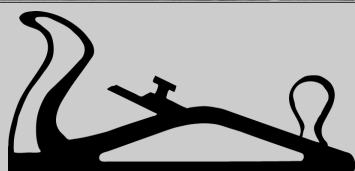


# Siskiyou Woodcraft Guild



## SHOP CHATS

Shop-Chats are our method of getting together during the year to see what other members are doing and how they go about it. Exploring other shops can often reveal ways to improve one's own shop. We try to find new locations and/or new members to have us over for a visit so that we have 'fresh' shops to tour. We hope to 'explore' your work, hear tool opinions, and tips for getting 'it' done right. Sharing snacks and stories allows us to learn more about our skilled members.



Jerry Pendzick displays his Windsor style chairs at the Thanksgiving Show. 2018 was his first showing with the guild. Welcome!

## Message from the President

### Hello SWG wood processors,

Many of you remember back to the 'good-ole-days' before there were pagers, cell-phones, or computers. Hard to believe that we managed to survive without those communication devices. Before the World Wide Web existed, the early SWG Steering gang hammered out a mission statement. In summary, it states we are a regional association encouraging woodworkers of various skills, knowledge, and interest. Our method is to offer fellowship by providing networking opportunities for technical development. We also wish to promote an appreciation of quality workmanship. Consider for a minute what the SWG is NOT: a gallery, a school, an apprenticeship program, a community shop, a library of woodworking books, or a website trying to sell things.

As a volunteer organization it has been important to keep things simple and avoid getting over-extended. Now let's return to the 1980's when a few books and the first generation of Fine Woodworking magazines started getting information out about the many skills and tools needed to create beautiful and diverse wooden products often with very specific and unique materials and methods. Think about boat builders, instrument makers, carvers, mansion builders, and so on.

Before there was much written about these crafts, the only way to learn was to be there working directly beside an experienced wood cutter. Although I valued the knowledge shared on the page, it was usually by working along with others that I got useful tips and tricks-of-the-trade. For awhile the SWG had a small box full of videos covering different topics and offered them to Insight students to borrow as part of the class package. Those could be helpful if they were on the exact same topic you were

curious about. Now with our YouTube generation that has 24 hour available information about 'everything', many people rely on their screens to get educated. Very convenient, often answering a question, but NOT very personal. It can not correct your mis-steps or pat you on the back.

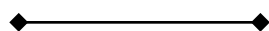
When I went to Mendocino in the summer of 1980 for a month of training under the guidance of James Krenov I found his shared wisdom very beneficial. However, it was my connection with the other students and the accomplishments of the Mendocino Woodworkers Association that stood out as being vital to my experience. Their direct involvement in helping to problem solve our way through various topics created a shared support system during that time. This camaraderie, upon returning to southern Oregon, was the impetus that had me talking to others about forming our own organization. Thus the Siskiyou Woodcraft Guild was born and we held our first show on Thanksgiving Weekend 1980 in the OSF Great Hall.

It took a few years before we ironed out our mission language, but the basics were established: through continued networking we can encourage quality workmanship and thereby promote our craft to potential clients. Having peers to turn to for assistance and advice has continued to be beneficial for many SWG members. Our Insight students have often joined the SWG and possibly found other students with whom they develop a wood friendly and long term relationship. Our Shop-Chats get folks together, face-to-face, to ask questions and become more familiar with our wide range of talented, skilled, and experienced people.

Over these many years of being called the president of the SWG I have learned to wear many hats - that

of scheduler, teacher, class & show coordinator, gear hauler, letter writer, email responder, meeting mediator... I've done all of these with the goal of creating more opportunities for woodworkers to meet each other and be recognized by our community for the quality skills, knowledge, and products we can offer. Really I would prefer to be called the SWG's main organizer rather than it's president. Yet what I truly am is a determined PROMOTER of woodworking - the craftspeople first and then the products which are a representation of their abilities.

Stay sharp & work safely,  
-Tom



**Where do we live?**

Here is a snapshot of where members live by city/state and how many. Note that some members are more active than others and some may have retired from the guild without notifying us.

Every so often we will attempt to clean the data. But we are rather conservative in doing so. In otherwords, we encourage members to send in their dues during the year. But if a few forget we do not automatically drop them from our membership list nor do we seek them out like a collection agency. We simply hope they will remember next year!

We also have a few members who were once active but moved out of the area. At their request, we keep them on our list so they can keep in touch with our guild through our newsletters.

Ashland	OR	50
Cave Junction	OR	2
Central Point	OR	10
Eagle Point	OR	3
Etna	CA	1
Gold Hill	OR	3
Grants Pass	OR	14
Hornbrook	CA	1
Jacksonville	OR	7
Kerby	OR	1
Klamath Falls	OR	1
Los Angeles	CA	1
Macdoel	CA	1
Medford	OR	32
Merlin	OR	3
Murphy	OR	1
Phoenix	OR	2
Redway	CA	1
Rockland	ME	1
Rogue River	OR	4
Roseville	CA	1
Seal Rock	OR	1
Talent	OR	7
Trail	OR	1

- Herbert Edwin Harris III

**Winter 2019 Activity Schedule**

**2/9:** Sat. 10:00-noon.

**Annual General Meeting:**

At the AHS shop (on the 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 2018 membership card at the early pay price.

After March 1st the dues is \$35. Dues can be sent anytime to the guild's address at:

Siskiyou Woodcraft Guild  
60 Fifth St, Ashland, OR 97520

**2/12:** Tues. starting at 5pm.

**Insight Into Woodworking Teachers Meeting and Dinner** at Brent's home.

Contact David Stan for more info.

**3/2:** Sat. **Insight Into Woodworking Classes** start at John Jory's shop.

**??? 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 sign up sheet at the AGM (see above) to help develop our visit schedule for the year. You can also contact me to set up a date for your 'chat'. Final TBA dates and places will be announced in a postcard, by email, and listed on our website. Stay tuned!



*By the way, if you ever forget the schedule for our various meetings, Jeff has included a month-by-month event calendar on our website. Go to the Event section, then click on Calendar!*



**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.

**2019 OFFICERS**

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Tom Phillips

**Treasurer**  
Jens Sehm

**Secretary**  
Herbert Edwin Harris III

**Webmaster**  
Jeff Roberts

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