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ON THE COVER

The Grain was just about perfect. Hollow 3/8" wd. plane rounding a profile on a sash muntin. Crafting a storm sash for an entrance door. All white pine at 1-1/4thickness.



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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 interests 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.

NOTICE: With the intent to share other Guild member's woodwork skills, a continuous request for individuals to submit a photo or two illustrating projects of interest. It is wonderful to share one's inventive ability and one's crafting techniques with other members. This helps to promote the Guild's mission to share skills and crafting knowledge to others.

Calendar of Events

DATE	ITEM	HOST	LOCATION
February –to– August		Completed	
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**

Builf Tours **TBD** **NO Guild shop meetings during July & August—summer time**

GUILD OFFICERS

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

Web Administrator: Mark Tschiegg (not an annual vote position)

BOARD of DIRECTORS

(year end of term)

2026	2027	2028
Rob Cort	Mark Tschiegg	Rolf Dries
Wes Sunderland	Robert Kearney	Randy Mayse
	Stephen Smith	

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—Designed & Fabricated various selections of household furniture

Employs opportunities to incorporate skills learned from BIG group.

My reflections last quarter focused on the idea of inspiration. As often happens, another bit of inspiration came along when I least expected it.

While making a checkerboard inlay for our next BIG workshop, I paused for a sip of coffee and glanced out of my window. The fall colors—reds, golds, and worm autumn hues—caught my attention. I looked back at the maple and walnut checkerboard in front of me and suddenly had an idea: why not combine the wood inlay with resin in rich autumn colors, perhaps shades of amber and crimson? The contrast could be beautiful. So, of course, the resin has been ordered!

Events of the Quarter:

Our guild continues to grow, and this quarter we welcomed 5 new members: Art DeWire, Curtis Ball, Drew LaMosse, Greg Dougherty, and Peter Wolff. We're delighted to have you with us.

Our sub-groups collectively held workshops and demonstrations, providing plenty of opportunities to learn, share ideas, and work on our craft together.

In August, we took our second field trip of the year, visiting Atlantic Hardwoods. Our host, Mark McGhee, gave us a informative and interesting tour. We learned how to calculate board feet, explored the differences in hardness and porosity among various wood species, and even learned a method or distinguishing white oak from red oak—you can actually low water through the wood!

In September, Barney and I hosted 26 members and guests at the guilds annual picnic. We enjoyed delicious food, great conversation, and a successful Silent Auction. It was a wonderful gathering. Once again, the Weather Gods came through with acceptable weather. The rain held off, enabling us to congregate outside.

What's Next: Our next general meeting will be October 10 at Mark Tschiegg's shop. Jose Ramos from Rockler Woodworking will lead a demonstration and workshop on Ebonizing Wood. It should be another great opportunity to learn something new and add another technique to our woodworking toolbox. We'll take a break in November. Then, in December, we'll gather for our annual business meeting and potluck. After lunch, we'll have show-and-tells, demonstrations, and Q&A. Be sure to check the calendar on our website for the time and location.

As autumn settles in, I encourage all of us to embrace the slower pacr of the season and take time to focus on our craft. Just as nature takes its time to transform, our skills and projects take time to develop.

Woodworking is my passion, but I've learned that becoming better at it doesn't happen overnight. It takes patience, practice, and sometimes simply taking the advice to "just do it". After all, how else will we learn? This guild has given me the confidence, encouragement, and opportunities to continue developing my skills. I hope it does the same for each of you.

Happy woodworking, and enjoy the beauty of the season!

Susan Chandler's Endeavors

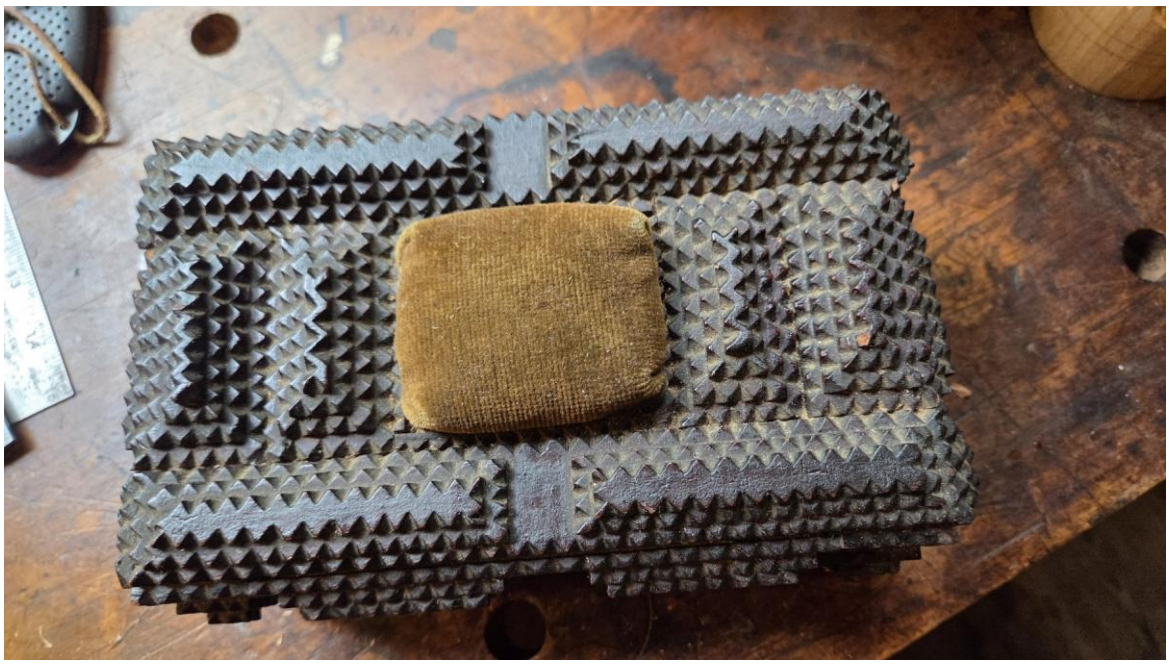






SUSAN'S Endeavors with KENNETH











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Susan Chandler's

Chip carving class

Endeavors ….. at

Maine Coast Craft School