



FEBRUARY 2010

NEWSLETTER

Meeting Date: February 25, 2010

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

TIME: 7:00 PM

PROGRAM: Restoration Ford Model A Truck - Wooden Body

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello members,

Hopefully by now all of you have managed to dig out of our record setting snow and are staying warm, dry and covered in sawdust! For those of you who made the mistake of clearing the path to the wood shop door before the rest of the driveway, the ringing in your ears from your significant other's verbal assault should stop in a few days, right about the same time the back pain subsides! For me it looks like my next project will be repairing water damage from the ice dam in the rainspout making water back up under the shingles...water isn't supposed to run down the inside of the window! Duct tape and a garbage bag rerouted the flow into the birdseed tub to get by for a while.....

Many big things are in the works for the coming year. All those behind the scenes in our organization are thinking of ideas for guest speakers as well as possible tours of woodworking "points of interest" in the area. Many of these will be joint efforts with our fellow woodworkers from SAW-PA in Harrisburg. This is where all of you come in, we need your input. If you have a certain problem with a

current project, tool or even an area of interest for something you want to try in the future. please bring it up at the meetings so we can jot the ideas down and pursue them. There's a tremendous wealth of knowledge to draw from and a wide range of skill level in our group which is why I've enjoyed our meetings so much since my very first one. I'm looking forward to a fun and informative year!

See all of you soon,

Mark

THIS MONTH'S MEETING

We welcome Mike Ryan as our speaker this month. We had Mike on the schedule for the October meeting but had to reschedule due to the flu. His 35 year career was in the electronics field, working first for York Telephone and then GTE. Mike started working with wood in junior high school after taking up

wood shop. He had been making family Christmas gifts for about 12 years, going through 3 scroll saws in the process. He enjoyed designing his own patterns using Adobe Suite. In 2001, his wife bought him two Model A Ford trucks. He rebuilt the chassis and then had to rebuild the wooden body. This is the reason he now has a nice little wood shop. The truck has been at car shows (some by request), on TV, in magazines and newspapers, and even on Ford's 100th Anniversary web site back in 2003. It has been his weekend thrill for the last 6 years, taking it to shows and talking about Model A's and woodwork until he is hoarse. He was featured in Lowe's publication The Woodpost in 2007. Mike will also be bringing some of his projects along for all to view. Don't miss this meeting!

JANUARY MEETING

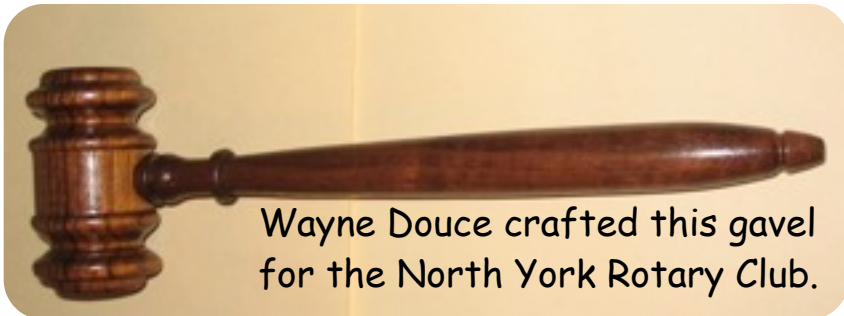


At the meeting in January, we heard from our new member, Al Herner. He has been restoring spinning wheels for a number of years. He had many stories to share with us about his hobby, including those about some unique customers. As, Bob Aspey, the photographer was not able to attend the meeting, we are using photos of a spinning wheel from the collection of



Dennis Kunkle. Please note: if Al had restored this wheel the wood used in the distaff repair would have matched the rest of the wheel. We thank Al for sharing his knowledge about this antique item that is still used today by many weavers to turn their wool into yarn.

SHOW & TELL



Wayne Douce crafted this gavel for the North York Rotary Club.

The meeting in January produced another round of superbly crafted items for "Show-&-Tell"! Bring your recently finished works or works in progress to the February meeting and share with our members.



Kari Hultman shared this beautifully hand carved box that holds a sharpening stone. It is crafted from swiss pear and cocobola wood.

