

# THE SPLINTER GROUP

NEWSLETTER

July 2005



## Report From the Steering Committee

We had a very full agenda at the meeting last Thursday but managed to touch on most of the current issues. It's an exciting time for the Guild with all the various activities taking place along with the incredible interest and growth that is happening with our group. Our "association" status with the government has been finalized, Bruce has secured insurance, Rob has set up the books and opened an account at Whidbey Island Bank, our membership drive has begun and planning is in full swing for a number of activities and events in the coming months.

To all of you who have become members by sending in your dues, a hearty thanks! As of 6/23 we had 29 paid members, with many more committed, so we expect that number to easily double by the end of the summer. In the interest of keeping things simple, we decided to begin our first "term" on October 1st, so that all memberships between now and then will extend until 10/1/06. We've been doing our best to contact each person on our list individually to explain the benefits of membership and to urge participation, but if for some reason we miss you, please be proactive and give us a call! Regardless of membership status, anyone who wishes to remain on the mailing list will

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## July Meeting

Neil Anthony will be our host at his shop near Coupeville next Thursday July 7th at 7:00 PM. Neil has been making cabinets for over 20 years after giving up his former life as a computer programmer. He works primarily with general contractors on high-end homes in the area and will typically provide all the custom casework for the entire project.

Neil works alone in his well equipped shop, which includes a wide belt sander, line boring machine, panel saw, and edgebander. He makes both face frame and frameless cabinetry and has mastered both but prefers the simplicity and ease of frameless construction. Neil will discuss how he takes a project like this from beginning to end, using as many production techniques as possible in the interest of maintaining efficiency.



*Neil in front of his spacious and well-equipped shop near Ebey's Landing.*



*Alto Mesa (High Plane) by John Shinneman, July's featured woodworker. 2003 Santos Mahogany, Wenge, Eastern Maple, and Honduras Mahogany, 45" h x 40" w x 11 1/2" d*

To get to Neil's shop, take Wanamaker Rd. (Hwy. 20) west toward the Keystone Ferry at the junction of Hwys. 20 and 525. As Hwy 20 turns left toward the ferry, continue straight on Wanamaker Rd. until you come to Ft. Casey Rd. Turn left on Ft. Casey and go .4 mile to Blockhouse Rd. and turn right. Go about 1/4 mile and you'll see Neil's light blue house and shop on the left. The address is 926 Blockhouse Rd. Neil's phone number is 678-7572 in case you get lost.

Hope to see you all there!

## Events and Happenings

**The second annual Guild show, *Celebration of Island Creativity in Wood*** will be held in the Front Room of the Bayview Cash Store, Sept 9 - 18. Like our successful and well received show in 2004, we will again showcase the exceptional work of our members.

*The application deadline is July 15 with an entry fee of \$100.*

Volunteers are needed to assist with all aspects of publicity, production, distribution of promotional materials and participant coordination.

For information call John Shinneman at 360-331-2782.



The **Pacific Northwest Tool Collectors Guild** will meet July 16th at the Alki (West

Seattle) Masonic Hall from 9-3. The topics will be Pre-Industrial Age (not mass produced) tools and tools that "light up your life". Bring your favorite!

Call Dick Schusler (678-1083) for directions and details. See <http://www.tooltimer.com/PNTC.htm>



**The Center for Wooden Boats** in Seattle at the

south end of Lake Union will hold its 29th annual Wooden Boat Festival in

conjunction with the 17th annual Classic Speed Boat Show from July 2-4. If you like hot engines and varnished mahogany, this is for you!

Also in July, classes in Family Boat Building, Kayak building, turning bowls and lidded vessels, learn to sail programs and a one day docking intensive.

For more information: [www.cwb.org](http://www.cwb.org).



