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Upcoming Meeting Information

Next Meeting: January 16th, 2007 (3rd Tuesday!)

Location: Lehigh Co. Senior Center
1633 Elm Street
Allentown, PA

Speakers and topics:

Fred "the entertainer" Matlack! Band saw boxes!
Take 10 – Members Q&A session

December Meeting Highlights

The annual Christmas party is one that, as newsletter editor, I love. Cause I do not have anything to write. Just photos of members sharing some casual time with one another.

Merry Christmas. I try to keep this newsletter on woodworking and related topics, but every now and then, a subject comes up that I want to touch on. Merry Christmas. I, and many of us, grew up in a time when things were simple. We grew up in a society where our Judeo-Christian roots prevailed. Perhaps that was a bad thing and other people felt excluded from the concept of Christmas, which is wrong from a conceptual standpoint. As a kid, Christmas was a time for excitement. Family gatherings, food, toys, seeing people you loved and sharing the day with them. It was not for kids, it was for every one. There was only one TV and one phonograph (there was no stereo then), so people listened to the same music and watched the same shows. A Christmas Carol. Miracle on 34th street. Holiday Inn. White Christmas. The variety shows all had Christmas Specials. It was a way for kids to connect with parents and family. Now kids have their own TVs and their own stereos and Ipods. The connection is getting blurred. I am glad that my stepson does share some of the traditions that my wife

and I grew up with. But the younger kids may not. That is sad.



Santa made a surprise appearance at the Guild Holiday meeting! Thanks for stopping by, Santa!

I grew up in an Italian/ Irish/ Black/ Jewish town. We knew a certain diversity before they called it that. Our home happened to be next to a Jewish Synagogue. So we came in touch that culture at a young age. Our family was taught that the Christian faith sprung up from Jewish roots. We respected their traditions. Now we have many faiths to consider in our melting pot. And some individuals who do not believe in a supreme being. However, the spirit of "Merry Christmas" should, in people's hearts and minds, transcend the religious foundations. It should mean peace and love. To everyone. It should be a time when we look to what is right and good and act in that fashion - To others and to ourselves. Yes, for those of us who are people of a Christian religious faith, we hold images of nativity scenes and Christmas trees. I do not believe that we seek to impose our religions on people, but invite them to share in the warmth of the season. I hope that we do not revise history to eliminate the concepts that things like the ten commandments teach – do what is right. You do not need to be of a certain religion to understand them.

In a spirit that hopefully transcends religion, we should reach out to all in good faith. In the spirit of the meaning, Merry Christmas to All and a Happy and healthy New Year!

OK, I confess, I did not capture all the names of the winners, but you know who you are, so captions may not have your name!



The cake! It was good, but not like Mary Ellen makes!



Members awaiting the meeting kick off.



The incomparable Andy Anderson opened the meeting with a rendition of Silent Night. There was not a dry eye in the room when he finished. In fact, we were lucky if there was ANYONE in the room when he finished!



Lets get going, already!!



The pledge to the flag.



A guild member waiting to see if there is any money in that purse!!



Thief caught! Looks like he snagged a flashlight and maybe a pack of Wrigley's gum! Book'em!



Gerry Chuisano had to fight Andy Anderson for the nice tool tote! Hey, his number was picked by the incompetent Bob Lindenmuth, so he won it!



Winner of the WOODCRAFT gift certificate! Tom Enot!

Many gifts were handed out, donated by Woodcraft. Others came from vendors. Nice to have some goodies to hand out and thanks to Ray and Mary Winkler of Woodcraft for their continued generosity to the Guild! Dave Dreher also donated some flashlights! Thanks, Dave!



Ken Muth hiding from the camera, Judy posing nicely, and Tom Evans translating. Mary Ellen was not with us that evening as she was awaiting surgery. We all wish her the best, Thank god Tom did not bake our cake!!



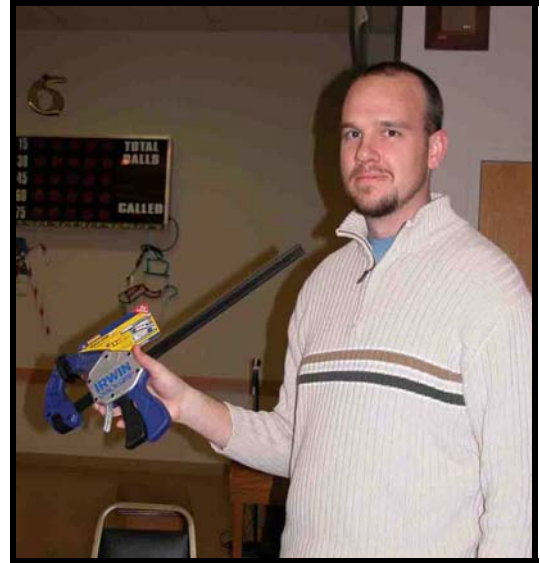
Looks like a Tee shirt winner!



Dan Wilson – must have won a DeWalt hat, you think? A fellow AT&T employee!



This lucky fellow won a thing with a power cord! I do not know what the thing is, but I can see the power cord, so I got that right anyway!



Winner of a nice Irwin clamp. Irwin sent two to Dave Dreher, our former president and founder as demos, thinking that he was still affiliated with the team. Dave had every right to keep them, but turned them in to us as gifts. Nice guy!



