

Guild of Maine Woodworkers Monthly Meeting
February 20, 2018

Attendance: Wes Sunderland, Pat Sunderland, Susan Chandler, David Barber, Ron Boes, Rolf Dries, Randy Mayse, Dan Crowley, Bill Lewis, Bob Kearney, Xavier Comas, Frank Southard, Bob Munier, Stig Ammentorp, James Syracuse. Guests: Irene Barber, David's wife and partner; Jeremiah and Eric, friends of David's.

Opening: The February meeting was held at David Barber's shop in Durham and began at 6:55 p.m. David has an impressive shop. He demoed several pieces of his equipment which are noted below in Show and Tell.

Wes opened the meeting with introductions. With such a large group and new faces, we all introduced ourselves and provided a brief statement of our woodworking experience. David's friend, Jeremiah, works at Day's Hardwoods on Post Road in Freeport. David encouraged us to seek him out. He has a good selection of hardwoods, and some native softwoods. He also does custom milling.

Ron Boes mentioned an auction of woodworking equipment in Ashland, Maine. You can also bid online at www.proxibid.com. Bidding begins on Sunday, February 25 at 9 am and ends on Monday, March 12, 2018 at 1 pm.

Pat thanked us all for submitting our dues in a timely manner. We have a new member, Mike Hanks from Cape Elizabeth. He was not in attendance. Pat also encouraged us to check out the new look of our website, <http://www.guildofmainewoodworkers.com/>, and encouraged members to submit photos of their work, if they wish to Pat for posting to the website.

Show and Tell

Wes:

- **Tool Boxes:** He has many different tool boxes of various shapes and sizes to accommodate on-site installations. He presented an open tool box that he made from scraps of wood he had laying around in his shop. It includes a saw tray and slide out shelves.
- **Tapered Leg Table Kit:** Wes has continued to work on his table kit, which he first presented at January's meeting. He made dovetails on top of legs, which are difficult because the grain is wrong for making dovetails. You can split the edge of the dovetail if not careful.. There is lots of prep work before final assembly. He will continue to make the rest of the parts and show finished table at next meeting.

David:

- **Tool Box:** Presented a suitcase style toolbox he built while a student at Maine College of Art. It's built with finger joints.

- **Time Saver Wide Belt Sander**: The Time Saver is the leader of the pack in wide belt sanders. Models run from approximately \$10,000 up to \$50,000. It's used to sand down wood for finishing purposes. Stock removal should be done gradually; turn the piece over each time through the sander.
- **Sliding Table Saw**: This saw holds an 8 foot long piece of stock. It's great for making duplicate cuts for furniture parts. It has a scoring blade which is a small front blade that scores the wood first then the regular blade cuts the piece to size. The scoring blade prevents tear out. These machines run from \$10,000 to \$50,000.

There were lots of side conversations during the meeting. This was a good opportunity for members to get to know one another better and get answers to their woodworking questions.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. Next meeting will be our quarterly meeting on Saturday, March 17th which will be a tour of ATLANTIC HARDWOODS. We will send an email with details and directions.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara White, Secretary