Also for boat nuts is the 29th **Port Townsend Wooden**

**Boat Festival** from Sept. 8-11. This is the premier annual celebration of wooden boat enthusiasts in North America. There are hundreds of boats & expert demonstrations, activities for the whole family! Hundreds of classic boats will be on display. See [www.woodenboat.org/festival/](http://www.woodenboat.org/festival/)



The Seattle Chapter of the **American Association**

**of Woodturners** meets the second Thursday of each month in Redmond at 7:15 at the Overlake School, 20301 NE 108th, Redmond. See <http://home.comcast.net/~seattleaaw/> for information and a map. Jon Magill is a member and a good contact (579-4101).



If you're in downtown Seattle on a first Thursday, you can get your wood art fix at Northwest Fine Woodworking Gallery where WIWG's own David Gray shows his wonderful tables and chairs. They, along with over 35 other galleries in Pioneer Square, sponsor a free Gallery Walk every first Thursday from 6 - 8pm. NW Fine Woodworking is on the corner of First and Jackson.

More info: Phone 206.625.0542 [www/nwfinewoodworking.com/](http://www.nwfinewoodworking.com/)



If you're in Fairhaven near Bellingham,

drop by the **Artwood Gallery**, 1000 Harris Ave. and see some of Karl Nielson's cool stuff, or visit <http://www.pacificws.com/artwood/>.

### Beginning Stone Carving

Ever thought about carving stone? Olympic Peninsula sculptor Chuck Iffland will teach a four day workshop, sponsored by the **Coupeville Arts Center** at the Greenbank Farm August 21 - 24.

Students will explore techniques used to carve medium to soft stone such as limestone, marble, and sandstone, using a block of Indiana limestone. Students will attempt to finish one carved head during the four day workshop.

The process will be direct carving with a range of hand tools, including hammers, chisels, files and rasps. The class will include further discussion of tools and different types of stone.

All benches and tools will be provided and tool sets may be purchased. The workshop will be held outdoors at Greenbank Farm on Whidbey Island, 10 miles from Coupeville, so dress for weather (layers) and safety (leather shoes). Students should be able to work physically for at least 3 hours a day.

The materials/lab fee covers safety equipment, tool usage, bench rental, and the cost of stone.

Cost is \$320 plus \$85 for materials. Call 360-678-3396 or see [www.coupevillearts.org](http://www.coupevillearts.org).

*Four Corporate Heads by Chuck Iffland, sandstone, approximately life size.*





## July's Featured Guild Member: John Shinneman



*"Vessel, Keeper of the Precious" by John Shinneman, 2003 Lacewood, Wenge, Eastern Maple, 44" h x 18" w x 14" d*



*Confidante (Keeper of Secrets) by John Shinneman, 2003 Honduras Mahogany, Maple Burl, Wenge, Bloodwood, Lacewood, Eastern Maple 52" h x 31" w x 11" d Stool 18" h x 11" w x 11" d*

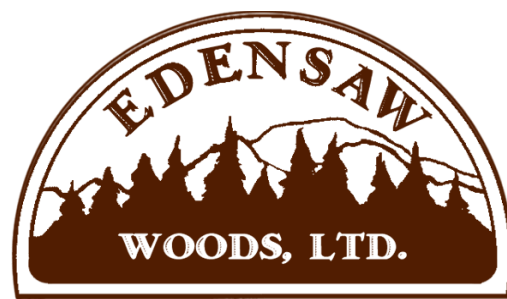
John Shinneman has been providing the Northwest with fine furniture, cabinetry, and architectural woodwork since 1986. A native Puget Sounder, John was awarded a degree in Architecture from the University of Washington and entered the professional woodworking world as a Draftsman and Shop Apprentice at a commercial cabinet shop. After attaining a position of Lead Cabinetmaker and Production Manager, John moved to Whidbey Island and opened J.C.S. Woodworking Studio. Versed in solid frame construction, casework, veneering, and bent lamination, his work includes residential furniture, spiral staircases, custom kitchens, antique reproductions, and timber framing. He draws inspiration from many schools including Shaker, Art Nouveau, Greene and Greene, and the Bauhaus. Complementing his work in wood is his love of old iron and metalworking. Technologically reluctant to enter the 20th century (let alone the 21st), John is more of a gear and pulley guy than a software guy! His extensive knowledge of machinery history, design, construction, and restoration has assisted him in the making of much of his shop equipment.



