The Guild
of New Hampshire
Woodworkers

In the Beginning there were eighteen woodworkers who gathered in John McAlevey’s shop in Warner. Paul Tuller and John had come up with as many names as they could think of and mailed about forty invitations. The date was Saturday, April 28, 1990.

The first meeting was a great success and in a short time the following was established: a statement of goals, the naming of temporary officers, and the setting of dates for future meetings.

The temporary officers are:
President: John Skewes (Kensington); Treasurer: Paul Tuller (Dublin);
Secretary: Steve Cunliffe (Henniker); Newsletter: Jon Siegel (Andover).

The Second Meeting was at John Skewes’ on June 16. At that meeting the Statement of Goals was revised:

“The Guild of New Hampshire Woodworkers is an association of professionals and amateurs bound by a common interest in seeking and practicing excellence in woodworking. Through regular meetings, lectures, demonstrations, juried exhibits, and a newsletter, the Guild strives to bring together the diverse interests of the New Hampshire woodworking community.”

After the regular business meeting, John gave us an excellent description of how he makes chairs.

The mailing list now stands at eighty four. The names are from many sources: attendance at one of the meetings; the original list from the League; people who called in response to one of the articles in Woodshop News; or friends of members. Most of the people who receive this newsletter have not yet come to any meetings, but we know many are interested. The newsletter is one way people who cannot attend meetings will feel that they belong to the Guild. But only fourteen people have paid dues ($15.00) as of July. To become an official member of the Guild and insure that you will continue to receive this newsletter, dues should be made payable to “The Guild of N.H. Woodworkers” and mailed to Paul Tuiller, Box 64, Dublin, NH 03444.
IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS

1. Meetings will be held at a different person’s shop each time. Following each meeting there will be a presentation of the workings of the shop and the business set-up therein. There will be an attempt to distribute the locations of the meetings geographically.

2. Meetings will be on Saturdays at 11:00 – bring lunch.

3. Help us keep accurate data! Is your mailing label correct? Does your shop have a business name? Do we have your phone number? Let us know your woodworking specialties. If you are mailing your dues, send this information to Paul, otherwise send data to: Jon Siegel, P.O. Box 114, Andover, NH 03216.

4. On Saturday, October 27, there will be a gathering of Guild members at the Shaker Village in Canterbury to explore the possibilities of establishing mutually beneficial relationships for woodworkers in this unique setting. Preregistration is required (luncheon $5.95). Contact David Emerson at 783-4403.

5. “American Woodworker” magazine has invited all Guild members to consider writing articles for which they will pay $125 per page. Contact Robert Moran at AW: 215-967-5171.

6. Future editions of this Newsletter hopefully will include a “Buy/Sell/Trade” Column for tools, machinery, lumber, whatever. Send items for publication to Jon Siegel, P.O. Box 114, Andover, NH 03216.

7. Things to think about: We need –

   (1) A logo for the Guild. (2) A name for the newsletter.

8. The next meeting is on September 15 at Paul Tuller’s shop in Dublin. You will receive a card with directions. Paul will present an overview of Japanese hand tools and techniques he uses for making shoji screens. Hope to see you there!
List of those in attendance at the organizational meeting of the New Hampshire Woodworkers Guild held at John McAlevey's studio, Mill Street, Warner, N.H. on April 28, 1990

*Paul Tuller, Box 64, Pierce Road, Dublin, N.H. 03444, 563-8884. Special interest: Japanese woodworking

*Steve Cunliffe, 10 Patch Road, Henniker, N.H. 428-7952. Special interest: contemporary furniture

Frank J. Mikutajcis, Box 11, Bay Point Road, Mt. Sunapee, N.H. 03772, 763-5572. Special interest: furniture


*John Skewes, 132 Drinkwater Road, Kensington, N.H., 03833, 778-3360. Special interest: furniture

Jan Palm and Lori Eaton, Box 24, Weare, N.H. 03281, 529-7100. Special interest: furniture and accessories

Martin Taylor, 99 Daniel Street, Portsmouth, N.H. 431-8380

David Lamb, 228 Shaker Road, Canterbury, N.H. 03224, 783-9912

David Emerson, 418 Shaker Road, Canterbury, N.H. 03224, 783-4403. Special interest: steam bending, Shaker village

Ted Blachly, P.O. Box 216, Warner, N.H. 03278, 456-2385. Special interest: wood finishing


*Roy Noyes, 178 Derry Road, Chester, N.H. 03036. 887-3682
Jim Becker, P.O. Box 823, Lebanon, N.H. 03766, 448-2121

Jere Osgood, RFD 2 Box 178, Abbot Hill Road, Wilton, N.H. 03086

John McAlevey, Box 793, Route 2, Mill Street, Warner, N.H. 03278, 456-2135

* Denotes steering committee