



East Tennessee Woodworkers Guild

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September 2008 Newsletter

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Next Meeting

September 8, 2008 in the Woodworking Shop

Program: Featuring David Reeves .

David will be discussing finishing.
"Finishing Wood; mystery, magic, and just a lot of fun".

In 1998, David Reeves took the plunge and purchase the former "Stripping Workshop" in Oak Ridge and began a journey that has been both frustrating and captivating. Celebrating his tenth year this October as owner of "Classic Furniture Restorations" in Oak Ridge. He finds the world of woodworking and finishing an absolute joy and a never ending series of challenges and thrills.

Everyone is invited to bring something to show at Show & Tell.

Door Prizes include:

To be announced at the General Meeting.

ETWG General Meetings

6:30 pm
Maryville High School
Ruby Tuesday Room
(unless otherwise announced)
2nd Monday, odd months

ETWG Board Meetings

6:30 pm
Al Hudson's House
(unless otherwise announced)
2nd Monday, even months

President's Note to Members

Fellow Woodworkers,

First, let me again begin by thanking everyone involved in the July ETWG Membership Meeting. Thanks again to Lee Gossage for this newsletter!

I just returned from the IWF and my trip has inspired the following thoughts.

I began woodworking in 2001, as a part of my early retirement strategy. I had always been somewhat interested in woodworking, since a Freshman woodworking course in college. Much of my continued interest, over the years, was because of two

PBS shows called “This Old House” and “The New Yankee Workshop”. Even with the running controversy (in woodworking magazines), about the impact of Norm Abrams, for 20 years and for many woodworkers, he was the person that peaked our woodworking interest and helped us in our beginning projects. He was our woodworking mentor!

Norm was again at this year’s IWF show. I realize that he was paid to be there, by Delta, but I passed by the Delta booth several times and was struck by how long the line continued to be, just to get a picture of him and his signature. He was more than just a “hero”, it was like seeing a rock star. I was struck not only by his willingness to sign photos, caps, t-shirts, and anything else, but he seemed to spend real, quality time with everyone in the line. I think he really understands his value to many ‘want-to-be’ woodworkers.

So, I began thinking about what a “mentor” can mean to a new or new-ish woodworker. You might ask how important is that to our membership? Interestingly, of the 111 paid Guild members in 2008, only 86 of us were paid members in 2007, 72 of us in 2006 and 57 of us in 2005.

Some of you had the good fortune to have a woodworking mentor. Maybe it was your Father (or Mother), your Grandfather, a cousin, uncle or friend. Or maybe you were really lucky and it was another woodworker or a Master. Whom ever it was, I am sure you realize that luck was with you. But for many of us it was Norm.

When I joined the Guild I quickly recognized what an opportunity the Guild members have to learn from other Guild members. As Guild members, we have a special opportunity to take the art of learning woodworking to a higher level.

As a Guild, one of our goals is stated as follows –“To promote and advocate the development and appreciation of superior woodworking skills”. What better way to do that than to share your knowledge of woodworking with someone else. You don’t have to be on TV to help someone else to better their skills, learn new skills, and gain confidence in their abilities in woodworking. It may be as simple as taking an interest, being available to answer questions, or teaching them the skills that you have mastered. And trust me, your efforts will be appreciated. Plus you may gain a new friend for life.

Mentoring does not have to be a time consuming effort. Webster defines a mentor as “a trusted counselor or guide” – “a coach”. I just ask you to look around and see if there is someone you can help on their road to learning and enjoying woodworking.

I look forward to the continuance of a great year and hope to see all of you at the September meeting.

Best regards and keep your woodworking both fun and safe,

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JULY MEETING PRESENTATIONS



(Colored photos can be viewed on the Guild Web site)

ETWG ANNUAL PICNIC and DEMONSTRATIONS



(Colored photos can be viewed on the Guild Web site)

Dates to Remember

2008

- August 11 – ETWG Board Meeting
- August 20 to 23 – 2008 International Woodworking Machinery & Furniture Supply Fair (IWF) in Atlanta
- September 8 – ETWG Member Meeting
- September 16 – Dues for 2009 can be accepted
- October 1 – Nomination Committee Meeting
- October 6 – Submittal date for Board Agenda Items
- October 13 – ETWG Board Meeting
- November 10 – ETWG Member Meeting (Board of Directors Election)
- November 14 to 16 – Woodworking in America; Hand Tools & Techniques Conference in Berea
- December 1 – Submittal date for Board Agenda Items
- December 8 – ETWG Board Meeting (New Board Members' Installation, to be effective 1/1/2009)

2009

- January 12 – ETWG Member Meeting
- January 15 – 2009 Member Dues Due
- January 16 – Dues in arrears notification
- January 31 – Member Scholarship's Applications Due
- February 2 – Submittal date for Board Agenda Items
- February 9 – ETWG Board Meeting
- March 9 – ETWG Member Meeting (Member Scholarship Awarded)
- April 6 – Submittal date for Board Agenda Items
- April 13 – ETWG Board Meeting
- April 20 - 2009 Member Directory Published
- May 11 – ETWG Member Meeting
- June 1– Submittal date for Board Agenda Items
- June 8 – ETWG Board Meeting
- June 10-13 – Furniture Society Conference
- July – AWFS Show in Las Vegas
- July 13 – ETWG Member Meeting
- August 3 – Submittal date for Board Agenda Items
- August 10 – ETWG Board Meeting
- September -- Guild Picnic
- September 6 – ETWG Member Meeting
- September 14 – Dues for 2010 can be accepted
- October 1 – Nomination Committee Meeting
- October 5 – Submittal date for Board Agenda Items
- October 12 – ETWG Board Meeting
- November 6 to 8 – 15th Master Woodworkers Show
- November 9 – ETWG Member Meeting (Board of Directors Election)
- November – Woodworking in America; Hand Tools & Techniques Conference in Berea

- **December 7 – Submittal date for Board Agenda Items**
- **December 14 – ETWG Board Meeting (New Board Members’ Installation, to be effective 1/1/2010)**

2010

- **January 11 – ETWG Member Meeting**
- **January 15 – 2010 Member Dues Due**
- **January 31 – Member Scholarship’s Applications Due**
- **August – 2010 International Woodworking Machinery & Furniture Supply Fair (IWF) in Atlanta**

Marquetry Seminar Offered:

Robert Lowery is offering a 5 day Marquetry seminar. Class size is for 2 people only. Cost is \$300.00 and \$35.00 for supplies. Class fee will be given to special charity and all supplies returned to participant. Contact Robert Lowery @ 865-932-1592.

IN NEED: The ETWG is looking for anyone who has good used “functional” items they are no longer using and wish to donate for future door prizes. This could be tools you may have a duplicate and still works but no longer use. Or excess wood blanks or boards you want to clear out. Please contact Chris Hedges @ (740) 707-4013

Hand Made Clock by Rick McGill



(No Machine Tools were used)

(Colored photos can be viewed on the Guild Web site)



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and Special Advisors**

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Special Advisor to the Board	Rick Popp

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and Project Coordinators**

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