*John Shinneman and some of his well-organized cutting tools*

### **A message from Charlie Moore, one of the owners of Edensaw and which is now one of our sponsors.**

Edensaw Woods was founded in 1984 by a couple of woodworkers in the woods outside of Port Townsend. Our company succeeded because of the support from our friends and the community. 20 years later, Edensaw's headquarters remain in Port Townsend, is still run by the same two guys, and are fortunate enough to have many friends working for and with us. We feel a special affinity for the Whidbey Island Woodworkers, as your community is very similar to ours. We have a strong commitment to our customers and feel it is important to give back to the community that supports us. Thank you Guild of Whidbey Island Woodworkers!



Have you recently designed and built something that everyone raves about? **Custom Woodworking Business Magazine's annual Design Portfolio Awards** is the chance for custom woodworkers to submit their top creations of the year. Any type of custom woodworking project is eligible, provided it was built by a professional woodworker, i.e., a person whose primary income is derived from woodworking. The winners and honorable mentions in seven categories are listed in the December issue of CWB.



## THANK YOU!!



*Selling tools in the barn at Greenbank Farm!*

Our thanks Rob Hetler and Dick Schusler for organizing the first annual Tool Sale at Greenbank Farm on June 4th. It was well attended and most everyone who participated left with fewer tools and more cash. Laura Blankenship, the director of the Farm, was wonderful throughout the day making sure we were comfortable and had what we needed. If you're ever looking for a venue for that wedding or special event, be sure to consider Greenbank Farm – it's a great place!

**Become a Member!** Send your check for \$25 made out to the Whidbey Island Woodworkers Guild to Rob Hetler, PO Box 230, Greenbank, WA 98253. If you have already pledged to join the Guild, but have not sent your check, please do so. Your dues will be put to good use!

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still continue to receive the newsletter.

We're actively seeking sponsors to help out with expenses and already Edensaw has come forward with a substantial donation! Please show your appreciation by keeping them in mind the next time you need a single board or a whole unit of lumber! Our heartfelt thanks to them for their interest and for their generous contribution!

John reported that things are beginning to take shape for this Fall's Woodworking Show starting on September 9th. There are now 20 woodworkers signed up with 4 more potential participants. An incredible amount of work goes into putting on an event like this and if you have a little spare time, please give John Shinneman a call to see how you can help.

The web site development has been officially launched! Most of the initial participants met with Hilde Mott on June 7th to discuss ideas and to set the tone for the site. It's still not too late if you want to join. If you are interested, please call Craig Yamamoto (number below). The goal of the web site is not only to promote the Guild, but also to have it be instrumental in getting work for those involved.

## Classified Ads

This space is available for anyone who wishes to place a free ad for anything even remotely related to woodworking. Please e-mail any one of us below before the third Thursday of the month to have your ad in the following month's newsletter.

**Butternut,** Chestnut and Rocky Mountain Juniper for sale. Contact Gary Leake at 360-678-1347.

**Caps for Sale!** Whidbey Island Woodworkers Guild monogrammed baseball caps in Sage Green, highest quality. \$20. Call Rob at 360-222-3121.

**For Sale:** 200 sq. ft. cherry backer boards, 3/4" - 1" thick, \$2.75/sq. ft. Call Rob at 360-222-3121.

**For Sale:** My source for Pacific Madronna in southern Oregon has 3000 bf. Knotty Madronna for sale at \$1.00/bf for the whole batch, or \$1.50/bf for less. It is steamed (to relieve stresses) and Kiln Dried. Would make a wild floor! Call Bruce at 360-730-8165.

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