Once again a group of Guild volunteers donated their work and their time to make our annual participation at the League of NH Craftsmen’s Fair a huge success. For the second year in a row we sold over $13,000 in raffle tickets!

Generous members donated 38 items. A ukulele, items turned on lathes such as bowls, pens, lidded boxes, vases and lamps. Children’s toys, a jewelry box, a Shaker table, a Shaker cabinet an Adirondack chair, scroll saw art and a rocking boat! To show how these items were made we had members carving, turning, sharpening and strumming. These woodworkers shared their time and skills with enthusiastic fairgoers.

Congratulations to the lucky winners and thank you to the generous donors. The quality of your work is the main reason we have had astonishing success with our raffle. We are all woodworkers of a sort. We do it at all levels—beginning amateurs to juried League members. For some it is your profession. We are all fortunate to do something we are passionate about. We also know how much time is involved with each item. Every piece donated contributes to our success. However I’m sure you will agree with me that some items require us to acknowledge a special effort in time and materials.
We were fortunate this year as only six prizes had to be shipped

Chris Downs serves her guests in Plano, TX using Myrl Phelps versatile wine and cheese server
Ruth Russell of Columbia, MO was thrilled to win Hal Liberties wooden toys which she would bring to her church for young children to enjoy
Rita Roberts, Concord, won the other set
Melissa Weddle’s son is using Ned Gelin’s lidded cherry bowl in Chappaqua, NY
Julie McLucas, Sturbridge, MA won Tom Donnelly’s spalted maple bowl
Rod Rogers, Shillington, PA won an unnamed turned candy dish
Candy Snyder, Strafford, has George Connolly’s turned vase

Volunteer delivered

Gail Packing, in Epping and expecting her first child won Jim Ray’s rocking horse! How good is that?
Brianna Taylor, in northwestern MA used all her tickets and won Al Carruth’s Ukulele
Emily Walker, Bedford, picked her own ticket for Ed Bartlett’s clip board
Carole, Atkinson, won Bob Katz’s hollow bowl
J Heath, Sanbornton, George Connolly’s red heart bowl
Christie Hillman of the League of NH Craftsmen won Bill Frosts curly maple servers!
Rachel Ross, Randolph, Mike DiMaggio’s turned mahogany lamp
Dave Dearborn, Manchester, Bill Taylor’s Jewelry Box
Wendy Norris, Providence, RI stopped by exit 10 Rt 89 and I handed her George Connolly’s box elder bowl
K Paris, Manchester, NH George Connolly’s maple bowl
Tom Donnelly Guild member from Amherst, MA Bob Katz’s scroll sawed “Dancers”
Nancy Dolney, Bristol, Marcel Durrette’s cherry/walnut lidded bowl—Hope she sees the top is also a top
Harold, Andover, MA won Tim Elliot’s walnut cherry nightstand bowl
Louise, Bristol, Norm Miner’s maple walnut bowl
Cooky, Bedford, Ron Blais’s true stone turned pen
Doreen, Concord, Ron Pouliot’s Cherry Bowl
Tina, New Hampton, is enjoying Ken Chase’s bear
Debbie Kinson, Grantham, won Ron Jannino’s segmented bowl
Barbara Brown, picked up John Willse’s PO Box bank at the fair
K Gould, Lebanon, Bob DeAngeles’s large cherry bowl
Ralph Weir, New Boston was also at the fair when he won Claude Dupuis’ yarn bowl
Nancy Birkrem, Canaan, Bob Katz’s scroll sawed Anasazi Dream
Carol Fonden, Nashua, won Dick Weiss’s turned and carved black birch bowl
Marie Drolin, Lawrence, MA, Dave Harris’s cherry bowl
Valerie Santullo, Newberg NY was in Sunapee when she won Ken Chases carved “Tiger”
Sally, Keene, Gary Canning’s Shaker side table
Bailey, Salem, won Les Huckins child’s night light
Olivia W, Bedford, also picked her own ticket for Jim Gold’s turned pen
Kevin Hall, Lowell, MA, Steve Costain’s Shaker chimney cabinet
Julie Spencer, Nashua, Jim Cosine’s Adirondack chair
Checking back on my records, it looks like Jim Cosine has been donating his signature mahogany Adirondack chair every year since 2010, sometimes with footrest or side table. It is almost always the biggest ticket seller and is usually occupied by fairgoers. We thank you Jim.

You had some competition this year and I think it's a tie for ticket sales (I'm still counting). Steve Costain donated a Shaker Chimney cabinet…with conditions that is…He used traditional pine and it called for a milk paint finish. He doesn’t do milk paint finishes. That said, I contacted Priscilla Chellis who made Fred's work look so good. Well she did it again this time for Steve. Thanks for such a special donation.

I think Gary Canning has donated three Shaker side tables always generating questions about the excellent finish. When selling tickets we happily direct questions to the maker. Thanks Gary, for all your help.

Alan Carruth was holding forth in the tent a few years ago, demonstrating his talent for creating guitars. I inquired about the chance of him donating a dulcimer in the future. He did…and also brought along a ukulele for the raffle. Both were won by musicians. Well he did it again this year and again I had the joy of contacting the winner—a very happy musician who as I stated earlier had put all her tickets in the jar. Thanks Alan for your generosity and good company at Sunapee.

Thank all of you who participate at Sunapee. It's a special place, a special event and the Guild of NH Woodworkers is very special organization—Al Hansen.
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