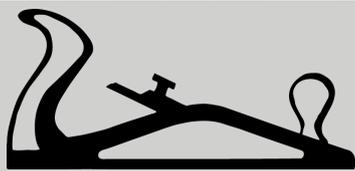


Siskiyou Woodcraft Guild



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. We encourage you to carpool, bring a friend, a beverage, or snack to share. Maybe you have a small project to show off or ask questions about or some wood or a tool to sell or give away.



02/21: Sat. 10:00am ~ noon
At Sean Downey's shop in Ashland.

05/30: Sat. 10:00am ~ noon
At Bud Liberatore's shop 13 miles north of Eagle Point.

Message from the President

Hello Wood-chippers,

If you were at the 2025 Thanksgiving weekend show you may have seen the 'slice of pie' coffee table I built using a Black Walnut root-stump slab. A photo of the table is shown on the second page of this newsletter. I used a Madrone triangle to fill an area that was more of a rough gap which would not look good 'natural'. Maybe you noticed that the top's finish was a little rippled from applying it with a foam brush. I used Osmo Top-coat # 3045 for a durable surface. Although I wasn't happy with the result I knew better than to attempt to fix it during the week leading up to the show. Anyway, who would notice.....? Plenty of SWGers did!

Jared Dove explained to me the proper way to use this material and suggested that I look at some YouTube instructional videos to learn the method. Well, I had read the product label! Isn't that supposed to be helpful? NOT (much)! I'm used to figuring things out for myself or occasionally asking someone for advise. After watching a few different YouTubers I went over the whole surface with 320 grit sandpaper to level things out. I then applied the oil-wax finish with a grey scrubby on an orbital sander. One YouTuber used a white pad. I thought a used pad would be worn in enough but it ended up leaving some swirl marks - as well as flying out from under the machine a time or two. So then I went to 000 steel wool to create an even scratch pattern on the top. I then applied the Osmo with a soft cloth and after letting it sit for 10 minutes I then rubbed it down with my orbital sander's buffing pad. This worked well so I applied a second coat the same way and was happy with the result. Now I just have to remember to watch the YouTube demonstrations

before I try any new product or process!

This year we are searching for a SWG member to help for only one month to fill the On-Site class coordinator position. Rick Alexander is able to do this in April but NOT during May. We are glad to have his assistance and are looking for another person to manage that role in order to present the 2026 series. This 'job' includes reminding teachers of their class, bringing SWG signage, helping with parking, collecting evaluations, and connecting with the students. Please contact me, Tom, if you have any interest in doing this.

I will be communicating with teachers from last year and will let you know if/when we are looking for new people to cover certain topics or even some different ones. At our AGM (see our schedule of activities) I'll be able to report on our situation. FYI, we are always interested in adding new teachers to our 'staff' so please let me know if you would consider taking on a topic.

The Insight into Woodworking Classes will be offered April thru May. Herbert Harris is handling the registration process. The registration form can be found on our website under Events | Classes (select Classes directly and not the popup submenu item on the right).

<https://siskiyouwoodcraftguild.org/events/classes/>

I am working with the teachers to set up the schedule. Upon completion a final schedule will be available on our website which will be posted on the Classes webpage as well. I hope 2026 goes well for us all and that you can get value from your membership in the SWG such as finding tools, tech tips, wood, technical help, and friendships.

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

<https://siskiyouwoodcraftguild.org/pictures-from-the-fall-show-2025>

Below are just a few snapshots of the show. There are many more on the website!



Table by Tom Phillips on display at the show and which he talks about in this newsletter.



View upon entering.



Dan Zinder's display at the show.

Winter 2026 Activity Schedule

Feb. 7th: Sat. 10:00-noon.
Annual General Meeting (AGM):
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 and elect your officers and Steering Committee members. Seating, coffee, scones, and companionship will be available.

Remember to bring your checkbook or \$30 to get this year's membership card (that's \$5 off the regular fee of \$35 that kicks in on March 1st).

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

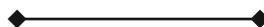
**Siskiyou Woodcraft Guild
60 Fifth St, Ashland, OR 97520**

Shop Chats:

These simple tours allow members to connect and learn about some new or different projects, methods, tools, and shop layouts. There will be a sign up sheet at the guild's Annual General Meeting (AGM) for members who can host a shop chat. Dates will be determined after that. We usually hold these on Sat. mornings from 10:00a to about noon. Non-members are welcome as well. Only a couple are set at this time so stay tuned for more shop chats. Details and directions will be sent out during the week prior to each Shop-Chat.

Insight into Woodworking Classes:

These classes will be offered April thru May. A teacher's meeting will hopefully be held in March. More details will be provided later.



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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