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NEWSLETTER

GUILD OF MAINE WOODWORKERS



ON the COVER

Greg Dougherty's cover photo, crafted the fine dovetailed corner constructed box with a lid. The stepped molded basket feet lends to size and balance of the box. Exquisitely painted script with border and bracket hardware corners.

Right: The drinking cup artistically turned has an open twist base hollowed out. Unique in design and wood features.

By Greg



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Statement: All woodworkers from beginners and hobbyists to professionals, are invited to join the Guild of Maine Woodworkers where individuals meet and share their skills and knowledge. Meetings include demonstrations, tool discussions, as well as the popular “show & tell” events where members show their woodworking projects, tools & gadgets. Furthermore, the guild conducts “sub-groups” when individual members select a specific group to fulfill their interest in woodworking activities. (see “sub-group” for details) Meetings rotate among member’s shops, where perhaps you’ll get some ideas for your shop. If you need help with a project, the Guild is the place to be.

Calendar of Events

<u>Date</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Host</u>	<u>Location</u>
Feb.14	Guild Shop Meeting	completed	
Mar.21	Guild Field Trip (Dan Faia shop)	competed	
April 4	BIG sub-group	completed	
Apr. 11	Guild Shop Meeting	competed	
Apr. 18	Furniture Sub-group	completed	
May 9	Tool Making sub-group	completed	
June. 13	Guild Shop Meeting	completed	
June. 20	Furniture-Drawer making group	completed	
July 11	Tool Making—blade hardening	Steve Smith	Lovel
Sept. 26	Annual Guild Picnic	Barbara White	Yarmouth
Oct. 10	Guild Shop Meeting	Mark Tschiegg	Scarborough
Dec. 12	Annual Business Meeting	Barbara White	Yarmouth
Sub-group meetings		TBD: Schedule arranged by group lead & members.	
Guild Tour TBD,		NO Guild Shop Meetings during July & August - summer	

GUILD OFFICERS

Annual vote position

President	Barbara White	Secretary	Rob Cort
Vice President	Mark Tschiegg	Treasurer	John Vogt

Web Administer: by MarkTschiegg (not an annual vote position)

(year end of term)

BOARD of DIRECTORS

2026

Rob Cort

Wes Sunderland

2027

Mark Tschiegg

Robert Kearney

Stephen Smith

2028

Rolf Dries

Randy Mayse

SUB-GROUPS: Groups are organized by members to initiate specific interest activities.

BIG—Beginner & Intermediate Group CNC—Computer Numerically Controlled Group.

Tool Making—Innovated Hand Tools Carving—Art Work with carving chisels.

Furniture Making—Design and fabricating various selections of household furniture.

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Employs opportunities to incorporate skills learned from BIG group.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

What do you write when you can't think of a topic, or you have too many topics floating around inside your brain? Musings. Reflections. Whatever comes to mind as my fingers float along the keyboard.

When your enthusiasm and motivation for woodworking is waning; when the creative juices aren't flowing and the last build was disappointing, what do you do? You could do nothing, or read a woodworking magazine for inspiration and tips. What? You don't have any woodworking journals? Steve Smith has years and years of Fine Woodworking magazines. I'm sure you can find an inspiring project within. Call Steve. Tell him you want at least 12 magazines. It's a good solution for kickstarting a dry spell. Sitting in my sling back chair in my shop and browsing through a stack of Steve's Fine Woodworking magazines, generates ideas.

A walk in the woods can generate inspiration. A fallen tree with a bend in a limb – the perfect shape for a coat hook. Or, the tree, depending on its dimensions, could become a coat rack.

Observe the spalting that happens with decaying woods. Spalted oak or maple, plentiful in the Maine woods, turns your piece into a work of art. The dark lines and streaks and patches of color create intricate, decorative patterns, highly prized for their aesthetic appeal in woodworking and furniture making.

Rekindling the spark takes many forms – spend a day at an art museum, browse the showrooms of Thomas Moser or Chilton Furniture, read about the history or furniture of art. You never know from where inspiration will come.

PRESIDENT MESSAGE continued

How do I find inspiration? All of the above, as well as travel, spending time with professional woodworkers, browsing the scrap bins at lumber yards. During our field trip to Atlantic Hardwoods in May, a piece of walnut caught my eye. The color and grain were hidden until I flattened and planed it. Beautiful. Ready for inspiration. I set it aside until the need arose. Two weeks ago, the need arose, but the walnut was nowhere to be found.

Today, two weeks later, I was rifling through my thin strips on the shelf under my workbench for a piece of maple to contrast against some sapele. What do you know, my walnut was sitting on top. Why did I put it there? How could I have missed seeing it? Questions that have no answers. The sapele was a substitute for the walnut. Now that the walnut has appeared, I can move forward with my plans a contrast to maple and ash for a charcuterie board and other ideas still percolating.

Another idea came to me recently. I have a cheap, pine side table from HomeGoods that was gifted to me. I never cared for it, and it is bigger than the space warrants, but better than no table. Yesterday I decided to wash its tablecloth. Looking at the naked table, I realized I could make a replacement with the proper sized tabletop – I have a circle cutting jig. I imagine one of our wood turners would help me turn a simple pedestal. The legs – I can cut those out on my bandsaw.

Inspiration comes in spurts, out of the blue. You never know when. Embrace it.

Carry on wherever your thoughts take you.

