The President’s Message

Lie-Nielsen Toolworks Visit
Eighteen members made the journey to the Lie-Nielsen Toolworks in Warren, ME on June 19th to see how high quality hand planes are made.
At noon, on the way up, we stopped at The Taste of Maine restaurant and had a wonderful seafood lunch. Great food and great service.
At the Lie-Nielsen plant about 15 miles further up Route 1, they gave us the grand tour of high quality plane making: from order taking, to pattern making, to pouring the bronze casting, to machining, finishing and shipping. Oh yes, they also showed us woodworking — making and finishing the cherry handles.
We were there on a regular work day and all the production employees were busy, an extremely interesting and worthwhile part of the trip.
Many of us took advantage of a 15% group purchase discount and have new toys coming soon!

About a dozen members that planned to go on this trip had to cancel out at the last minute. This is a big enough group for another visit this summer or fall. If you are interested let Ed Epremian or me know. I highly recommend that anyone visiting up that way this summer, stop in for a look.

Elections
will be held at the September meeting. Some officers terms are up. No not me, you have to put up with me for one more year. However, we have to elect a new Secretary and Treasurer. The floor will be open to Nominations, just be sure that you nominate someone good with Numbers and Notes!
Ed Epremian has informed me that he wants to end his stint as Program Chairman, as of December 31st. Ed has done an outstanding job of arranging interesting and educational programs and he will be a hard act to follow. He has been invaluable to the Guild and to me. He had better change his phone number, if he doesn’t want to be called on for advise after he steps down.
Anyone who would like to tackle the job of Program Chairman can call Ed or me and we will explain what is involved. Ed has indicated his willingness to assist the new Program Chairman as needed, so you won’t be on your own with no guidance.

Don’t forget
Saturday, July 19, 1997 11 AM
Tour of Woodman Institute
Dover, NH.
It’s a wonderful chance to see Federal Period furniture, up close and personal!
For details see the article on Page 2.

Sat.-Mon. August 2-4, 1997
Guild Demonstrations
LNHC Sunapee Fair

Speaking of personal, I still need more volunteers for the Guild demonstration at the League of NH Craftsmen Fair in Sunapee. Call me at (NH) 1-800-770-4730 to get free admission to the Fair and help with the booth. You don’t have to demonstrate anything, just talk with the visitors on the Guild, what we are demonstrating and how we help woodworkers. For more details see the article on Page 3.

Symposium ’98
We first thought that it would feature Handtools. However, I think that perhaps Woodcarving would be a better subject for the next Symposium.
We have over 50 members who are carvers or have expressed interest in carving and I would like to broaden the Guild’s activities for carvers.
There are many types of carving and many talented carvers in New Hampshire which would make for some interesting demonstrations and lectures.
Architectural details, chip carving, caricatures, decoys, furniture parts, relief carving, sculptures, ship figureheads and signs come to mind immediately and I am sure there are others.
I would like to get two or three expert carvers each from the Guild, The League of NH Craftsmen, The New England Wood Carvers, Sur Bois and any other groups you may know about as lecturers/demonstrators.
With Peter Bloch’s experience with the ‘97 Woodturning Symposium to guide us, I think we could have another blockbuster of a symposium.
What do you think? Call me with your ideas - two heads are better than one.
I need to get the Symposium ball rolling soon!

Wayne Marsou
Summer Tour
The Woodman Institute Dover, NH
Saturday July 19, 1997

Loran Smith - Coordinator
Tel. 603-859-4700

The Woodman Institute in Dover, NH will open its doors to Guild members on Saturday, July 19, 1997 for a tour of the Institute. The museum boasts a large collection of antique period furniture, tools and paintings in the John P. Hale House, an 1813 brick Federal Style building. Displayed in room settings on two floors, the collection contains numerous highboys, tables, chairs, clocks, desks and other items. Many are attributed to Portsmouth cabinet makers.

As a group, we will be allowed to gently remove drawers, tilt table tops or crawl around pieces to inspect construction details. Don’t forget your notebook and camera.

Also of interest is the Damm Garrison House, an original colonial garrison, built in 1675. The building was relocated, intact, from its original site three miles from the Institute. It houses a collection of 17th century furniture, tools and other artifacts.

The third building, the Woodman House, is another brick, Federal Style house, built in 1818. It houses a natural history collection which contains extensive displays of minerals, fossils, Indian artifacts and mounted mammals, birds and sea life. Period millwork may be seen throughout the house, as well as further examples of furniture. The second floor contains a large collection of Civil War artifacts.

