

# From The Shop



## *The Newsletter of the Lehigh Valley Woodworkers' Guild*

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**Meeting**      **April 18, 2006 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues**

**Place:**        **Lehigh County Sr.Center**  
**1633 Elm St. Allentown, Pa.**  
**Robert Ortiz will give an Encore**

**Program**      **presentation on his Sofia line of**  
**furniture.**

### **Lest We Forget His Laughter:**

April 1<sup>st</sup> marked the first anniversary of the passing of our great friend Angelo Triandafilou. A commemorative mass was held at the Hellenic Orthodox Church of Annunciation on April 2<sup>nd</sup> in Easton. The crowd of family and friends were there to pay tribute to a man who freely gave of himself to family, friends and community.

### **As the Guild grows:**

Month after month, year after year, the Guild meetings and functions continue. Month after month, year after year, members pay their dues and attend meetings. Some individuals continue to attend meetings and enjoy refreshments and the presentations, but do not pay their dues!

Meetings, refreshments, books, presentations, how does all this happen? Year after year it is the same members who do all the work! And these members need relief.

More hands spread the workload. To be an effective organization we need active participation from our members. It is your Guild. For the Guild to continue and to succeed we need active participation of the membership.

Volunteers are needed for these tasks:

1. Presentations - Soliciting qualified individuals to make a presentation.
2. Wood Suppliers - Finding new sources for wood - monthly updates for the newsletter.

3. Taunton Press - Contact with publisher, take book orders, and distribute books.

4. Refreshments - Purchase refreshments for meetings - you are reimbursed at the meeting.

Anyone interested in helping with these tasks, please talk with Russ Reinhard or any member of the Steering Committee at the meeting.

Respectfully submitted: Lou Supina

**Last Call:** Guild dues of \$36./ year are **Payable in January**. It is our opinion that three months is more than enough time to allow for forgetfulness. Therefore, unless otherwise notified, we will no longer send a newsletter to the following people. If you feel that we have made an error in your status please call Andy Anderson at 610-965-4828 to make a correction.

Beers, Brazina, Cavanaugh, Deevy, Dewey, Doyle, Egan, Frank, Giannelli, Herman, Jacob, LaBanz, MacBride, McKenzie, Nichols, Niece, Ratcliff, Shaw, Thomas, Urankar, Young

### **Time to Spectate:**

The Guild was born in the latter half of 1995 with first meeting in December. I joined in March, 1997. It did not take too many fingers and toes to count the membership in those years, but we were a dedicated group that spread the word and membership started to climb. As with any organization, if you expect great results you need great input. David Dreher gets the credit, along with Dan Manturi, Bob Tinsman and a few others for getting things going.

Dan Manturi took on the job of taking pictures at the meetings and then writing the newsletter. I do not know when the first issue was, but my personal copies start with March 1997. Dan wrote his last issue in December 2001. The press of business, lack of time and depletion of energy all contributed to Dan's decision to pass the torch and I grabbed it.

I have received a lot of help since the January 2002 start. Angelo jumped right in to take the pictures, and to help me learn what Microsoft Word was all about. When he passed, Gary Hunchar became the photographer. Sweetie, AKA Helen Patterson, was a great help in formatting the pictures for me because I did not know how to get them from the file into the spaces where I wanted them to go. Thanks to my friends and a lot of practice I have since figured out how to accomplish this electronic sleight of hand maneuver in Microsoft Word without causing copy to disappear. And finally, Bob Tinsman, who handled all of the mailing chores.

The job of writing the newsletter has been a lot of fun for me, but over time, the deadlines, picture problems, computer problems, energy problems and time constraints have taken their toll. I need my time and energy to address other things that have been neglected. This issue is the fifty-first issue that I have written, and it will be my last.

I will occasionally submit an article or book review to keep my hand in the writing game, but there will not be any deadlines to meet. Thanks for your past support and comments.

To anyone out there who aspires to test themselves in the arena of Creative Writing, the torch is in the air.  
**Art Silva**

**Ken Burton** will be the presenter at the May 16<sup>th</sup>. meeting. Ken has not shared the topic yet, but stay tuned to this space.

**Drag-in & Brag-on:**



**Frank Van Houck** made his first appearance in this segment with a riser stand he constructed for his 24" Leigh Dovetail Jig. Frank used some fine home state Black Cherry, and used the Jig for the joinery on the Riser and two storage drawers. Also featured are two hanger cleats to hold the Sliding Dovetail Bar on the back of the Riser. Frank used quality brasses for drawer pulls and lifting handles. Well done Frank.



**Willi Schmidt**, who never saw a piece of root stock or scrap cut-offs that he didn't like, showed up with seven items that had spent some quality time on his lathe.



Willi said the species were Cherry, Sycamore, Birch Peach and Oak. It is up to you to figure which items



Willi seems to have a knack for seeing something in every piece of wood he finds. Since no two pieces could ever be alike, Willi does not have to worry about being bored by making a run of identical works. Pretty slick Willi!

**Sam Kaplan** brought up the rear with this rendition of a Scott Phillips table design. The original challenge to Phillips was to design a table using only ten board feet of wood. Sam decided he liked the table and the challenge, and this is the result. Sam's table is made of White Oak.



He looks very pleased with his work, and we agree.



**Walt Lukow**, when faced with the prospect of hauling some pretty big and heavy pieces to the meeting, decided instead to show up with much lighter pictures of his work. He spent about three years building this bedroom furniture out of Birch. Good work Walt.



**Bob Lindenmuth** fabricated some angle iron brackets and he and **Andy Anderson** installed a set of casters on the Guild workbench at the Center.



## March Highlights:

**Bill Hylton** pulled another surprise out of his bag of router tricks. This time it was **Wave Form Joinery**. If the title doesn't quite do it for you, think of it as "Doin' the Swervey-Curvey" with a router.



This type of joinery is not as tough as it may first seem, but as usual, "The Devil is in the details", and the details in this case happen to be called "Math".

We all know that if we set up a straight-edge to cut a panel in half with a router, the two cut edges can be glued together, and the only thing to worry about is the clean-up, and that the panel is shorter by the diameter of the bit. When you decide that you would like to cut some curves using dissimilar wood, you have to make a master template. After you massage this template to give a nice smooth tracking surface, you use it to lay out the cut line on the mating pieces. Sounds easy, but the calm nerves of a

pattern maker would sure be an asset at this point.



You can see by looking at these pictures your templates must be a perfect match, and the length and width should not be cut until you register your match lines.



This shot shows all of the templates that Bill had to make for these Chests.



If that is not a satisfied look on Bill's face, I don't know what is. Thanks Bill.



Tom Biello was the lucky winner of the Woodcraft \$30. gift certificate.

# WOOD SPECIALS

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Next Meeting: April 18, 2006@**7:30 pm**

**Lehigh County Senior Center**  
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**Allentown, Pa.**

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