



JUNE 2009

NEWSLETTER

*******Meeting Date: TUESDAY June 23, 2009*******

**PLACE: Dills Tavern Tour
227 N. Baltimore St., Dillsburg, PA**

TIME: 7:00 PM

PROGRAM: Tour of the Dills Tavern

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello woodworkers! Most of my sawdust, this past month, was made from 100 year old weathered barn boards. I had to shift gears from the accuracy in my home workshop, to the reality of warped lumber with varying thicknesses. You will be able to see the results soon in the Rutters Dairy exhibit at the museum. I had a pleasant visit to Kari Hultman's workshop and found out that she's not totally committed to hand tools! Like the rest of us have discovered, power equipment is nice for certain operations that require precision and speed. Plus, a pit saw in her backyard would hog up too much space. Both of her projects in the shop were very well executed and I'm anxious to see how she finishes that wall cupboard. She definitely likes dovetails. For those of you who didn't get enough of the Dills Tavern story, don't miss our next meeting up there. It's on a **TUESDAY**, don't forget! Carpool with someone, too.
Dennis

THIS MONTH'S MEETING

STWG and SAW-PA will be hosting a combined meeting this month. Sam McKinney of the Dills Tavern has agreed to provide the members of both associations a physical tour of the tavern located in Dillsburg. Sam has been working on the restoration of this historic landmark for several years. You will be able to view and inspect the craftsmanship that Sam and his helpers have given as they carefully work to restore the tavern to its former glory. Sam was the speaker at the April meeting. The Dills Tavern also has a website that you can visit: www.dillstavern.com if you need directions. In addition, the Northern York County Historical Society, is another reference for information about the tavern, their website is: www.northernryorkhistorical.org. Join us for this exciting & informative tour. Note this meeting is on Tuesday the 23rd not Thursday.

LAST MONTH'S MEETING

Chuck Bender of the Acanthus Workshop LLC, brought a few samples of some of the pieces he has created during his woodworking career.





The meeting was a perfect way to view firsthand the professional craftsmanship that Chuck has put into his work. He also discussed the process for making the secret drawers that are found in many types of period desks and other furniture. We also learned about the classes that are conducted at the Acanthus Workshop in East Coventry, PA (outside of Pottstown). You can visit the web site at www.acanthus.com to sign up for classes or to learn more about the various woodworking programs that are available there.



SHOW & TELL



Speaking of secret drawers, Francois Mollard brought in an example of of drawer from an old French buffet showing the secret compartment hidden in the bottom of the drawer!





Looking for a nifty puzzle to make? This one will amaze your friends and family. How do you get the insert out of the box. We thank Palmer Burke for sharing this ingenious little mind twister!



Palmer was also as busy with another of his fascinating games. His use of different woods enhance the colorful design of this creative and intricate puzzler.



In addition to the photos shown above, John Marsh passed around photos taken by his friend in Puerto Rico showing his workshop projects.

****SUMMER OPEN HOUSE 2009****

Thanks to Kari Hultman for hosting a very enjoyable Open House on Saturday, June 6th. The weather was certainly not cooperative during the week before the event. There was actually talk of postponing because of the potential for more rain. STWG and SAW-PA were blessed as the morning of the 6th dawned free of the wet stuff. As the day progressed, the sun came out (we hadn't seen it for days) and warmed everyone up. Her backyard was a gardener's delight. There was a variety of food for lunch and all of it was delicious. Thanks to all of those who provided the tasty treats! Kari's workshop was very orderly, clean (although she said it took some time to get it so clean) and quite inviting. She had samples several works in progress including a nice sawbuck table, complete with handcut dovetailed battons. Her multi-drawer wall cupboard was a real beauty, as well. She also had free scraps of exotic woods available for the taking. Thank you for your super hospitality Kari!

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2009 WOODWORKERS SHOW???

Do you remember the Woodworkers Show that was held in July of 2005 at the York County Heritage Trust located at 250 E. Market Street in York? The show highlighted and featured the craftsmanship of the members of STWG to the public. The show was held on a Sunday and admission was free. Have you given any thoughts about hosting another show in 2009 or 2010? If a show is held this year it would mark the five (5) year anniversary of the founding of the Guild. If it is held in 2010 it would mark the five (5) year anniversary of the 2005 show. Put on your thinking caps and discuss the possibilities at the next meeting! The Greater York area needs to know about the talent and creativity of the STWG's membership.

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TOYS FOR TOTS * UPDATE YORK HOSPITAL



Child life specialist, Nancy Orwick was very pleased to receive the toys that I contributed to the York Hospital Pediatrics Department. The two board games and three jig saw puzzles with cases will be distributed age appropriately to hospitalized children. "Thank you for caring enough to share" and "Woodworking is your talent" she wrote.

Making toys is part of my woodworking entertainment, there is the challenge to design the project for the needs of the children and learning new processes in woodcraft. The board game "push a penny" is a table top game of shoving pennies or penny-sized washers into scoring areas. I added a storage tray to the back stop so the children could keep the scoring pegs and washers with the game and added a lid with a sliding dove tail (see sample photo).

There are very strict standards for sanitizing all toys. They must be thoroughly finished in order to be cleanable. The spread of infections in hospitals must be contained. Making jig saw puzzles that are sealed on all sides and are attractive in color is a challenge.

A suggestion for solid colored objects is to seal with shellac then spray with fast drying enamel. Shading, toning and layering colors can be achieved with layers of the spray. If multicolored toys and designs are desirable, artist paint can be used. Prime with a white latex paint. Trace the pattern on the wood. Purchase the small jars of water based paints in the colors you need. This paint is not durable, so when dry seal with a coat of varnish.

If you wish to donate your creative toys, you may take them to the hospital directly. First, call Pediatrics at 717.851.2387 and ask for Kathy Frank or Nancy Orwick to indicate when you can deliver them. She will tell you to leave them at the main entrance, information desk, where the toys will be picked up. Be sure to place a note on them with the destination (Pediatrics) and your name and address.

Ralph Dermota

As always, we owe a big THANK YOU to Bob Aspey for the wonderful photos!

You can see more of Bob's photos at his website: <http://www.pbase.com/rpaspey/28may09>

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