

**JANUARY 2012**

**NEWSLETTER**

**Meeting Date: January 26, 2012**

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

**TIME: 7:00 PM**

**PROGRAM: Wooden Patterns & Metal Castings**

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

I am writing a little message as STWG's presidential "nominee" as we have not had the election of officers yet. Ray Parsons mentioned at the October 2011 meeting that I had volunteered to be your president. Not true! I was asked and, after a few weeks of thought, I said YES.

By the time you receive this newsletter, we will all have cabin fever. And speaking of that, I hope that some of you came out for the Cabin Fever Expo at the York Expo Center on January 14-16. It is an annual event that is certainly worth braving the cold of winter to experience.

Personally, this has been a rough winter for me. In early December, I had a tumor

removed from my right kidney and now, in mid-January, I am undergoing radiation treatments for prostate cancer – 43 of them! Fortunately it was all caught in time to avoid more extensive treatments. Men, I urge all of you, age 50 and older, to have blood work done biannually to check your PSA numbers. If the numbers climb, please go to a urologist and get checked out. If just one of you does that and finds you have cancer and gets treatment, that will make this little "speech" all worthwhile.

**This month's meeting will be on Thursday, January 26 at 7:00 p.m.** *Dennis Wilt*, whose father started *MasterCraft Pattern Works* here in York, will tell us how he applies his trade of wooden patterns and metal castings.

Upcoming programs: in February, Don Wilson, president of the York Wood Turners, will show his beautiful work and tell us how to make our own wood burning tool; March will feature Nick Sciortino, a master wood pyrographer, who will talk about his artistry. Also in March, a Saturday tour of Joe Hilferty's band organ shop is planned. April will feature a very entertaining program by Galen Leshner, who has made all sorts of unique items from wood. Please come to all these fine meetings and bring a friend!

*Palmer Burke*



## LAST MONTH'S MEETING

The last official meeting of the Guild took place in October of 2011. In December, Ray Parsons hosted the annual Holiday Get-Together at his home. Those who attended had a delightful time. The food was delicious, the beverages cold and the conversations ranged from shop talk and crafts to historical places to visit and more. We again **thank** Ray for his gracious hospitality and to all those who brought the food. If you were still hungry when you left then you must have been talking too much!

## SHOW & TELL



**Dennis Kunkle** can't let these old radios alone he restores the cabinets and makes the radios sing again.



**Jack Kapp** crafted this unique Christmas ornament. Can you imagine the beauty of a tree decorated with these?





In October **Palmer Burke** shared his latest creations. These nativity carousels are lovely and are perfect for the holidays.



Do you remember the bed that **Michael Fritz** was working on? See the August 2011 newsletter for photos showing the early stages of this bed frame. This is a queen size platform bed made from oak with poplar as the secondary wood and has under bed storage. The stain was minwax dark walnut. These pictures show the bed being assembled and finished.





**Rick Mease** reports: "I'm pretty sure someone else in the guild built this kitchen step ladder and had it at a show and tell. The high top arm helps you keep your balance when reaching for something. I saw the plans in The Wood Smith Magazine. They used oak but I used cherry because I had it on hand. After I build it I found it to be a little heavy for the wife to move around but if I get it out she likes it."

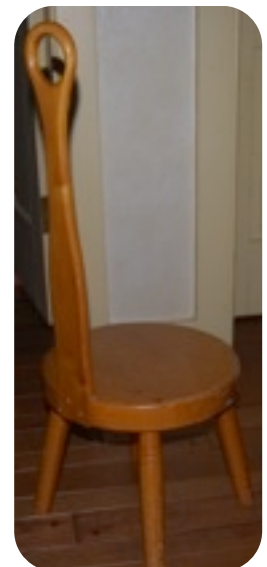


This little stool was made for the Newsletter Editor by her father many years ago. While it only has one step, it is lightweight and easy to move around. This undoubtedly has saved the life of many a chair that was not designed to be used as a stool.

