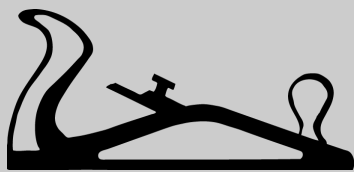


# Siskiyou Woodcraft Guild



## SHOP CHATS

These are informal gatherings for members and friends to meet and share their space, projects, and ideas with each other. Carpool if you can and bring a snack or beverage to share.

Any member is welcome anytime to announce a 'flash chat' - an impromptu gathering at one's house or shop should one have a special tool, idea, and/or project to share with other SWGers. For example, a project that is about to leave for delivery. Feel free to broadcast to the guild members the date, time, and place using the guild's group email address:

[swgmembers@googlegroups.com](mailto:swgmembers@googlegroups.com)

You can also ask Tom Phillips or Herbert Edwin Harris III to broadcast this information.



**09/21:** Sat. 10:00am ~ noon  
At *Jerry Brenner's shop*.  
Located in White City / Eagle Point area. He invites you to bring a picnic lunch if you'd stay and enjoy your meal out there.

**10/19:** Sat. 10:00am ~ noon  
At *Guy Tutland's shop*.  
Located at south-west Medford.

**11/02:** Sat. 10:00am ~ noon  
At *Sam Clark's shop*.  
Located near Shady Cove.

*We will e-send out the exact address and other details for these shop chats during the week prior to each gathering.*

## Message from the President

*Hello Woodcarriers,*

I hope your summer has been OK with projects and some time 'off' unplugging yourself from shop time a little bit. I am glad to say the OSF has already responded positively to our request to house our next Thanksgiving show in the H.P.R.C. room again (at South First St.). Due to the covid years, our show 'count' has been knocked out-of-sync from our years of existence number. This means that we will be participating in our 43rd live show but we have been in existence for 45 years. Besides our recent Virtual Shows that we started during the covid years (and continue now on our website), there were around 10+ summer shows way back in the early days of the guild at various locations such as the Jacksonville Hotel (upstairs), R.V. Country Club, J. C. Fairgrounds, and Pioneer Hall (by Lithia Park). So I feel it is appropriate to synch those numbers and say that we will be celebrating 45 years of bringing woodworkers together and to be sharing their creations and skills with the broader community.

It would be difficult to list the names of all the many people who have volunteered their time to help the SWG continue and grow. They have been our coordinators, treasurers, secretaries, teachers, web-masters, and more. Furthermore, there have been dozens of members who have filled our shows with their creative and beautiful projects. A wonderfully talented collection of 'characters' have worked to support our desire to make wood chips, dust, and finished projects.

One of these dedicated woodworkers is David Stan. He recently 'stepped aside' after being the registration and scheduling coordinator for our Insight into Woodworking classes for many years. He has organized SWG volunteers to be at the 'meet & greet' table during our shows to help visitors sign up for receiving the class information. He also worked with the teachers to schedule their dates and prepare their topics. His focus has been on the value of continued education as well as safety training.

With David's 'retirement', we are now preparing for our next show with no one at the helm for our Insight classes. I would guess that around 50% of our membership have taken these classes before becoming a member. It sure would be unfortunate to promote these classes at the show and then NOT have the two coordinators we require to make those classes work. Yes, I did say TWO, since we still want to have an on-site person during the classes to assist teachers with prep, signage, and (limited) paperwork. If you think either of these positions are of interest to you then please contact me directly to discuss the details. It would be great to have these positions filled before the Thanksgiving show.

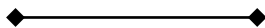
Shifting to a more splintery subject, I was able to do a couple of projects earlier this year that were made <almost> completely with wood from my collection. \*Almost = having to buy one sheet of paint grade 3/4" plywood. Some shelves were made from 6/4 maple shorts (~32" long x 6" wide) that were left with a rough-sawn edge. One edge even has some bark on it. Another project used up some

big oak boards. One was a clear White Oak plank given to me by a neighbor who wanted it out of his way! That became a bench top and part of some paneling. Another wide Black Oak board (17" x 5/8") was buried at the bottom of a pile in my shed and had been there for at least 30 years! It was quite rough and covered with raccoon crap and dust from all the years. I had no idea if I would find any useful material in this board when I dug it out. This became full width 'bin' fronts (16") with help of Jens' big sander.

Unfortunately for me those big drawers that I made are 14" front to back which is a size that Blum does not make. So I ordered that size from Lee Valley. However, I was not impressed with these given some plastic parts. These were the first soft closing under the drawer (hidden) type sliders I've ever used. The heavy plywood bins were often a bit much for the self closing spring. The sliders had some other behavior issues as well.

Maybe I should admit to forgetting the rule: *Always get your pulls or handle hardware before you assemble anything!* I allowed the client too much time to select those. Yes, I had to modify the top of the drawer fronts and part of the box to accept a 'top-lip' type of pull as opposed to the 'standard' pull using drill holes for locating the handle routine as I was expecting. I guess that means I'm not a real cabinet maker... just a custom woodworker & furniture guy!

- Tom Phillips



*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!*

*We have our newsletters on file there, too!*

## FALL SHOW SCHEDULE

***Our policy for participating in the show is as follows:*** Returning members who have previously been juried and recently participated in a previous show are grandfathered in and can request the same location they used in previous shows. This allows for better preparation and easier setup and tells us how much space is available for members showing for the first time. We try to bring in as much variety to our shows as we can fit in. Please email or call Tom Phillips before **9/20** (if you have not already done so) to tell him one of the following...

- 1) *You have recently participated and would like to participate again this year.*
- 2) *You have recently participated but will not participate this year.*
- 3) *You have never participated in the past and would like to be juried at the show meeting on 9/28 to participate this year.*

**\*\*\*You do not need to be a show participant to volunteer!\*\*\***

### Important dates!

#### **09/28: Sat. 10am ~ noon**

One-n-Only Show Meeting.  
@ Morgan Pierce's shop in Ashland.  
His address will be e-sent out the week prior to the meeting. Send in your Registration form or bring it to this meeting. We will be planning advertising and setup. **New participants:** We will jury new participants here so bring a Reg. form and couple of pieces for assessment. Pay show fee afterwards if accepted.

#### **10/10: Thurs.**

**Due date for Registration forms and fees.**

#### **11/26: Tues. 5:00pm**

Meet at the Stor-a-While (south end of town on Siskiyou Blvd. near Tolman Creek Rd.) Our unit is down the first lane on the right as you enter. We need volunteers to move boxes, platforms, and panels to the OSF room. *You do not need to be a show participant to volunteer!*

#### **11/27: Wed. 9:00am ~ 12:00am**

Deliver and setup time! Once you are in the room you can work as long as you need. Remember to be ready with the display equipment that you need and to work things out with your show neighbors for good visibility and foot traffic flow.

#### **11/29: Fri.**

**8:30am - 9:30am:** Final Set-up.  
**9:35am:** Pre-Show meeting with all participants!  
**10:00am - 7:00pm:** Open to the public (until some-time after the parade dust settles).

#### **11/30: Sat. 10:00am - 6:00pm:**

Open ...

#### **12/01: Sun.**

**10:00am- 4:00pm:** Open ...  
**4:15pm:** Show wrap-up meeting and Pizza Party!  
**5:00pm:** Take it down, pack it out (as much as possible), and clean it up...

#### **12/02: Mon. 9:00am**

Final clear out and cleanup. Take SWG equipment back to Stor-a-While. Trucks and volunteers needed.



## 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.

## 2024 OFFICERS

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Jens Sehm

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**REMINDERS:** Please send contact information updates to Herbert Harris