



## A different Style news report

Hello Wood-Knots and Sappy New Year!

I hope the holidays were 'good' to you, and there are nice projects and activities planned for the year ahead.

Our active secretary, Herb Harris, has gone south for the winter, bicycling from the Mexican border south exploring Baja California. So you are getting a 'special' version of the newsletter, simplified by my computer and my limited tech skills. Thanks for your understanding.

Most of you know by now that we had a record setting show during the Thanksgiving Weekend 2016. Whatever created this 'perfect storm' to allow such sales is uncertain, though our long-standing part of the holiday festivities in Ashland had much to do with it.

We had never had combined sales of over 20K before, and we crossed the 30K mark!! More than I had originally reported.

I'd like to mention that we had a long year of searching and wondering where our show would be located. Meetings and tours of various options around town, while we waited for OSF to clarify their availability. Then not knowing which spot we would have until mid-Oct.. We got busy with the advertising, adding more radio announcements and developing 7 signs to direct folks to our new location.

Did you hear that on the day we delivered the SWG display gear we had some 'surprises'?!? First, I discovered that the electronic key OSF had given me didn't work (luckily, before delivery time), and they had trouble getting me a working one. Then at the storage unit after having filled Morgan Pierce's delivery truck, it would not start. I drove him to get a new battery ( Les Scwhab was still open!) in my '57 Chevy pickup. After putting that in, we arrived to unload over 45 minutes late to find new keys and some helpful SWG members still waiting for us. We joked that this was all that should go 'wrong' for the week and that turned out to be true.

To continue the story of what goes into a show: Did you know about the 3 boxes that come with me to each SWG show?

The first is an old metal fishing tackle box that had been my grandfather's. His success story is the reason I can be a struggling furniture maker. The dark green case is full of various useful items: screws, nails, receipt book, SWG label stock, hangers for our door sign, clear fishing line, pens, screwdrivers, tape and other show sundries.

The second is an old cardboard 'turkey' box, which houses my tool bag, cordless drill and all kinds of extras. Most showing members have borrowed a tape measure, level, hammer or other useful equipment at some time.



The third is our infamous SWG Donation box, made back in the late 1980s by our teaching staff. This collectively built piece has collected a lot of funds for us since then. A modest estimate of \$400 (average per show) for, at least, 25 years yields \$10,000 (minimum) of community support.

I will do my best to remember who worked on which part of that valuable 'case':  
 -Christoph Buchler, hand-cut the dovetailed corners. -David Mildbrandt created the frame and panel, which was then carved by Dave Maize. Christian Burchard turned the side-handles (one 'form' then cut in half). Stephen Bacon drilled and fit the wooden pins that hinge the top. Not surprisingly, yours truly, Tom Phillips, provided wood, distributed and collected the parts, and helped w/fitting, assembly, and finishing. I, also, sincerely apologize if any of that info. is incorrect or if some-one's involvement was left out.

Not to leave out some important folks... I am VERY THANKFUL to Jens and Herb for their diligent efforts as SWG officers. Also GRATEFUL to our Steering Committee folks: Dan Fischer, Wayne Tarris, Brent Poulton, Will Sears, Jay Treiger, and others who helped with the location search. Remember that other helpful guy, Eric Olson, who has been keeping our web-site up-dated!!! This Guild is 'all about' the combined efforts of many capable and committed members. I hope you have time to meet and get to know some of these talented people, so you cancacacancaccancan\*\*appre

can come to appreciate them as much as I do.

Another success story to mention about 2016, that was certainly due to Wayne Tarris' efforts, was the purchase and delivery of a Saw-Stop professional model, Table Saw to the Ashland High School wood shop. It was set-up with a special safety system that handled Dado blades, which was it's intended focus. It is great to find a way to give back to the S. OR community and support one of the few remaining high school shops.... Your Membership \$ have helped make this possible!

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## Winter 2017 Activity Schedule

1) Annual General Meeting: Sat. Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00 am ~ noon at the AHS shop (on Eastern corner of Siskiyou Blvd. and Morse St.) in Ashland. This is our biggest gathering of members during the year. We hope to have a full room and let people introduce themselves, assisting us in 'putting a face' to the many names on our SWG list. The coming year's activities will be presented and planned for. Election of the Officers and Steering Committee will be held. Seating, coffee, and muffins will be available. Bring your checkbook, or \$30 to get your 2017 membership card ( at the early pay price....).

2) Insight Into Woodworking: Teachers' meeting and dinner will be on Tues. Feb.28<sup>th</sup> at Brent's home, starting at 5pm. Classes start in March, first night location is at John Jory's shop. Contact Brent Poulton for more info: [b.e.poulton@gmail.com](mailto:b.e.poulton@gmail.com)

3) ShopChats: These simple tours allow members to connect and learn about some new projects, methods and tools. We are looking to have 'new' places to gather at, so don't be shy.

There will be a signup sheet at the AGM to continue developing our visit schedule for the year. Or you can contact me to set up a date for your 'chat'. Final TBA dates and places will be listed in a postcard, e-mail and put on our website.