Kari also made this handsome chip carved miniature plane.



Rick Mease made this useful and lovely side table with curved laminated legs.

Dennis Kunkle found this sad little tube radio that had a poorly constructed and quite ugly plywood box for it's cabinet. He



created a stunning new case for yet another radio that will be added to his growing collection.



GOVERNOR'S AWARDS FOR THE ARTS

We had full press details about this prestigious event in the September 2009 newsletter. The event was postponed from October 1, 2009 due to the budget impasse in Harrisburg. The good news today, is that the event has been rescheduled! If you no longer have your copy of this October newsletter, you can get another copy from our website:

www.stwg.org

We will have a booth with an 8' table and 4 chairs. We need to have objects to display (please review your inventory) and are encouraged to have ongoing demonstrations of our woodworking craft.

See Dennis Kunkle at the meeting to sign up and for more details.

**York County, PA Celebrates
2009 Governor's Awards for the Arts
Thursday, April 8, 2010**

ArtsBlock – Street Festival
3:00 – 6:30 p.m. Downtown York

Keynote Address
4:00 p.m. Capitol Theatre

Governor's Awards for the Arts Ceremony
7:00 p.m. Strand-Capitol Performing Arts Center

Governor's Awards for the Arts Reception
8:30 p.m. Valencia Ballroom

Governor's Awards for the Arts Ceremony – free and open to the public – moves to a different city in Pennsylvania each year. This year, York will spotlight its creative community while the marquis event – the Awards ceremony – will honor artistic excellence as well as outstanding contributions to the Commonwealth's cultural life. Five awards for outstanding achievement in the arts will be given.

For more information, go to:
www.culturalalliance-york.org/GAA
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FIELD TRIP!

Mark Saturday, March 20 on your calendar. We're taking a field trip along with SAW-PA to Groff & Groff Lumber in Quarryville

(<http://www.groffslumber.com/>)

meeting there at 10AM, and from Groff's we're going to Hearne Hardwoods in Oxford, PA

(<http://www.hearnehardwoods.com/>)

arriving between 1 - 2PM. In between we'll be stopping for lunch at an undetermined as of yet diner or restaurant.

Groff's and Hearne's offer a wide selection of exotic and hard-to-find domestic and foreign woods. Groff's has a 'cut off' room where some wonderful pieces of wood can be had at reasonable prices. Hearne's is known for their flitches and instrument grade lumbers and veneers.

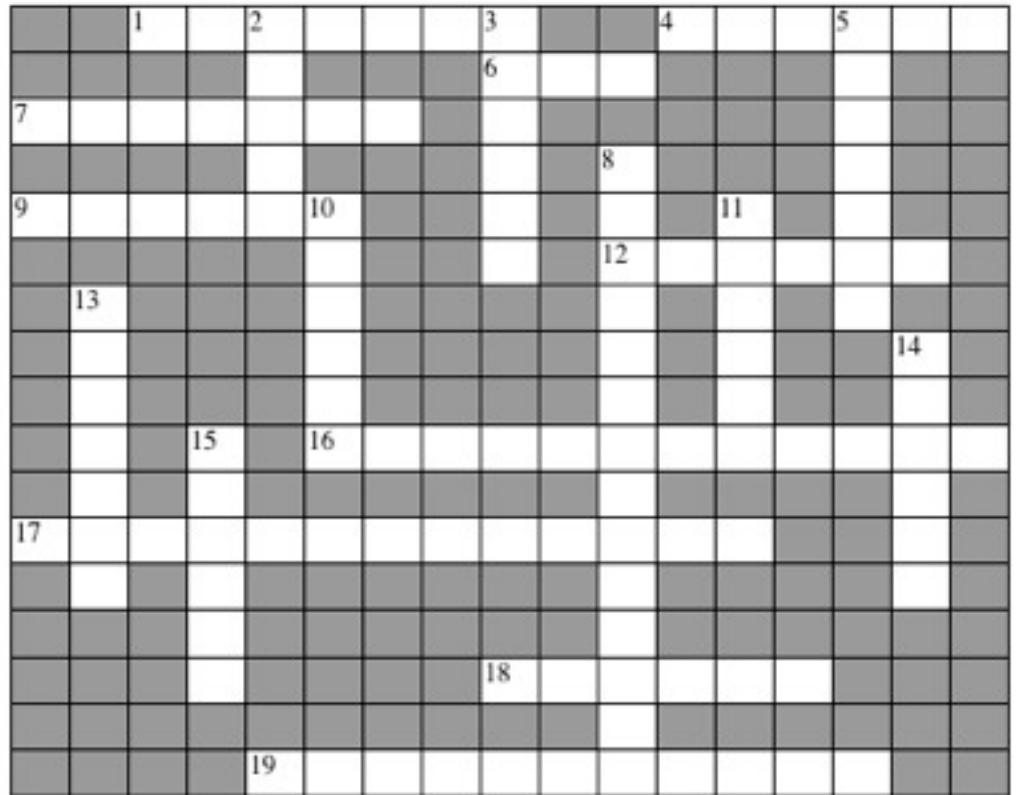
A central meeting place and possible arrangements for car pooling will be discussed at the February meeting.

