abundant crops of nice fresh vegetables. Well, again this year, my vegetables have been besieged with all kinds of blight, leaf spots, stem borers, etc. It gets very frustrating! It almost parallels how we feel when we are working on a wood project, spending countless hours and everything seems to go wrong. A mis-cut or calculation (or two) and finishing problems that never end keep happening. Those are just some of the bumps in life's road we have to put up with.

Keep sawing away and have a good summer anyway!

Our August meeting will feature Lee Schlenker, a very talented intarsia artist. Intarsia is creating almost a portrait in wood through scroll sawing, using different woods and grain patterns. This is something you don't want to miss.

Palmer

THIS MONTH'S MEETING

This month we welcome John Alderfer from Alderfer's Lumber as our speaker. The company was started in 1993 in response to demands from landowners for an alternative method of harvesting

trees; that is the taking of a few trees without causing a lot of damage to existing timber. Capitalizing on this demand, owner and founder Randall Alderfer hitched up his team of horses and went to work. Logging with horses proved to be a very marketable idea. Even though the horses aren't being used today, they serve as an attraction to potential customers.

In 1996 John joined in his brother's business and together they began manufacturing their logs into lumber. Soon they were getting requests for kiln-dried lumber and invested in their first dryer. Over the next two years 3 more dryers were added, and the small mill now produces over 600,000 board feet of dried lumber per year. It is a huge plus that they can control the quality from the standing tree to the finished board.

You can visit their website at:

www.alderferlumber.com

We look forward to hearing more about their business from John.

LAST MONTH'S MEETINGS

Last month, the Guild enjoyed a video presentation of "30 Shop Tips". We are certain, that everyone took away at least one new idea! One can find oneself doing something a certain way because that's how one was taught, however, there might be an easier or quicker way to do the same thing. This presentation, hopefully gave the members a new viewpoint!

SHOW & TELL



Nelson Shrunk made this lovely light using white oak with a wax finish. *I'll take two of these for my patio!*

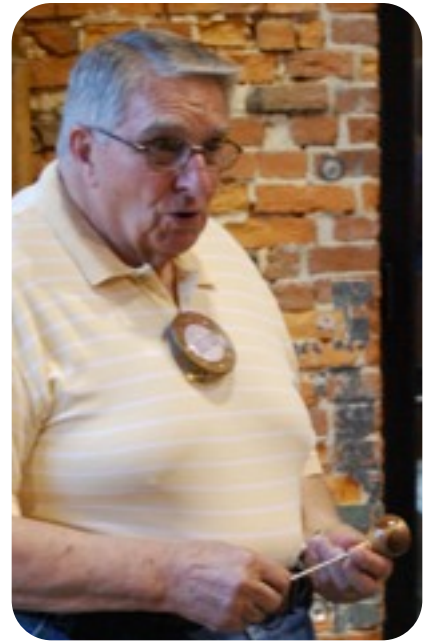




Galen Lesher shared these "very sharp" draw knives" with the group.



Jack Kapp fashioned this exquisite awl handle out of birch and walnut.



Joie Henney shared a photograph of his portable sawmill in action.





Ralph Dermota created this beautiful box out of an elm burl. The ebony sides are particularly striking. *I'll take one of these boxes, perfect for hiding little treasures!*



Palmer Burke's whimsical whirl-a-gig made in pine, "bucks" into action with the slightest breeze. *This is too nice to keep outside!* He also shared his latest series of riders, made from basswood, that will be part of a new carousel that he has in the works.





Dennis Kunkle completed the restoration of the cabinet of this Silverstone 1620 AM/SW radio. Another radio sings again!



PLEASE RESPOND!!!!

Has anyone used the samples of Gorilla Glue that were passed out earlier this year? We want to send a report thanking the Gorilla Glue company for the generous gift they made available to the Guild, that is 24 full size bottles of glue, several hats and t-shirts.

Do you like the new formula of the glue? Is it easier to use?

Please send your thoughts to: stwg@comcast.net so that a full and detailed report can be made to the Gorilla Glue people!



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