

# SUSQUEHANNA TRAIL WOODWORKERS GUILD

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Well, spring has finally sprung, and we can get outside and enjoy the good weather.

I hope y'all are as busy in your shops as I am in mine, I can never seem to get caught up. There's a lot of auctions and sales going on out there with lumber and woodworking machinery. Just gotta keep an eye out for them. There's some good prices, just gotta look.

The month of May also bring us Memorial Day this year as every year let us not forget those brave men and women who paid the ultimate sacrifice so that we may enjoy the freedoms that we have today. Why not fly a US flag this year in honor of all our veterans, and in remembrance of those that aren't with us anymore.

Keep the sawdust flying. See ya at the next meeting

Scott

## SELL YOUR OLD TOOLS

If you're tired of looking at that old tool in your workshop, and have been meaning to sell it, or just give it away, now is your chance. As a benefit to members, we're offering a new service. An "Items for Sale" page has been created on our web page. (stwg.org) If you wish to sell or give away an item, write up a description, and send it to: stwg@comcast.net. The following guidelines have been put in place:

- No commercial sales. All items must be privately owned.
- Items will be posted for 30 days. If something sells, it's the owners responsibility to notify us to remove it.
- Every attempt will be made to have items listed within a few days of receipt. However, depending on schedules, it may take a bit longer.
- All posts are at the discretion of the STWG Board of Directors. Limit of three items per listing.
- If an item hasn't sold after 30 days, please wait two weeks, and feel free to resubmit. After another 30 days, it will be permanently removed, and may not be re-listed.
- All sales posts must include an accurate description of the item, cost, and contact information. STWG assumes no responsibility for any listed information.
- This is a text-only service. Pictures will not be posted.
- This service is meant for those who have old/unused tools, or wood to sell or give away. **This is not a service for those who wish to sell finished products or services. All such posts will be rejected.**
- There is no charge to use this service. All financial transactions are strictly between seller and purchaser.



## SHOW AND TELL, THE NEWSLETTER SEGMENT

The Show-and-tell portion of our regular meetings are always interesting. It allows members to bring projects, show off their skills, as well as demonstrate different construction and finishing techniques.

However, many of us have built items that are simply too large, awkward, heavy, or may no longer be in your possession.

You're proud of the work you did, and would like others to see it. Here's your chance. This space will be used as a digital version of our meeting show-and-tell.

To participate, take several pictures of your project. Write up a description discussing any aspect of it that you wish. Some possible topics: Why did you build it? How? What woods? Construction techniques? What did you use to finish it? Any mistakes along the way? What did you learn from this project?

E-mail everything to [stwg@comcast.net](mailto:stwg@comcast.net)

### THE BIRDHOUSE



All projects begin with a story. A few years ago, I was given a book on birdhouses. It was quite interesting, and discussed the long history of birdhouses around the world, with many examples. Also included were plans for a wide variety of houses, as well as the types of birds that would be attracted to them. After some thought, it was decided that it would be nice to have woodpeckers take up residence. They're pretty birds, and do good things. (eat lots of insects). We see them occasionally in the trees, so it was in the realm of possibility that a couple might take up residence. This house was the end result of a fun build. I designed it so the roof can easily be removed for cleaning. The roofing "shingles" were left over from another project. The non-

functional "window" was just because I liked the look. I made a small platform, and attached the entire thing to a tree in an appropriate location. According to the book, all was well. Right size house, correct diameter hole, well spaced perch, and mounted the right height above the ground.

Fast forward two years: I don't think the birds read the book. While we still see woodpeckers, the house has been ignored. In retrospect, I see that I made a mistake: I'm a novice roofer, and made a rookie error. When I put the shingles down, I forgot to include a drip edge. Damage has been done. Because of this, at some point this summer, I'm going to remove the roof, and make a new one. This roof will have a metal covering. It was a fun project, but I really wish the birds had read the book, and moved in! - Drew Carter





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## YOU NEED A SHIRT (AND A BEER)

Diane Kirk has worked her magic, and turned our logo into decals, and shirts. You like it, and want one. How do you get one? How much will it cost? Very good questions indeed. The shirts are only \$17.50, with the decals coming in at \$7.50. Please send an e-mail to: [dlk1219@comcast.net](mailto:dlk1219@comcast.net) with all the pertinent details of what you would like to purchase.

What about delivery? Clear a space on your calendar for Saturday, June 1, between 11am-5pm. Take a drive to Glen Rock, and visit our booth at the [Glen Rock Arts and Brew Fest](#). (click the link to learn more). Have a refreshing drink, enjoy some excellent food, and explore the many artisans with wares on display. While there are no guarantees in this world, every effort will be made to have your shirt or decal waiting for you. Just can't make it that day? Come to the following STWG meeting, which will be Thursday, July 27th. Can't wait that long? We'll work something out.

## THE NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 23rd, at 7 pm. The usual location:

York Town Craft Guild  
Friendship Fire Co #8  
639 N Franklin Street  
York, PA 17403

