

**Guild of Maine Woodworkers**  
**February 2020 Meeting**

**Attendance:** Wes Sunderland, Pat Sunderland, Gordon Swenson , Ron Boes, Rolf Dries, Bill Lewis, Barbara White, David Redden, Jeff Perry, Bob Kearney, Stig Ammentorp, Jim Hanscomb, Randy Mayse, and Ken King. Brad Bowling joined the meeting; potentially a new member!

**Opening:** The guild held a monthly meeting in Wells on February 25<sup>th</sup> hosted by Gordon Swenson in which 15 attended. Gordon gave a quick tour of his basement shop which is equipped with a complete selection of power tools, hand tools, jigs, and multiple worktables for different tasks.

Wes called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

**New Business:**

- **Board Vacancy:** Wes informed us that Bob Landry has resigned from the guild leaving a vacancy on the Board of Directors. He asked for a volunteer to take his place. The key responsibility is to attend the annual business meeting for election of officers and general guild business.. Pat said she needs to know by March 31<sup>st</sup>. Anyone interested should contact Wes or Pat as soon as possible. Current board members are:
  - Ron Boes, Rolf Dries, Randy Mayse – Expires 2022
  - **Vacant**, Wes Sunderland, Bob Kearney – Expires 2020
  - Frank Southard, Forrest Procter, Bill Lewis – Expires 2021
- **Next Meeting:** March Quarterly Meeting will be held Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup>. Jim Hanscomb and his wife have extensive knowledge and experience with restoring old houses and will provide a presentation on old house restoration. The meeting will start at 10:00 a.m. Wes will provide location details via email.
- **April Meeting:** A host is needed for April's meeting. Anyone interested, please contact Pat or Wes.
- **Introductions:** With some new/newer/potential members in attendance, we each introduced ourselves and provided a bit of background on our woodworking experience.

**Show and Tell:**

- Stig presented a three legged shaker style round top table in birds eye maple. It was designed by his wife from a picture of a similar table. The top was cut on a bandsaw. The base was turned on a lathe and the legs attached to the base with dovetailed joints.
- Wes presented a varied array of scraping planes for smoothing wood. Prior to the invention of sandpaper in the mid 1830's, final smoothing of wood was done with scrapers.

Wes also demonstrated card scraper sharpening. This is basically a 3-step process. First, square both edges to 90<sup>o</sup> with a file; second, hone the edges on a stone; third, burnish the edge at about a 10<sup>o</sup>– 15<sup>o</sup> angle to create a hook on the edge.

- Gordon presented a jewelry cabinet he built for his wife. He joined the drawers with half blind dovetails which he demonstrated. One of the advantages of this type of joinery is that it's easy to hide small sawing mistakes as the tails are housed in sockets in the ends of the boards and cannot be seen. Gordon cuts the tails on the bandsaw using a special jig he created. He uses a router to cut the sockets. This process is detailed in Fine Woodworking Volume 219, June 2011.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m. The next meeting will be the quarterly meeting on Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Respectfully Submitted**  
**Barbara White, Secretary**