**Barbara White, President
Guild of Maine Woodworkers.**

Guild of Maine Woodworkers
JUNE BUSINESS MEETING
June 13, 2026 10:00 AM
Location: Wes Sunderland's shop in West Baldwin
Hosting Meeting: Barbara White

Attendees: Barbara White, Bill Lewis, Curtis Ball, David Lee, Drew LaMosse, Jim Hanscom, Joe Elitchaa, Nathan Gardner, Peter Wolff, Randall Mayse, Rob Cort, Ron Ledoux, Stephen Hessert, Steve Schneider, Steve Smith, Wes Sunderland Two guests joined us: Greg Daugherty, who has recently joined the Guild, and Art Dewire.

Peter Wolff, Greg Daughtery, and Art Dewire gave an overview of their woodworking skills.

February Business Meeting minutes approved as written.

Treasures Report: Barbara gave a brief overview in lieu of our Treasurer, who was unable to attend.

Our membership is growing. We are now 37 members strong. We talked about future meeting locations that would be able to support a larger group, A few ideas were discussed such as public libraries, community centers, and buying a tent. With no woodworking equipment at the larger venues, our meetings would lean on more show and tell and maybe videos instead of demonstrations.

Field Trip thoughts for the future could include:

- Highland Hardwood Brentwood, NH
- Vintage Tool Shop Fremont, NH
- Goose Bay Lumber Chichester, NH

Show and Tell:

Wes - Showed a scrub plane he built. He also showed a bevel square gauge that his tool making subgroup is building at their shops.

Susan - Sent a picture of a Spanish Cedar hanging plant holder that she built that was shown by Barbara.

Steve - Had a box of old Fine Woodworking magazines that he asked the members to take as many as they wanted home.

Barbara - Shared a recent traditional joinery class that she took at Daniel Fairs workshop and showed a mortise and tenon joint and a lap joint she cut by hand. She has a handmade drill press table she would like to give away

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Steve - Showed a very elaborate sand table. It was built with activators that steer a magnet which pushes a steel ball to make designs in the sand.

Joe - Is downsizing his shop. He has many items for sale including a tool chest, storage desk, workbench and other items.

Drew - Described a lolling coffee table that he built.

Ron - Showed a corner squaring stick that he built.

David - Described a crown/joint and a bridal/joint he handmade involving a table and bench.

Steve - Has many types of motors he would like to sell or give away.

Greg - Has many old tools he would like to give away including a radial arm saw, 6" jointer, Delta planner, vise and more.

Wes - Gave a demonstration from a Popular Woodworking 2013 magazine: How to scoop out a chair seat jig.

PLEASE NOTE: Please bring your own safety equipment when visiting shops. This may include googles, ear protection, dust masks, and/or gloves. You are responsible for your own safety.

Upcoming Subgroup meetings

CNC Subgroup

6/20/2610am

Deb's shop 8 Glover St Brunswick ME

Subject: CNC maintenance

Furniture Subgroup

8/4/26 5:30pm

Randy's shop 51 Turkey Lane Buxton ME

Discuss: issues and successes encountered building drawers with various methods,

Meeting adjourned at 12:21 pm

Respectfully submitted by Rob Cort, Secretary

**Guild of Maine Woodworkers
Furniture Sub-group
Meeting Minutes
May 20, 2026**

Host: Randy Mayse's shop

Start time: 5:30PM

Attendees: Stephen Hessert, Claude Bourgoïn, Susan Chandler, Ron Ledoux, Rob Cort, Barbara White, Steve Smith, Wes Sunderland, Bob Kearney, and Randy Mayse

Group leader: Randy Mayse

After discussions it was decided that our first project will be building and fitting drawers to a box. The various methods of construction will give us options to learn from.

The group chose, Wes, Stephen and Randy as mentors to form smaller workable groups and will meet their shops for this project.

The whole group will meet up again 5:30 August 4th at Randy's shop to discuss issues and successes encountered and plan the next step.

The meeting ended at 7:30

Respectfully submitted,

Randy Mayse

B.I.G. Sub-group (Beginner-Intermediate-Group)

The BIG sub-group MEETING, held in April, participated in a hands-on craft instructed by Mark Tschiegg. This involved making a handle grip type hardware fabricated with rope. This includes an intricate and orderly process to result with a fine fitted handle for lifting whatever it might be attached to, usually a box type object.

The handle mounted on a practice board.



The finished product on a drawer front

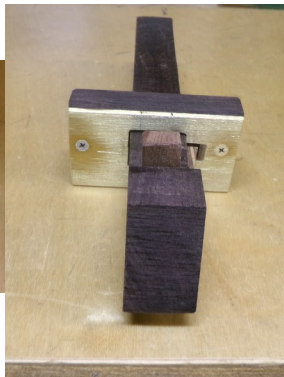


TOOL MAKING - Sub-Group

May 9th, the tool making sub-group gathered at Wes' shop to discuss the choice of tool to be fabricated. Two small marking tools were presented, a marking gauge with wedge holding mechanism, and a bevel square. Wes prepared parts to demonstrate the bevel square construction and a marking gauge had been previously constructed. The tool making group reviews construction and back at the member's home shop crafts the tool of choice.



Wedge held marking gauge



The FINISHED PRODUCT



Wes' Bevel Square - parts only



Steve Smith's Bevel Gauge Finished.



Wes' Bevel Gauge Finished

PHOTO GALLERY

The following pages show various current woodwork projects by the Guild membership. Submitted were approximately 40 photos. Several not printed due to space, content and background clutter. Shown is a collection of interesting and cleverly crafted objects.



Picnic bench by Kurt Gagnon

A historically designed Roman workbench
by Steve Smith

(Perhaps) a folding bench by Curt



Small Log
pencil holder
Barbara White



Table—possibly
curly maple
Drew



PHOTO GALLERY



Shop cabinet router work surface and tool storage By—Steve Smith

Small utility table

By: Rob Brand

small storage chest of drawers