As you may have guessed, the museum contains something for everybody, and all family members are welcome. There will be an admission charge of $3.00 for adults; children under 14 are free.

Deliveries:
Oct. 29/30, 1997, 7:30 am - 4:00 pm
Opening Reception:
Nov. 6, 1997, 7:30 - 9:00 pm
Exhibit Open:
Nov. 7 - Dec. 12, 1997
Gallery Hours:
Tuesday - Saturday, 10 to 4:30 pm
Pick-up:
Dec 13 and 15, 9 - 4 pm

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The flame finial embodies the finest traditions of the crafts of Furniture making, Woodcarving and Turning. It also signifies that our Guild is the flame that keeps the spirit of fine woodworking alive in New Hampshire.

We are working with suppliers to have shirts and caps with the new logo ready for sale in the Guild booth at the Sunapee Fair. Final pricing for these items have not been determined at this time, however they will be priced so that each member can afford to buy and wear them.

Show that you are a Guild of NH Woodworker by wearing a shirt and cap with the Guild logo.

Editor’s Note:
For more info call Jon Siegel at 603-934-2765.

Vacation Time!!
The Guild is sponsoring a three day demonstration of furniture making at the League of NH Craftsmen’s August 1997, Mt. Sunapee Arts and Crafts Fair. Many Guild members, particularly the professionals, are also juried members of the League.

The League provides opportunities to meet other craftsmen, for sharing knowledge and collaboration on work, to gain greater public recognition and to participate in the League’s marketing program. Thus, the Guild and the League share many common goals and are also complementary.

The program for each day will consist of a team of Guild members collaborating to make a complete piece of furniture during the day.

For example, producing a Shaker bed-side table will involve edge gluing and hand planing the top, making a set of tapered legs, making and dovetailing a drawer, mortise and tenoning the legs and rails, final assembly and glue up and final hand scraping.

By having Guild craftsmen share the tasks, the visiting public will see the various skills and steps that go into making a piece of furniture.

In addition, a set of all the components prior to final assembly and a completed piece will be on display to enhance the viewers understanding of the process.

Each day, during the three day demonstration, a different piece of furniture will be made. Other pieces include a Queen Ann stool and a Windsor chair. Focused demonstrations of this type will be more informative and interesting to the general public and will generate a better understanding of the craftsman-ship inherent in furniture produced by Guild members.

Another facet of the demonstrations are two hands-on activities per day for visitors, conducted under the guidance of other Guild members. Previous experience at Guild demonstrations has shown an enthusiastic response to hands-on activities.

For example, a small, foot pedal driven lathe (slow and safe) will give visitors a chance to try their hand at wood turning. Other activities include cabinet scraping, hand planing, joinery and other skills involving handtools, rather than machines.

The League is providing a tent large enough for 5 or 6 woodworkers and their benches, electric power and a table for literature and videos, as well as name tags and passes for Guild volunteers.

Volunteers are needed to conduct the hands on visitor activities each day.

The demonstration days are Saturday, Sunday and Monday, August 2-4, 1997.

Activities and team captains are:

- Saturday, Aug. 2 - Windsor Chair
  Roger Scheffer Tel. 603-542-4367
- Sunday, Aug. 3 - Shaker Table
  Loran Smith Tel. 603-859-4700
- Monday, Aug. 4 - Queen Ann Stool
  David Lamb Tel. 603-783-9912

All 3 days - Volunteers
Wayne Marcoux Tel. 603-624-4230 or NH 1-800-770-4230.

To volunteer to help in these activities, call any of the team captains or Wayne Marcoux.

Guild Planning A Three Day Demonstration At the League of NH Craftsmen’s August 1997 Mount Sunapee Arts and Crafts Fair

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I will take orders at meetings and by phone or mail. The last day for orders will be Saturday, September 20th at the hand plane meeting. The books will arrive at my house about a week later.

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Get your orders in before its too late and you miss out on this great chance to expand your woodworking library at minimum cost.

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We have planned the following meetings:

- September 6, 1997
  Restoration of a Period Home
  Hosted by: George Anderson, Milford, NH
  October 4, 1997
  Vacuum Bags and Clamping
  November 1, 1997
  Elements of Design and Critique of Individual Pieces

Next Issue Publication Date
The next newsletter will be mailed about September 10, 1997.

