



**AUGUST 2009**

**NEWSLETTER**

**\*\*\*\*\*Meeting Date: August 27, 2009\*\*\*\*\***

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

**TIME: 7:00 PM**

**PROGRAM: MTO Batteries**

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Hello woodworkers!

I had the wood chips flying today after wiping the cobwebs off of my lathe. My mission was to turn 3 milk "bottles" just like the one that Wayne Douce made for the museum's Rutter's Dairy Exhibit. A thanks goes out to Wayne! It gave me a chance to use my expensive carbide tipped gouge that I bought at last year's WoodWorks. It was worth the price to see that wood quickly removed with no need for any trips to the grinder. Now I have to weigh a real quart of milk to figure out how much lead shot needs to go in each one so that they will have the correct weight. In the exhibit, visitors are told how many pounds of milk go into various products and then with a scale and those wooden bottles, the number of quarts and pints can be determined. This is mainly for kids. OK, so much for that. Please check out the survey in this month's newsletter and let us know what's on your mind. E-mail or USPS it back to us.

Dennis

## **THIS MONTH'S MEETING**

This month's meeting will feature Jason Abel from MTO Batteries. His company is located in Wrightsville, PA. The business focuses on rebuilding power tool battery packs. We are sure you have power tools in your shop that take rechargeable batteries and after a while these batteries lose their ability to hold a strong charge. Jason has the answer in rebuilding these batteries for you. His company has been in operation for more than 8 years and has been built on quality and service. Join us as we learn more about this valuable advantage at the next meeting. You can also visit his website at:

<http://www.mtobattery.com>.

# JUNE'S MEETING



Sam McKinney gave an interesting and informative tour of the Dills Tavern in Dillsburg, PA. The tavern is a twelve room, store structure, erected from 1794 to 1819. The Dill family maintained a tavern in the Dillsburg, Pennsylvania area beginning in the 1750's. Matthew Dill was a friend of George Croghan, the famous Indian negotiator, and members of the Dill Family fought in the French and Indian War, the Revolutionary War, and the War of 1812. The tavern was one of several business ventures carried on at this site. A large farm, a mill and a productive distillery kept family members, indentured servants, hired hands and some slaves busy. Regular shipments of whiskey produced in the distillery were sent to Baltimore. The Eichelberger family purchased the plantation in 1800 and kept the tavern open until the 1830's. In time, the structure became a store and eventually a residence.



The Northern York County Historical and Preservation Society hired Sam McKinney, Traditional Builder, to restore the building in January 2005. The tavern is now open for business as an interactive museum. This means that visitors can use the building and its period contents to experience tavern life in the early 19th Century. Sit in the chairs, lay in





the rope beds, watch someone cook in a fireplace or try hearth cooking yourself. Explore all twelve rooms and handle the items contained in those rooms. Groups can rent the tavern and its two acres of lawn for meetings, lunches, dinners, sleep overs, weddings or other appropriate functions. Open-hearth dinners for 25 - 30 people are now a regular occurrence. In keeping with early building amenities, the tavern is heated with fireplaces and 10 plate wood stoves. Light is supplied from both candles and fireplaces. There are modern bathrooms and a summer kitchen located behind the main building in a new structure.



This information was obtained from the website of the Dills Tavern. You can visit the site at:

[www.dillstavern.com](http://www.dillstavern.com)

**THANK YOU SAM!**

## JULY'S MEETING

In July we paid another visit to the Colonial Complex of the York County Heritage Trust. The tour included all four properties: Gates House, Plough Tavern, Bobb Log House and the Colonial Court House. The Guild last visited there in 2006. Those who attended had a great time and learned a more deal about the history of



THANK YOU to the York County Heritage Trust (YCHT) for allowing us to meet at the Agricultural and Industrial Museum.



We appreciate their allowing us to use their facility. Our meetings allow us a glimpse of the agricultural and industrial history of York County that is on display there. For more information about YCHT visit their web site at:

[www.yorkheritage.org](http://www.yorkheritage.org)



York. We did not have a photographer in attendance that night. These photos were taken at different times. The Guild does owe a big

# Thank You!

We owe a big THANK YOU to Lee Gayman of SAW-PA for the wonderful photos taken at the Dills Tavern!

## SHOW & TELL

**What have you been working on?  
Bring it along and share it at the August meeting!**

Show & Tell is an opportunity for Guild Members to show off their work to the other members. Over the years we have seen an amazing assortment of items created by our own members. In addition, to showing completed works you are able to bring in works in progress. Many times a particular problem has been solved by sharing the conundrum with members. In woodworking, the answer to a question is sometime just around the corner but we can't "see the forest for the trees". Since the Guild went on a field trips in June & July we did not have Show & Tell. We are back to our regular meeting schedule and "Show & Tell" will resume. You can bring in finished works, works in progress or works that you need help with. Our members are always willing to lend a hand with ideas that can help you get that project finished. The Newsletter Editor will also showcase photos of works in progress to the members, just forward your photos and story to: [stwg@comcast.net](mailto:stwg@comcast.net).