I'll be darned if I know what this fellow won, but from his expression, he may be trying to figure that out too!

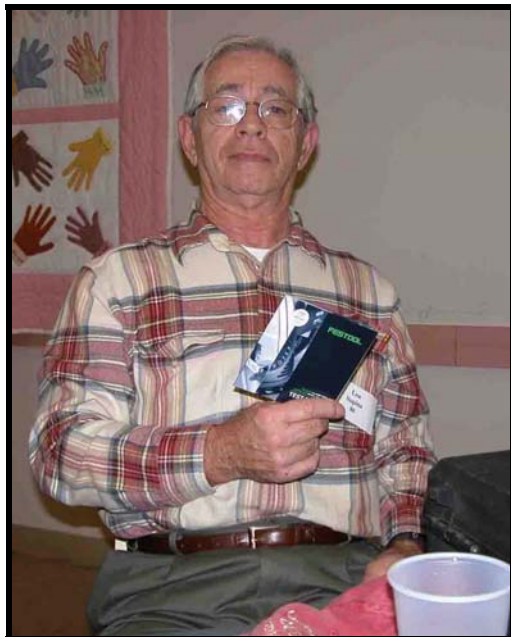
The person who pulled the numbers of winners was Bob Lindenmuth. All I can say is that I won NOTHING and had my number in the can three times. Bob, I do not know what you do for a living, but stay away from number picking if you want to find your car in one piece when you leave work at night!!



The Grumbine family! Looks like Bill won a FESTOOL DVD. Bill, such a nice family. How do they tolerate you? Seriously, Bill is a very family oriented guy, and I like him in spite of myself!



Steve Kirk enjoying a small portion of cake.



Lou Supina, who does so much for this guild, won a FESTOOL DVD as well.



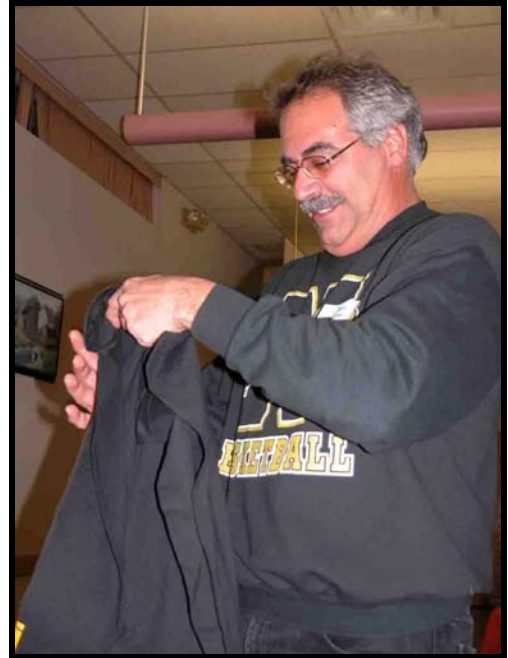
Another prize winner. Did I mention that I would like to thank Bob Lindenmuth for not drawing any of my numbers?



The last of the FESTOOL DVD winners. They came with some coupon inside as I understand it.



I do not know if Poppy won something or if this was just a grab shot!



Terry Green, owner of that great home shop we saw in the Virtual Tour (Thanks Terry!) wins a shirt – or a very small tarp. He look pleased!



This is a blurry photo, but no one can mistake Adolph's warm smile!



Last of our photos of prize winners!



Quentin won the other Irwin clamp!

HELP WANTED – Tony O’Malley!

Good opportunity here from Tony O’Malley if you have what it takes! His new shop looks great!

Help Wanted. Tony O’Malley is looking for capable help in his Emmaus custom woodworking shop. Great equipment, comfortable shop atmosphere, diverse projects. Flexible opportunity, from part time to full time to independent sub-contractor basis. Call Tony @ 610-428-0392. See recent work at www.tonycustomwood.com

And the Woodcraft winner is...

Shown in the prior section!!!!

Steering Committee Meeting Notes

No notes available at press time.

VIRTUAL SHOP TOURS! AGAIN!

I guess we are all out of virtual shop tours. Maybe a presentation of your tool box or car trunk? I love it....

Wood Specials

SHADY LANE TREE FARM

Louise & Mike Peters
5220 Shimerville Road
Emmaus, PA
610 965-5612 Please call

FLEETWOOD LUMBER & FLOORING

BILL BURKERT
27 Rapp Rd.
Fleetwood, PA
610 944-8364 Please call

Member discount 5%

Bailey Wood Products, Inc.

441 Mountain Rd.
RD#2 Box 38
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Member’s Mart – For Sale

- Andy got the aprons! \$20 per apron. Nice stuff!

2007 Meeting Calendar:

Month	Topic	Speaker
January 16th	Band Saw Boxes	Fred Matlack!
February 20th	Possible DVD show of Craig Bentzley's shop tour!	
March 20th	Grumbine Turns!	Bill Grumbine!
April 17th	Carving	Phil Alcock – NJ Professional Woodworkers Guild
May		
June		
July		

NEXT MEETING – Tuesday, January 16th, Starting at 7:30, sharp. Allow time to arrive and be seated before start time.

Location: Lehigh Co. Senior Center

Topics:

- Fred Matlack – **BAND SAW BOXES!!**
- Take Ten – 10 minute Q&A problem solver session

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