



SEPTEMBER 2011

NEWSLETTER

Meeting Date: September 22, 2011

**PLACE: Agricultural & Industrial Museum
217 W Princess St., York PA 7403**

TIME: 7:00 PM

PROGRAM: Corkscrews & Other Tools

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Where in the World is
President Mark?

Summer will end on the 23rd so we expect that he has returned from his summer holiday, but we haven't heard from him since the August meeting!

Bring your "show & tell" items to the September meeting. Now is the time to be starting or at least designing your custom made holiday gifts! It's best to keep the blades, chisels and sandpaper moving in your work shops!

The Editor

THIS MONTH'S MEETING

This month we are looking forward to learning the history of and development of a very useful tool. Ray Parsons has an extensive collection of corkscrews and he will enlighten and entertain us with little know factoids about this necessary implement. Screw on lids are a relatively new convenience. Corks have been used since the early 17th century to seal bottles. If you have ever tried to open a corked wine bottle without a corkscrew, you, no doubt, made a complete mess of it. Bring your questions for Ray (maybe we will have a demonstration of this tool) by opening a nice bottle of wine.

Don't miss this meeting!

LAST MONTH'S MEETING

Last month, we had a wonderful visit from Bob Hollister of Hollister's Sawmill. The meeting was fast paced and very informative. We learned a bit about the operator of a sawmill and the ins and outs of the lumber business. We appreciate Bob sharing his extensive knowledge with our members. You can visit Bob's website at:

www.hollistersawmill.com

Located just south of Columbia, Hollister's Sawmill is an easy drive for you. His regular customers return to him because he offers high quality lumber, reasonable prices, and excellent service.



SHOW & TELL

Jack Knapp was busy turning this handsome bowl. He never knows what beauty is hiding inside each piece of wood and he wasn't disappointed with this one. I wonder if this is going to be used as a Christmas present? If it is, then the recipient is one lucky person!



The boys are giving the once over to the tools that Mark Bortner recently scored at an auction. If you have the patience to wait until the items you want are up for sale, you can get high quality for low dollars. The appeal of older tools is that they are made in America and you will be able to pass them onto future generations of woodworkers!



Pictured here are the drill bits, dovetail saw, chisels and a drum sander that Mark found. What a great deal! Way to go, Mark and thanks for sharing.



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HELP make STWG better!

Have you learned a new woodworking technique? Do you have a work in progress? Have you a finished project that is too large to bring to the meeting? You can share one or all of these with your fellow Guild members by forwarding the information to the newsletter editor for publication. Email your photos and a description of your work to: stwg@comcast.net for publication in the next newsletter. We also welcome woodworking information received from our members for posting on the Guild's website.

Like all organizations, the Guild is only going to be as good as YOU help to make it. You probably have suggestions for future speakers for the meetings, so let your officers know (their contact information is shown above) who you would like to hear from. Your thoughts and ideas are encouraged, needed and welcomed. YOUR involvement in the future of STWG will help to keep the meetings and publications varied, informative and, most of all, interesting!

Julie

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How you would like to own this beautiful piece of walnut crotch wood?

The size is approximately 2 1/2" thick by 5' long. This has been donated by last month's speaker, Bob Hollister, to the Guild. The list price at Bob's mill is around \$60.00. It will be auctioned to the highest bidder at the September meeting. This wood is striking and the potential for its use is unlimited! Come to the meeting, bring your wallet and this beauty can be yours!



Woodworker Help Needed

The York County Heritage Trust has an antique mortising machine. They would like to have this available for demonstration purposes to be used by visitors to the museum. The only problem is that it does not work and needs minor repairs. Do you have what it takes to make this machine talk again? See Dennis Kunkle for more details.



Christmas Gift Ideas!

This is the time to begin working on that special project to present to your loved one(s). Featured here are some of the gifts that I would love to find under my Christmas tree. You can easily find directions for many of these ideas in the Guild's extensive library or on the internet. You can also ask your fellow members for help (as these are all from past "Show & Tell" presentations). Sharpen your pencils, make your measurements, start cutting and before you know it, your gifts will be ready for a fine finish and the recipients will be so HAPPY to have received a lovingly crafted gift from you. This technique helps you avoid the dreaded holiday shopping crowds at the mall. It can be fun, easy and most of all, allows you to show off your creativity!



PS - Santa this is jewelry box that I would like to have!

← The Editor

Measurements
42" wide
18" deep
60" high

Should the Guild make a donation to the York County Heritage Trust?

If you were able to attend the July meeting held at the York County Heritage Trust Museum at 250 E Market Street, you would have viewed the Kardex being used to display artifacts for the *Front Porch to Front Lines* exhibit.

The Trust has the opportunity to obtain another Kardex, this time from Wellspan. They are going to give this unit to the Trust, the only catch is...**it must be disassembled, moved and reassembled** at the Trust. The cost for this is \$2,500. These units retail (new) for approximately \$25,000

This is a wonderful opportunity for the Guild to give back to the Trust. We have been meeting at the Agricultural and Industrial Museum (AIM) since April of 2005. The Trust has not charged the Guild for the use of facilities.

If you are wondering whether this would be a financially viable donation, consider this: The Guild met an average of 9 times a year at AIM, if they were charged a rental rate of \$40.00 per meeting over the past 7 years, this would add up to \$2,520.

The Trust would like to use this Kardex to display the many woodworking tools in their collection. There are 18 rows of shelves and each shelf is approximately 72" long. Two of these shelves could be used to display Guild members' projects or pictures of projects on a rotating basis. Guild member could also help in the selection of the tools to be displayed.

Please attend the meeting and express your desire to support the Trust.

YORK COUNTY HERITAGE TRUST

When Kilroy was Kardex

The concept of 'going green' involves re-use of objects for other purposes, and gaining the maximum use possible for those objects. The York County Heritage Trust has found a greener way to exhibit an additional 324 objects with their open storage area "Kilroy," in the Trust's new exhibit, *Front Porch to Front Lines: York County Goes to War*.

In his earlier life, "Kilroy" was a rotating vertical file, storage unit, previously used by the Visiting Nurses Association. The unit, complete with built-in lighting and eighteen rotating rows of storage was ideal for exhibiting objects not included in the gallery's other display areas. Manufactured by Lektriever of Switzerland, the Kardex model was re-named "Kilroy," a cartoon character that first appeared in World War II. Although his popularity died off by the early 1960s, Kilroy continues to make periodic appearances in military operations, subway stations, and at the WWII memorial in D.C.

The Trust's "Kilroy" storage unit holds artifacts from World Wars I and II, Korea and Vietnam, plus one row of objects devoted to York's own General Jacob Loucks Devers. There is a notebook placed at either end of the unit with a listing of the artifacts that visitors can check via veteran name, artifact name, row or war. The veteran's name is included, when known. Visitors can browse through medals, mess kits, duffle bags and dog tags.



Article taken from the Sept/Oct/Nov Edition of *The Chronicle* published by the York County Heritage Trust.



Photos of Kardex file being used to house paper documents, taken from the KARDEX website.

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