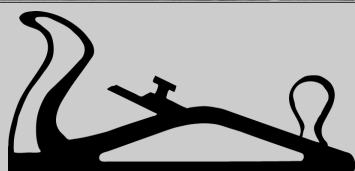


Siskiyou Woodcraft Guild



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.

TBD - Stay Tuned!



PHOTOS OF OUR
SUCCESSFUL
THANKSGIVING
WEEKEND
HARVEST SHOW OF
FINE
WOODWORKING
2022 CAN BE SEEN
ON OUR WEBSITE!

Message from the President

Hello Splinter Cushions,

What a wonderful thing to have presented a successful 41st Thanksgiving Weekend 'live' Show. Overcoming some 'stumbling blocks' to settle on our location in OSF's Carpenter Hall was challenging. Finding out how many of our regular participants who were unable or unwilling to be involved was also not-an-easy task. The SWG officers all put in an extra effort in the final month to get the word out, prepare the brochure, update our signage, as well as build and paint 3 sandwich signboard stands. Fortunately, our small participant number allowed us to fit snugly into the smaller building. The quality, creativity, and variety we are known for was on full display.

The show, however, is not the focus of this letter - which could be titled 'The Tale of Two Johns.' I am referring to John Jory and John Webb. Both have given tremendous efforts in volunteering with our Insight into Woodworking classes. J. W. has been our onsite class coordinator for many years - bringing the locator signs, name tags, evaluation forms, and assistance to all our teachers. His quiet and thoughtful demeanor has underplayed his value to the students. His commitment to helping present these classes has only ended now that his wife retired and they can finally go RV-ing around the country. So unless Mr. J. W. is camping nearby he won't be able to continue helping us and is probably out looking for the next national park or fishing spot. Fortunately for us David Stan (our class scheduler and registration coordinator) has a pal who is eager to take on J. W.'s position and tasks. His name is Richard LeVee. Let us welcome him to our class crew!

John Jory is well known for teaching the first class in our series. If

you have seen his reproduction furniture pieces, carvings, or exquisite boxes, then you are aware of his uncompromising desire to get-it-right. As a retired engineer, he brought a studied approach to each undertaking with a willingness to ask questions and hunt down a useful answer. His opening class might have been called "What It Takes To Start Woodworking" - covering space, lighting, and many tools. His class handout has grown into a treatise that he updated yearly. He offered his continued assistance to all the students and was available for problem solving to SWG members as well. Unfortunately, he is now struggling with an aggressive cancer and is having weekly chemotherapy. He has been working with Eric Olson to liquidate the shop that he can no longer use.

When I was contacting past show participants to determine their availability I became depressed when I heard some of the responses. Mark Zumwalt is recovering from a heart attack. Don DeDobbeleer is struggling with arthritis, especially in his hands. I was facing the fact that many SWGers are elderly and are dealing with health issues that is unfortunately becoming a regular concern. The topic of how to 'grow' new/ younger woodworkers is complicated by limited educational opportunities and uncertain financial stability. There are tons of questions about that and not a lot of answers. It is sad to see talented people lose their abilities.

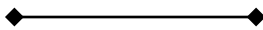
I'm sorry that this letter hasn't been full of useful shop-tips like: sharpen your pencil once-a-day, sharpen your chisel once-a-week, and sharpen your wit once-a-month. Instead, I am praising a couple of guys whose volunteering efforts went well beyond the basics. How many miles did John Webb travel to be at

each location year after year? How many hours did John Jory devote to his handout? Can we find someone to fill his shoes (in their own way) for our opening class?

We have seen members come and go over the 42 years for many reasons and it is our goal to continue our mission of sharing our experiences, creating quality products, and connecting to our local community.

We work to offer a way for the traditions of fine woodworking to be demonstrated and appreciated. May 2023 allow us opportunities to do this.

- Tom Phillips



Where do we live?

Here is a breakdown of the geographic representation of the guild. We have 161 members as of now. A few members do not have a city provided in our membership list so they are not included in the count below. Some members have moved out of the area but still desire to receive guild emails to stay in touch. For example, Mark Juliana is the former secretary of the guild but now lives in Maine. He quit his previous employment in the computer industry and went out to Maine to live the dream working at the Center for Furniture Craftmanship - one of the premier woodworking schools in the country. I took over his role as secretary in 2010. - **Herbert Edwin Harris III**

CITY	STATE	COUNT
Ashland	OR	55
Cave Junction	OR	2
Central Point	OR	11
Eagle Point	OR	3
Eagleville	CA	1
Etna	CA	1
Gold Hill	OR	5
Grants Pass	OR	10
Hornbrook	CA	1
Jacksonville	OR	8
Kerby	OR	1
Los Angeles	CA	1
Medford	OR	33
Murphy	OR	1
Phoenix	OR	1
Portland	OR	1
Redway	CA	1
Rockland	ME	1
Rogue River	OR	3
Roseville	CA	1
Seal Rock	OR	1
Talent	OR	11
Trail	OR	1
White City	OR	3

Winter 2023 Activity Schedule

2/11: Sat. 10:00-noon.

Annual General Meeting:

At the Ashland High School Woodshop which is located below the parking lot at the eastern corner of Siskiyou Blvd. and Morse St. in Ashland. The entrance to parking is along Morse St. This is our biggest gathering of members each year. We hope to fill the room and let people introduce themselves and assist us in 'putting a face' to many names that grace our membership list. We will review the plans for this year's activities, elect your officers and Steering Committee members. Seating, coffee, scones, and companionship will be available. Remember to bring your checkbook or \$30 to get your 2023 membership card (that's \$5 off the regular fee of \$35 that kicks in on 3/1/23).

Note that dues can be sent anytime to the guild's address at:

**Siskiyou Woodcraft Guild
60 Fifth St, Ashland, OR 97520**

ShopChats:

T.B.A. These simple tours allow members to connect and learn about some new or different projects, methods, and tools. I'll have a sign up sheet at the AGM for members who can host a visit to their shop. Dates will be determined after that. Usually we hold these on Sat. mornings from 10:00a to Noonish. Stay tuned!

Insight into Woodworking Classes:

These will be offered April thru May. David Stan is working on planning the teaching staff and schedule. If you are interested in teaching or taking these classes please contact David.



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.

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