*2012 Membership Dues are due in January. Stay current with your dues to receive all of the benefits of membership. Hear from some great speakers, who willingly share their knowledge and expertise at the monthly meetings. The Guild has an extensive lending library of books, VCR tapes and DVD's. You can expand your understanding and proficiency by checking out any of these items. Networking and sharing ideas with other members is another benefit along with some discounts.*

*You can mail your payment of \$24.00 payable to "STWG" to:*

*Allen Mark Brittell, Treasurer  
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## **Your HELP is NEEDED!**

\*\*\*Your mission, should you choose to accept, is to contact the sponsors and suppliers listed on the back page of this newsletter. We need to confirm that they will continue to provide a discount to Guild members. We also need to know what the discount is and what means are necessary for our members to get the discount. Your finding should be reported to the Board and to the Newsletter Editor. We expect that several of you will volunteer for this job. Please let Palmer know that you will be doing this for the Guild.

\*\*\*You may recall, at the October meeting, that the Guild voted to make a donation to the York County Heritage Trust to purchase a Kardex Lektreiver for the Agricultural & Industrial Museum (see the September 2011 newsletter for more information about this unit). It has now been installed and the next step is to help identify and sort through the planes in the museum's collection. This is where YOU can help. Dennis Kunkle needs to know if anyone has the time to help with this project. The hours for the next step are from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm Monday to Friday. Let Dennis know when you can help with this.

\*\*\*Help is needed at each meeting to greet new attendees (get their name and email or snail mail address) and to take attendance. This information is then given to the Treasurer and the newsletter Editor. This information is needed so they can be added to the newsletter mailing list. The Newsletter Editor will also send a welcoming email or note to them.

\*\*\* The photographer needs to have someone take notes about the items brought by members for "Show & Tell" and other information about the meeting. This will help to ensure accuracy when this information is published in the newsletter.


As your Newsletter Editor I want to

# THANK

the members of STWG for the Gift Certificate from Brown's Orchards. It's nice to know that my monthly efforts are appreciated.

Julie Kemper-Kunkle

Visit: [www.stwg.org](http://www.stwg.org)

Did you know that you can obtain **copies of past newsletters**, see who the past speakers have been, have an overview of the materials in the library and find links to almost 50 different wood working sites all on the Guild's website? 

The meeting in January will include the installation of or rather the passing of the gavel to the new officers for the Guild. **We want to thank Mark Bortner** for the service he has given the Guild for the past two years.

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## Impossible Repair??

Dennis Kunkle was asked to repair this gate leg table. It had been repaired in the past as you can see from the photo.

The interesting approach of using metal bands to secure the leg was creative but over time the wood inside had broken down and was missing. He removed the bands and cut wood to fill in the

gaps and then replaced the bands. It was a challenging repair but the gate leg now moves freely and securely.



We have something special for you at the next meeting and it concerns Gorilla Glue. Gorilla Glue has been improved! Bring your comments (*have you used it, what is your experience with it or perhaps you have never tried it*) to the meeting and learn what Gorilla Glue has in store for you!

## Service Project?

In 2009, the Guild applied for recognition and hopefully a prize for the restoration of the wood lathe for the York County Heritage Trust. This hand operated lathe was restored by members of the Guild and it is used during tours and events held at the Trust for the public.

The Guild has received an invitation each year since 2009 but has not entered the contest since no community improvement project have been completed. Please see the attached invitation on page 9 for full details about the contest. The GRAND PRIZE is certainly worth trying to WIN. Maybe the Lektreiver, once it is filled and ready for the public, will qualify.

Now is the time to plan the project for submission at the end of 2012!

Think about what STWG **can do** for the Community!

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The Community Craftsman Award program recognizes woodworkers who have promoted community improvement through their woodworking skills. Qualified candidates include individuals, schools, guilds, clubs, etc., who have used their woodworking or wood finishing talents in a way that has been beneficial to the community.

If you or your woodshop class or school have been involved in a woodworking project that has made your community a better place, here's an opportunity that you do not want to miss.

### GRAND PRIZE is a \$5,000 cash grant,

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*Send your submission to:*

Minwax® Community Craftsman Award  
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**Deadline for entries is December 31, 2011.**

For more information, or to submit your entry online, visit [minwax.com](http://minwax.com).

**ENTER TO WIN! ENTER TO WIN! ENTER TO WIN! ENTER TO WIN!**



It's easy to participate. Simply attach a **WRITTEN SUMMARY** to this entry form outlining the woodworking project and how it contributed to the betterment of your community. Photos are optional, but encouraged. (Submitted materials cannot be returned.)

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