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## 2009 Governor's Awards for the Arts

STWG will be participating in the Arts Festival being held on Thursday, October 1, 2009. This annual event's location, awarded by First Lady Judge Marjorie O. Rendell, will take place in York at the Strand Capitol Performing Arts Center. The Cultural Alliance of York is coordinating the festival. The event will take place between 3:00 and 6:45 PM and our booth will be located somewhere on George Street between Philadelphia and Market Streets. The Guild was asked to participate in this event and we are pleased to have accepted the challenge.

We need you to select the item(s) you wish to have showcased at this prestigious ceremony. President, Dennis Kunkle, will be supplying more information about this upcoming event at the August and September meetings. See the enclosed copy of the announcement awarding this year's event to the City of York.

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*EDWARD G. RENDELL, Governor*

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## **FIRST LADY JUDGE RENDELL ANNOUNCES 2009 GOVERNOR'S AWARDS FOR THE ARTS WILL BE IN YORK** *Ceremony to be held Oct. 1 at York's Strand-Capitol Performing Arts Center*

**HARRISBURG** – First Lady Judge Marjorie O. Rendell today announced that the 2009 Governor's Awards for the Arts will take place Oct. 1 at the Strand-Capitol Performing Arts Center in York.

“It has become a cultural tradition that each community hosting the Governor's Awards for the Arts be named the ‘Cultural Capital of the Commonwealth’ for the day of the event,” said Judge Rendell, who was joined in the announcement by Pennsylvania Council on the Arts chairman Diane Dalto and executive director Philip Horn. “It seems only fitting that York, once the capital of our nation, will claim this new title on October 1. On behalf of the Governor, we are very proud to add York to the list of Pennsylvania communities that can claim this special honor.”

With the selection of York as this year's venue, Governor Edward G. Rendell continues the tradition of holding the awards in a different location each year. Past host cities have included Williamsport, Greensburg, Wilkes-Barre, Gettysburg, Reading, Pittsburgh, Allentown, Harrisburg, Philadelphia, and Altoona.

Moving the ceremony each year allows new regions of the state to share in this celebration of the arts and their contributions to the vitality of Pennsylvania. It also provides the host region the opportunity to showcase their unique cultural assets to an audience that draws cultural leaders from across the state.

The Governor's Awards for the Arts recognize artistic accomplishments in five categories: a distinguished arts award, a patron award, the outstanding leadership & service for youth/arts in education award, the Pennsylvania creative community award, and the artist of the year award (The Hazlett Memorial). Past recipients have included Jimmy Stewart, Marian Anderson, Andrew Wyeth, James Michener, Chaim Potok, Peter Nero, Fred Rogers, M. Night Shyamalan, Marilyn Horne, Lang Lang, August Wilson, Nelson Shanks, Santo Loquasto, Rob and Kathleen Marshall, and Michael Keaton.

Award recipients are identified through an open call to the public for nominations. A panel that includes members of the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts reviews the nominations and makes recommendations. For more about the 2009 nomination process, visit the PCA's Web site, [www.pacouncilonthearts.org](http://www.pacouncilonthearts.org).

The Governor's Awards for the Arts are administered by the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts, a state agency under the Office of the Governor, whose mission it is to foster the excellence, diversity and vitality of the arts in Pennsylvania, and to broaden the availability and appreciation of those arts throughout the state.

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*The Rendell administration is committed to creating a first-rate public education system, protecting our most vulnerable citizens and continuing economic investment to support our communities and businesses. To find out more about Governor Rendell's initiatives and to sign up for his weekly newsletter, visit [www.governor.state.pa.us](http://www.governor.state.pa.us).*



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# YOUR INPUT IS NEEDED!

If you visit the web site ([www.stwg.org](http://www.stwg.org)) you can see a listing of all the speakers that STWG has had since its inception in August of 2004.

The leadership of the Guild wants to know what you, the members of STWG, would like to see at future meetings. We want to continue to provide educational and informative programs for you. Please help us by letting us know what you enjoy and would like to see at upcoming meetings.

Take a few minutes and complete the survey form, remove it from the newsletter, fold it in thirds, tape the flap shut, place a stamp on it and to return it to STWG. We have already put the address on the form for you!

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I would enjoy speakers that teach and demonstrate the following techniques

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examples: cutting dovetails, making mortise & tenon joints

I would enjoy hearing from Professional Speakers in the industry such as:

\_\_\_\_\_ speaking on: \_\_\_\_\_  
example: Chuck Bender or Marion Rodriguez or Alan Turner example: using a card scraper

I would like to hear from Guild Member \_\_\_\_\_ who can talk about  
insert member's name

their item from "Show & Tell" \_\_\_\_\_  
insert the item you want to know how it was made

I would like to hear from a Field Representative of \_\_\_\_\_  
example: Tormek  
concerning the products \_\_\_\_\_  
example: SuperGrind 2000

I would like to tour: \_\_\_\_\_  
example: Coyle Lumber

I would learn about: \_\_\_\_\_  
example: various finishing methods

I would like to suggest \_\_\_\_\_ for a meeting topic.  
example: how to make segmented wood turnings

I would like to suggest \_\_\_\_\_ as a speaker.  
insert their name

**Any other comments:**

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