



January 2010

NEWSLETTER

Meeting Date: January 28, 2010

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

TIME: 7:00 PM

PROGRAM: Spinning Wheel Restoration

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello woodworkers!

I just came home from my shift tending the museum's booth at Cabin Fever. I ran into several Guild members whose interests overlap into hobbies represented at the show. The exhibitors are very proud of their creations and rightly so. While staving off cabin fever, they are also keeping alive the American spirit of creativity and ingenuity. Being a little crazy doesn't hurt either! I've been busy in my workshop the last couple of months with woodworking projects related to, what else, antique radios. One of them is ready for show and tell, while the other one is close. Let's see what the rest of you have been up to. There should be some prospective members in attendance, so we want to show them a good time. Try to keep your fist fights and name calling to a minimum.

Dennis

THIS MONTH'S MEETING

We welcome, Al Herner, as our speaker this month. Al has been restoring spinning wheels for about twelve years. He and his wife happened upon one in New Oxford when they were windows shopping. The owner of the shop had a spinning wheel in need of repair and Al stepped up to the plate. He has since repaired around 150 or more of them. He answered an ad in a local paper about 3 years ago, in response to a dealer who made antique reproduction furniture. He needed parts. Al estimates he has made about 50,000 pins and another 30,000 block clamps and other items for him.

Al's family has a history of working with wood. His Great-Grandfather was not only a farmer, but was a stone mason who helped build the Rockville Bridge in Harrisburg. In addition he was also a furniture maker. Al's father was a farmer and a coal miner who

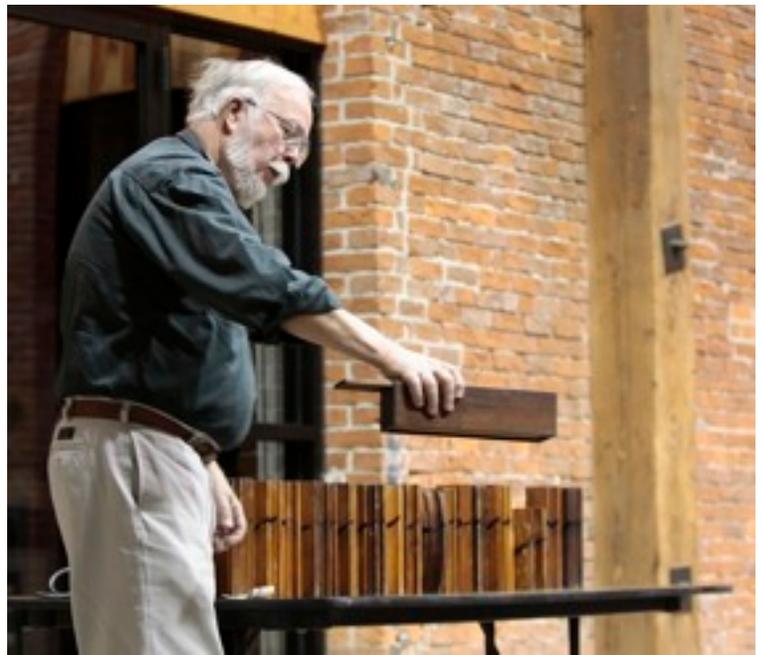
built his own home, garage and workshop. In his retirement he made over 30 clocks. It was from his father that he learned many of his woodworking skills and inherited his father's tools.

Al graduated from Millersville State College with a degree in Secondary Education, physics major. He taught for one year then went into industry as a machinist, tensile tester, more machining of nuclear power plant parts, military weaponry, and then switched into quality control from there. He is now a metrologist for Red Lion Controls.

He recently joined the wood turners group and that has inspired him to try the challenges of turning bowls and Christmas ornaments. The October newsletter had a photo of Al and the handsomely crafted segmented bowl he recently finished. Join us as we learn more about the special needs and details that are involved in repairing spinning wheels from Al.

OCTOBER MEETING

The speaker for the October meeting, Mike Ryan, had to cancel at the last minutes due to illness. Remember those nasty colds and viruses that were making the rounds this past fall? Mike Ryan has been rescheduled to talk to us at the February meeting. We thank Ray Parsons for stepping up and giving a presentation on beading planes. Ray brought in a few planes from his extensive collection and discussed their special uses with those in attendance.

