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#### SHOP CHATS

These are informal and informational gatherings for members and friends to meet, share their shops, projects and ideas with each other. If you can carpool, great, and bring a snack or beverage to share if you can. Any member is welcome any time to announce an impromptu shop-chat if they have a special project, tool, or idea they want to share with SWG members. Just send Tom an email with the date, time and place.

**9/10:** Sat. 10:00am ~ noon At Dan Fischer's shop: 1981 Mohawk St., Ashland. 541-821-1764.

10/8: Sat. SHOW MEETING followed by SHOP-CHAT At John Jory's home and shop. The Meeting starts at 10:00am and the Shop-chat starts at 11:30am and goes to 12:30pm. 188 Sunnyview Dr., Ashland. 541-488-8881

**10/29:** Sat. 10:00am ~ noon At John Harden's shop. 1930 Dawn Dr., Grants Pass. 541-659-9854

# Message from the President

#### Hello wood cutters,

This will be a newsy letter giving you updates on a variety of SWG topics. I hope this will clarify aspects of what we are doing:

• We must wait until mid Sept. to hear from OSF as to which location (out of two possibilities) they will rent to us for the 37th annual show. Both possibilities are situated a <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> block above E. Main St. (up Pioneer or First St.) and will require appropriate signage to direct visitors. Although the Pioneer St. option is closest to the Great Hall ( and OSF's first offering), there may be access problems since the 'Bricks' courtyard is to be torn out and rebuilt once their season is over. In either case, we expect to have the window display area in front of the Great Hall to attract attention and to point the way to our event.

• There will be many challenges to adjust to these new spaces. It will be important for our showing members to be extra flexible and inventive as we work our way into a different type of room (or rooms). How we handle this will be determined mainly at the show meeting (see schedule), so be prepared to pare down your display 'foot-print' and think of creative ways to present your work.

• The Steering Committee has successfully purchased and delivered a Saw-Stop Professional Model Tablesaw to the Ashland High School shop. This went forward after we heard from Mark Miller and John Weston that they were planning to add another 'safe' saw for dedicated dado work. We have been keeping an eye out for ways to promote woodworking in our communities and this seemed like a very good opportunity to offer assistance to future woodcrafters. Our savings over the years allowed this purchase to happen without risking support for the show. As a SWG member you can imagine that about \$5 to \$10 of your membership each year has allowed us to provide this major donation!

• Here are a few points about our email google-group use. In the last year or so we 'opened' this service so that members can easily post their e-messages directly to everyone in the email group. This was to encourage members to ask questions, share contact info, and send photos of recent work, etc. There has been an increase in emails sent to the group as a consequence and this is great! We do not monitor or control what is sent and so we thank members for using this way of networking in a responsible and respectful way. Note that there are limits to how much data can be sent or received defined by one's email service, so be aware of this when sending large image attachments. If, for some reason, you are not getting our emails or if you do NOT want to continue getting them then please just contact Herbert Harris at sittingduckfinefurniture@yahoo.com. Sometimes a member's email account may get hacked and broadcast spam. Google groups does a very good job in filtering out possible spam emails. If you find you are receiving spam email from the siskiyouguild@googlegroups.com

email account then please contact Herbert Harris asap.

• Shop-Chats are our method of getting together during the year to see what other members are doing and how they go about it. There's usually something about someone else's

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shop that I wish I had figured out for mine. I try to find new locations and/or new members to have us over for a visit so that we have 'fresh' shops to tour. This is NOT a search for the biggest and best tools, but a chance to see how inventive and capable our many talented members are. Please remember that by inviting us to see what you do, there is no requirement to teach a master class, although we are eager to hear and see how you go about your work, tool opinions, and tips for getting 'it' done right. As visitors we come for the chance to hear from others and to inquire and be curious as well as see ways of working that broadens our understanding. Sharing snacks and stories allows us to know more about the talented members of our Guild.

#### - Tom Phillips



#### Supplemental Resource Document:

A couple years ago the guild started consolidating information about resources useful to woodworking in our area. We named the document "Supplemental Resource Document" as it supplements the Vendor Discount Document. The Vendor Discount Document lists vendors that provide discounts to our guild members. The Supplemental Resource Document goes beyond those vendors and lists vendors and other resources that guild members have found useful in the past. The document has grown and includes sections for lumber, milling, upholstery, photography, etc. We encourage members to share their information regarding useful resources to the guild. You can send Herbert Harris that information and he will add it to the document. This document resides on our website and can be accessed at

#### http://www.siskiyouguild.org/membe rship-information/other-vendorresources

Check out the recent additions for custom milling in our area!

#### FALL SHOW SCHEDULE

**10/8:** Sat. 10:00-12:30am. SHOW MEETING followed by SHOP-CHAT Sat. morning at John Jory's home and shop. The Meeting starts at 10:00am and the Shop-chat starts at 11:30am and goes to 12:30pm. Location is 188 Sunnyview Dr., Ashland, 541-488-888. If you can't come to this meeting make sure you send your registration form in early and contact Tom for more info.

**10/15:** Due date for registration forms and \$!

**~11/14:** Timing and date TBA. Window display setup.

11/22: Tues 5:00pm. Meet at the Stor-a-While to move display gear from the storage unit to OSF show location. Stor-a-While is located at 2315 Siskiyou Blvd. near Tolman Creek Rd. The storage unit is the first lane on the right, 2/3rds down.

11/23: Wed. 9:00  $\sim$  11:00am. Set-up Show, Usually this is from 9:00am  $\sim$  Noon. Show participants will be notified of any schedule adjustments.

11/25: Fri. 8:30- 9:30am. Final Setup! 9:35am: Pre-Show meeting with all participants! 10:00a - 7:00p: 37th Annual Thanksgiving Weekend Harvest Show Of Fine Woodworking!

11/26: Sat. 10:00am - 6:00pm. Open.

**11/27:** Sun. 10:00am- 4:00pm. Open. After that we'll have our show review meeting and pizza party. 5:00pm pack up and clear out.

**11/28:** Mon. 9:00am. SWG gear gets loaded out and moved back to the storage unit. Final room clean up happens as well.

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## OUR MISSION

The Siskiyou Woodcraft Guild is a regional association of woodworkers encouraging a wide range of skills, knowledge, and interests. Our mission is to offer fellowship by providing networking among our members. We value the principles and practices of fine woodworking by encouraging technical discussion and development. We promote an appreciation of quality workmanship to the general public by providing access to our products, experience, and design expertise through shows, classes, and other events.

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