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What Makes a Chair Stand Up to Abuse? Jere Osgood’s six page article in the July 1997 issue of Home Furniture explains how a few critical joints will keep a dining chair sturdy for decades. This article should be required reading for all chairmakers.

Jere also has just returned home from a trip to the British Isles, where he lectured on furniture making. We are very fortunate to have Jere as a member and a friend.

Federal Furniture Was Revolutionary. This article also in the July issue of Home Furniture is a good primer on Federal Period furniture to read before you visit the Woodman Institute on July 19th and get to see outstanding examples first hand.

Garrett Hack, who will be our host for the September 20th meeting on hand planes has a new Taunton Press book coming out on Hand Planes. Between our trip to Lie-Nielsen and Garrett’s lecture and book, we will have toured the subject of hand planes as completely as possible. Don’t miss this meeting!

Garrett has been doing a lot of writing lately. His article Oil-Varnish Mixture is Durable, Easy to Apply in the January/February issue of Fine Woodworking is an excellent how-to on this popular finish. Highly recommended read-

1997-1998 Woodworkers Calendar

1997

Saturday, July 19, 1997 11 AM
Tour of Woodman Institute, Dover, NH. Display of Federal Period Furniture.
One of the finest museum displays of Federal Period Furniture. See related article on page 2. in this issue. For more information call Loran Smith at 859-4700.

Sat.- Mon. August 2-4, 1997
Guild Demonstrations at LNHC Sunapee Fair
3 days of furniture making demonstrations by 3 teams of Guild members. See related article on page 3. in this issue. For more information call Wayne Marcoux at 603-624-4230 or NH 1-800-770-4230.

Sat.- Sun. August 2-10, 1997
LNHC 64 Annual Craftsmen Fair. Mt. Sunapee State Park, 10-5 pm
Tuesday August 19 through Saturday, September 27, 1997
Furniture Masters Exhibit, NH Historical Society, Concord, NH. For more information call Wayne Marcoux at 603-624-4230 or NH 1-800-770-4230.

Saturday, September 20, 1997
Hand Planes, Garrett Hack at his shop in Thetford, VT, 11 am - 3 pm.
Regular Steering and Business Meetings first. For more information call Garrett Hack at 802-785-4329 or Ed Epremian at 603-763-9208.

Saturday, October 18, 1997
Managing A Small Business Seminar
Pinkerton Academy, Manning Lecture Hall, Ek Science Building, Derry, NH. No Steering or Business Meetings. For more information call Ed Epremian at 603-763-9208.

Wednesday, October 29 and Thursday October 30, 1997
Delivery of Juried Exhibit Pieces, 7:30 am to 4 pm.
The Art Center in Hargate, St, Paul’s School, Concord, NH

Thursday, November 6, 7:30 to 9 pm.
Guild Exhibit Opening Reception, The Art Center in Hargate, St, Paul’s School, Concord, NH

Friday, November 7 through December 11, 1997
Seventh Annual Guild Juried Exhibit, The Art Center in Hargate, St, Paul’s School, Concord, NH.
Gallery hours: Tuesday through Saturday, 10 am to 4:30 pm.

Saturday, November 15, 1997
Basics of Woodcarving, Bill Thomas at his shop in Hillsboro, NH, 11 am - 3 pm.
Regular Steering and Business Meetings first. For more information call Bill Thomas at 603-7478-3488 or Ed Epremian at 603-763-9208.

Saturday, December 13 and Monday, December 15, 1997, Guild Exhibit Pickup, 9 - 4 pm
The Art Center in Hargate, St, Paul’s School, Concord, NH

1998

Saturday, February 21, 1998
Kitchens. For more information call Loran Smith at 603-859-4700 or Ed Epremian at 603-763-9208.

Saturday, April 18, 1998
Wood Carving Symposium For more information call Ed Epremian at 603-763-9208.

Saturday, July 18, 1998
Open House at David Lamb’s New Shop. For more information call David Lamb at 603-783-9912 or Ed Epremian at 603-763-9208.

Saturday, September 19, 1998
Artistry In Wood at Jon Brooks Shop. For more information call Ed Epremian at 603-763-9208.

Saturday, November 19, 1998
Dust Control Workshop. Location to be announced. For more information call Ed Epremian at 603-763-9208.
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Tom Yelgus, Treasurer, GNHWW
10 Woodbine Lane
Merrimack, NH 03054

Any questions? You can call Wayne Marceaux at 603/624-2230.

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For information on our next meeting call...