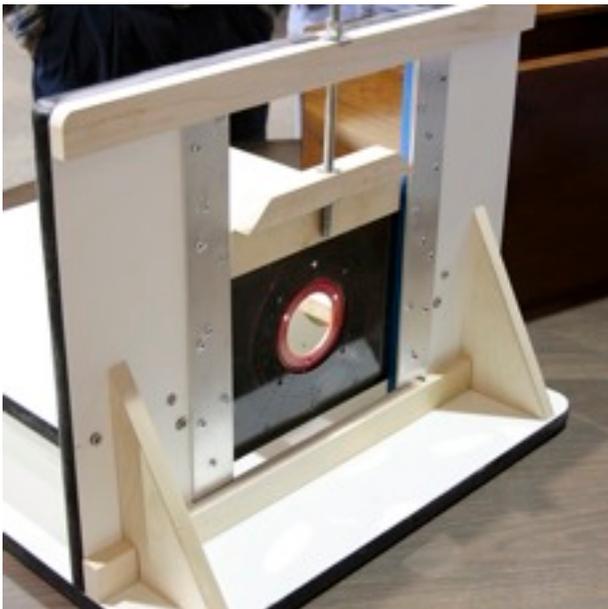


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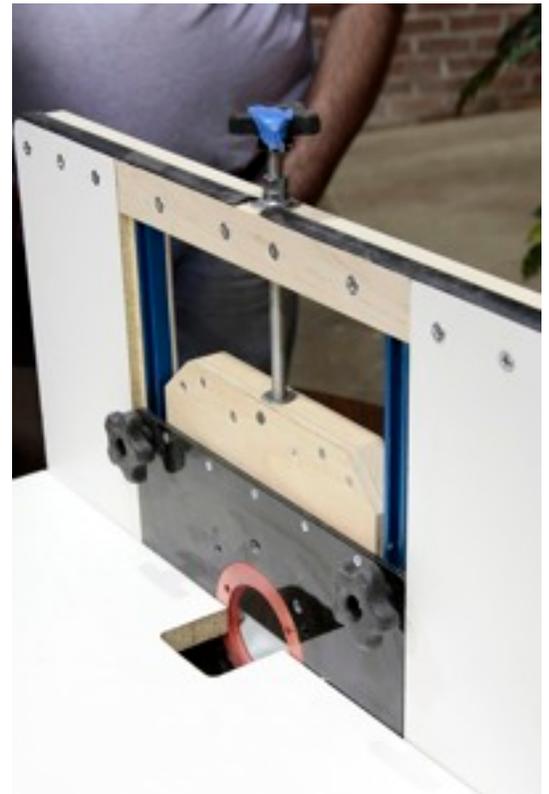


The October meeting brought another fine selection of superbly crafted items out for "Show-n-Tell"!

Bring your recently finished works or works in progress to the January meeting to share with the members.



Al Winters brought in the homemade horizontal router jig that he made. This jig will prove to be very useful. If you ask me, the humble newsletter editor, this does not look homemade!



Lloyd Shelleman showed this plane to the members hoping to learn more about it from someone. The only marking are the "P & C" 1940 USA" as seen in the photo. If you have any knowledge about this plane or its manufacturer, please share this information with Lloyd.





Dennis Kunkle brought in the radio cabinet that he has been in the process of restoring. He glued anigre veneer to the facade. After staining and sealing, decals were applied before the final top coats of lacquer.





Tom Elledge has been working on cabriole legs. He has paid attention to every detail. Notice the precision marking and then the cutting. We can't wait to see the legs in place on a fine piece of furniture.



2009 Holiday Meeting/Party

If you were able to attend the holiday gathering at Ray Parson's home on Sunday, December 6th you know that a good time was had by all. The food was varied and delicious. It was nice to meet the members and their spouses and have time to chat. We thank Ray for his wonderful hospitality. His home is fabulous and the scenery is a million dollar view of York County. His son's fine furniture was also admired by everyone; the seed doesn't fall far from the tree! Thank YOU Ray!

NEW OFFICERS

The nominations of officers for 2010 was held at the October meeting. The actual election will be held at the January meeting and the new officers will assume their duties in January. The chart below shows the newly nominated leaders of the group. Your Treasurer, Allen Brittell and your Newsletter Editor, Julie Kemper-Kunkle are going to continue to serve the Guild. Bob Aspey, will also be on board to provide the photographic record of the meetings. Please attend the meeting to cast your ballot. Also be sure to share ideas that you may have for the Guild with your new leaders!

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We are still waiting for a reply from the Minwax Company with respects to competing in the 2009 Community Craftsman Award. The application for the work on the lathe was submitted along with photographs. The deadline for the entry was December 31, 2009. The Grand Prize is a \$5,000 cash grant so cross your fingers that the Guild is selected for this award.

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 Kunkle at stwg@comcast.net to volunteer for this project.

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