We are still awaiting word from the Minwax Company with respects to our entry in the 2009 Community Craftsman Award. We submitted the volunteer work that was performed on the *wood lathe*. We felt it was worthy of the competition and submitting the entry on behalf of the Guild. The Grand Prize is a \$5,000 cash grant.

We would also like to prepare a video of the lathe in action. To do this, we need to have two volunteers that will use the lathe during the filming process. Please contact Dennis at stwg@comcast.net or call 717.968.1592 to volunteer for this project.

CROSS-WORD FUN

Test your knowledge of things found in the workshop!



ACROSS

1. checks inside or out
4. up and down cutter
6. wood poker
7. the longer the better
9. really makes the shavings
12. raised panel machine
16. lost out to sliding miter saw
17. fears the tormek
18. mortise chopper
19. trim carpenter needs one

DOWN

2. baseball bat spinner
3. wascally groove
5. it actually cuts
8. microns found here
10. hand held shaper
11. nail enemy
13. layout tool
14. never have enough
15. thin covering

1607 CAULKING IRON

ARTHUR UNKNOWN

The following material was taken from Talking Tools, the newsletter of the Western New York Antique Tool Collectors Assn of December 2001.

This story has not gotten a lot of press yet, because the information is still being discovered. In 1997, an archeologist from the Peabody Museum in Essex, MA verified the existence of a long lost and forgotten Colonial settlement at the mouth of the Kenneback River just south of Bath, Maine.

The Plymouth Colony had been granted a charter from James I to settle the East coast from about Long Island to New Brunswick, and had arranged for a colony on a bluff overlooking the sea at the important Kenneback River mouth. The building of "Fort St George" began when two sailing ships arrived in August 1607, just a few short months after the more famous Virginia Colony started. Forty-five settlers stayed over the winter and built housing and supply sheds, and the remaining people returned to England on the two ships.

The colony was named the Popham Colony, after the main financier who died at the fort in February. Raleigh Gilbert assumed command, and trading for furs and sarsaparilla root with the indians, and the completion of a sailing ship allowed them a future trip back to England. In September, 1608, Raleigh learned of his brother's death, and he was named the sole benefactor of the estate. He and the rest of the colony then sailed back to England for good, where he decided his fortune was better.

The Spanish acquired the cartographer's map of the fort in 1608, which rested in the Royal Archives unappreciated until 1888. Digs were attempted in the 1960's and 1990's, but it wasn't until 1997 that the excavator realized that the North direction of the map needed to be rotated 20 degrees to better fit the topography. When this was done, he was able to find post hole molds that conformed precisely to the building locations of the fort.

What, in fact had been discovered is an untouched 17th century colonial site that should expose a time capsule of the earliest days of English speaking America. More than a thousand artifacts have been found, including ceramic shards, fragments of plate armor, buttons and the caulking iron in the article title that was no doubt used to build that ship in 1608. We will have to wait to see if more tools turn up from the ongoing excavation.

Condensed from a 23 November 2000 article in the Washington Post and Spring 2001 "Backsights" newsletter of the Surveyors Historical Society.

This article was submitted by Ray Parsons.



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