A project by member Stig Ammentorp sharing time with his grandson. There were moments of doubt and trials. However, at the end, a showcase of a project.

“QUITE GOOD FOR A FIRST TIME”

ON THE COVER

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CALENDAR of EVENTS

July 10 “Sharpening Skill Session” Wes Sunderland shop West Baldwin
July 24 “Dovetail Cutting session” Wes Sunderland shop West Baldwin
August 14 Router Use Demonstration Wes Sunderland shop West Baldwin
August 28 Cabinetmaking Demonstration Wes Sunderland shop West Baldwin
September Quarterly Meeting—Picnic Barbara White Falmouth
October Guild Meeting TBD
November Guild Meeting TBD
December Quarterly Meeting Annual Business Meeting West Baldwin (Wes)
**STATEMENT:** All woodworkers, from beginning & hobbyists to professionals, are invited to join the Guild of Maine Woodworkers where individuals can meet and share their knowledge and skills. Monthly meetings include demonstrations, tool discussions, and guest speakers as well as the popular “show & tell” when members show off their woodworking products, tools, or gadgets. Meetings rotate around member’s shops. Maybe you will gain an idea for your shop. **If you need help on a project, the Guild is the place to be.**

**Note:** Monthly meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday evening starting at 6:30 pm. Quarterly meetings are held on the 2nd Saturday and usually begin at 10 am. The summer months of July & August have no meeting schedule.

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**GUILD of MAINE WOODWORKERS - OFFICERS and BOARD of DIRECTORS.**

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The Board of Directors terms have been advanced from year 2020 to year 2021 due to no Guild activity during the 2020 year because of the pandemic existence.
Writing this message seems like a new experience. The membership endured shutdown time through the covid pandemic for a year. After several E-mail messages to the membership, it was agreed to attempt a start up of meetings this April 2021. It worked. It was good

As always, Gordon Swanson hosted the first April meeting. Good program, great show & tell, and an informative demo by Gordon. The May meeting was at Randy’s Mayes shop. During the interim of idle time, Randy’s shop had a face lift, new sheetrock through out. The meeting had a great turnout of 18 members, and again good show & tell with two demos. Randy had a clever method to make grain matching drawer fronts.

Due to the long period of no meetings and the usually summers schedule of no meeting time, it was decided to hold 4 summer skill clinics and keep the enthusiasm of woodworking in the system. Two hands-on skill events with a limit of 6 attending are sharpening, (July 10) and dovetail cutting, (July 24). Then in August are two demonstrations, “router use” (August 7) and “cabinet making” (Aug. 21). No limit on attendance for these demos.

It is believed that the Cabinet making session is a strong skill session because much of the shop operations may be applied to most all cabinet and case good creations. Wes is presenting the demonstration at his large shop. Wes began earning a living in woodworking starting in 1962. He has had 53 years of professional woodworking in which about 47 years were shop oriented of which many years were running his business. There were years when he had 10 cabinetmakers on the payroll. His method of construction and assembly of cabinets has elements in it that are not written in books. It is recommended that you visit and be introduced to an efficient method of cabinet making and assembly.

Thinking of the future, the Guild plans to continue the tradition of a September quarterly meeting by holding a picnic. Mark your calendars, the 2nd Saturday, Sept. 11th.

Enjoy your woodworking endeavors,

Wes Sunderland: President.
Gordon’s shop layout

Turned bowl display by Gordon

Wes presenting a demo

Members relaxing

Gordon presenting a table demo

More demo by Gordon
Barbara White showing cutting board

Stig Ammentorp showing crafted dovetail box

Shop talk among members

Barbara explaining craft of wood utensils

“Show & Tell” by Wes

More demo with Wes.
Members enjoying supper food and socializing. A view of the well equipped shop

Above: Wes demo wood movement in a cutting board, and shop made marking knife (left knife)
Below: Table made by Gordon Swanson, and showing the top fastenings under the surface.
Wes demo some jointer operations.

Randy showing how to make flush drawer fronts and matching surrounding wood grain.

Above 4 photos: Randy’s demo to create matching grain drawer fronts. Randy makes Shaker furniture.
Top: The shop reflecting size to handle the logistics of large beams. Members socializing. More timber stock. Door is large to fork-lift timbers into the shop. Beams are 8” to 12” girth.

Demonstration included design theory of joinery, tool application to achieve various cuts.
Members enjoying the shop, the woodwork, and the size of timbers going into a frame.

Above: Scott Campbell demo squaring end of timber and final trimming of a tenon.

Below: Showing the application of a chain mortiser (fast cut) and drilling a “draw bore” peg hole.
During the 1850’s & 1860’s, the metallic plane began to be innovated and invented and led to the elimination of wood bodied planes. There are countless examples of these early planes. Here are just 5 early examples.

Many historic planes lived a short life. Several were produced as “proto types” and marketing was limited. Other found a market but were soon replaced by improved patented features. The fewer models produced, the rarer the model, therefore resulting in a high demand price.

The Philips Plow Plane was quite successful and several models followed. Eventually the Stanley #45 came along.
SHARPENING SKILL SESSION

On July 10th, four Guild members attended the first July skill session to experience sharpening woodworking tools.Sharpening topics covered chisels, plane blades and hand saws.

Above: clockwise from left. Randy Mayse, Jeff Perry, Barbara White, and Bob Kearney.

Bob Kearney and Barbara White are filing the teeth of crosscut saws. Techniques of filing at an angle and necessary number of strokes with the file were experienced.

A wood made saw clamp holds the saw rigidly in position within a vise.

The skill session was about 3-1/2 hours in duration. All members went away at the end knowing that sharpening involved a “feeling of manipulation” when grinding and honing a tool edge.