

Guild of Maine Woodworkers Inc

October 2019 Meeting

Attendance: Frank Southard, Wes Sunderland, Pat Sunderland, Ron Boes, Rolf Dries, Jeff Perry, Jim Hanscom, Mo O'Brien, Gordon Swenson, Randy Mayse, Forrest Proctor, and David Redden

The Guild held a monthly meeting in Sidney on Oct. 15th hosted by Frank Southard in which 11 additional members attended. Frank's shop was nicely crowded as the interesting "show and tell" session got underway.

Wes had an unusual large "core box plane" that he explained how it functioned as well as a smaller plane of the same nature demonstrating the cutting action it made to form a hollow cylinder shape. The basic core box plane was invented for the use by patternmakers.

Following that demo, Wes also displayed his new toolbox front panel cover that reflected a carving design typical of 17th century furniture makers of the Jacobean era (also known in the colonies as the Pilgrim period). Included were many samples on boards of typical carving forms as both practice chisel action and as examples of carved forms in that style.

Then Forrest Proctor displayed a rather large bowl in maple that showed signs of "spalted maple" and some burl figured grain. The bowl reflected some very interesting grain patterns. Talk included turning techniques, finishing materials, and selection of woods as well as variations of mounting on a lathe. Gordon Swanson also produced three turned vessels of very different turned wood assemblies. First was a small bowl like container having very thin walls. The curing treatment produced an interesting result with the thin walls. Also, he had two bowls having interesting "segmented" like assemblies of the wood prepared for turning. One bowl reflected an interesting grain pattern as a result of the stacking with the cut segmented pieces. The final small bowl was an extremely interesting stacked arrangement. The initial preparation of the soon to be stacked parts had sliding dovetails manufactured into the wood prior to cutting into graduated rings and stacking for gluing. When the bowl was turned to final shape, the stacked rings showed rather perfect dovetails within the walls of the bowl. If it was not known that the initial preparation of stock included sliding dovetail assembly, it would be difficult to imagine how these tails got inserted into the bowl's construction. Truly an eyeopener!

This meeting's "show & tell" session resulted in one of the better events that the Guild has held. This event is becoming an interesting highlight of the meetings.

Wes followed with a brief demonstration in the cutting on a table saw of a small part that was to be employed as a holding devise for various tools in his new toolbox. The part was slender in size and only 4 inches long. A block of wood first guided the piece squarely across the saw blade to cut a dado centered in it. Then the block had a notch made in it to position the 4 inch piece to receive tapered edges. This was impossible to hold by fingers. It was demonstrated to include the point of an awl against an item and securely hold the fragile pieces in the notch as it was cut and passed by the blade. Just an interesting solution to safely cut a small piece.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia Sunderland, Acting Secretary