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The Newsletter of the Guild of New Hampshire Woodworkers

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Awards

The Guild of New Hampshire Woodworkers has promoted woodworking now for 25 years. Over this time numerous people have contributed to the organization, many without picking up a piece of wood. It is not possible to identify everyone, but all should know that every contribution made has been greatly appreciated.

At September's Annual Meeting, three of these people were not only identified, but brought forward for recognition. Claude Dupuis was thanked for serving two years as the Guild's president. He has also served as Secretary and Vice President. The Guild presented Claude with an engraved Lie-Nielsen Low Angle Smoothing Plane.

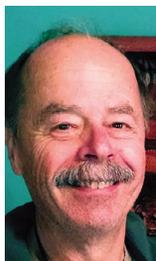
Dave Emerson, one of the Guild's founding members, presented Dick Weiss with a plaque recognizing his contributions to the Tools for Kids program run as a part of the Guild's participation at the League of NH Craftsmen's



Gavel made by Claude Dupuis, engraving by Donna Banfield

Sunapee Fair. Dave recalled the many hours and incredible dedication Dick put in working with the children and keeping the program going. A Guild member since 2007, Dick has participated in many Guild and Granite State Woodturners (GSWT) events.

Guild President Mike DiMaggio, whose own membership began in December 2012, had the honor of presenting one of the Guild's highest recognitions, a Guild Appreciation Award to a



Dick Weiss



Jon Siegel



Claude Dupuis

member whose tenure began April 28, 1990 at the first meeting of the Guild—Jon Siegel. Jon's participation includes terms as president of the GSWT as well as the Guild itself. He has not only written many articles for The Journal and The Old Saw, he established and was the first editor of The Old Saw, giving the newsletter its name. He is well known for doing many turning demonstrations and presentations, but his most valuable contribution has gone unnoticed, perhaps as it has accrued over time. At that first meeting in 1990, Jon agreed to participate in managing this new organization of woodworkers,

and has been on, what would become known as the Steering Committee (SC), ever since. Twenty five years of committee assignments, pitching in, making calls, and doing the Guild's business. His continuing presence gives the Steering Committee grounding and stability. Claude Dupuis wrote in The Journal, "Jon is many times the voice of reason in complicated and controversial discussions regarding the Guild bylaws, rules and policies." The Guild is truly fortunate to have one of its founders twenty five years later remind us on the SC of what the Guild is all about—AS. ●



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