

NEWSLETTER FOR THE

**GUILD OF
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WOODWORKERS**

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GENERAL MEETING PRESENTATION:

ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY

Multnomah Arts Center Auditorium
7688 SW Capitol Hwy, Portland, OR 97219

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2023
6:00pm to 9:00pm

[Signup Through the GOOW Calendar by Clicking Here](#)

It's time for a party. It's time to dust off your holiday duds and put on your jingle bells and head to the MAC on **Tuesday, December 19** for our annual holiday party.

Come one and all out to spend the evening with other Guild members and their families. There will be great people, food, and (nonalcoholic) drinks. What could be better? Feel free to bring your kids or grandkids. [Please sign up for the party here.](#)



The Guild will provide a main dish, beverages, and tableware. Just bring a dish of your choice (with serving utensils) to share. Feel free to bring nonalcoholic drinks if you wish.

Gift Exchange: Bland McCartha has been kind enough to organize a gift exchange. Each person who brings a gift is given a number from the bowl. Numbers are called in sequence. #1 opens a gift and shows it to everyone. #2 opens a gift and can either keep it or exchange it with #1. Assume #2 keeps it, then #3 is called and can open a gift or take the opened gift. from #1 or #2. If they take a gift from #2 for example, then #2 has the choice of opening a gift or taking any gift except the one that was just given up. This goes on until all numbers are called and all gifts are opened. One final note: Once a gift has changed hands three times, it is retired and cannot be taken away.

The idea of the exchange is to bring a gift that will be highly sought after. Preferably a unique handmade gift.

Show & Tell: We will have a show and tell, so bring your show and tell items for display before and during the meeting. Please share your design, construction, or finishing ideas with your fellow members.

What to bring: Bring a *dish to share*, along with the utensils to serve your dish.

Party Schedule:

5:30 – Set up of tables and chairs (volunteers needed). [Email me at: joe.wheaton@goow.org](mailto:joe.wheaton@goow.org) if you can help.

6:00 – Social time and dinner set up

7:00 – Party, party, party, and eat (of course)

8:30 – Tear down, clean up, and goodbyes

9:00 – All done. See you next year.

Questions? If there are any questions, please contact Joe Wheaton at 614-893-6219 or joe.wheaton@goow.org.



The Guild of Oregon Woodworkers is...

... a group of amateur and professional woodworkers committed to developing our craftsmanship.

Our Mission: To promote the craft of woodworking to the woodworkers of today and tomorrow.

Our Vision: A community of woodworkers that provide significant opportunities to develop, practice, enhance, and share skills.

The Guild offers many benefits for members, including:

- ◆ Monthly programs
- ◆ Monthly newsletter
- ◆ Weekly Volunteer Special Interest Groups (SIGs)
- ◆ An education program to help members develop woodworking skills through a variety of hands-on and lecture classes
- ◆ Sponsor discounts
- ◆ Woodworking shows (such as Gathering of the Guilds)
- ◆ Network of business partners.
- ◆ A woodworking shop
- ◆ A network of friends and opportunities to volunteer and make a difference in our community

What you can do for the Guild

- ◆ Volunteer your time to contribute, assist, organize, lead, teach
- ◆ Take a class
- ◆ Contribute your knowledge

Guild Officers

President -----Ed Swakon
 VP for Programs ----- Open
 VP for Member Support----Mike Sandmann
 Secretary -----Kate Thornton

Directors

Finance -----Tom McCloskey
 Planning----- Renee Fontenot
 Shop Operations ----- Open
 Education-----Steve Poland
 Community Outreach-----Tim Moore
 Membership-----Stuart Brown
 Volunteers-----Charlie Meyer
 Communication-----Bland McCartha

Newsletter Editor/Publisher.....Linda Howarth

For more information see the Guild website or visit the shop.

Guild Shop - 7634 SW 34th St, Portland, OR 97219
Guildoforegonwoodworkers.org



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to our newest **40** members. We're happy to have you with us and hope you'll make a regular appearance at the monthly program (online or in-person), contribute articles to the newsletter, and volunteer in other ways.

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| Robert Anderson | Max Mallory |
| Edward Bartlett | Mario Mastrangelo |
| Bonnie Birch | Alan McIvor |
| Joseph Brodrick | Amanda McKeague |
| Cate Crabtree | Amanda McLeod |
| Jennifer Dawson | Ben Mitzner |
| Paul Draghicescu | Kelly OToole |
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| Gregston | Nate Wolfe |
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NOTES FROM THE GUILD PRESIDENT

Ed Swakon, President



First, I wish all members a Happy Thanksgiving and upcoming Holiday season. We have much to be thankful for here in the Guild. Hundreds of you volunteer your time to the Guild’s activities, many supporting the greater Portland area. We could not do it without you.

November’s General Meeting was all about Creating Yosegi Zaiku (Japanese Marquetry)

Joe Wheaton gave us a presentation from his recent trip to Japan about the art of Yosegi Zaiku (Japanese Marquetry). His presentation included photos and videos from his trip, where he saw the local craftsman and a hands-on demonstration. Joe purchased a specialty Japanese plane and glued up a block for a demonstration in the Studio. You pulled it off well, Joe! Joe is the Guild’s Program Coordinator, responsible for locating and organizing our monthly general meeting speakers and special events (annual open house and holiday party). If you have suggestions for exciting speakers, please get in touch with Joe. Thank you, Joe, for all you do for the Guild!

December General Meeting will be our Holiday Party at the MAC

The Guild’s Holiday party will be at the Multnomah Arts Center on December 19th. We will have a gift exchange. I would encourage everyone to make something. Bland McCartha promises a fun-filled time of stealing gifts from one another! Please bring a food side dish, salad, dessert, or appetizer. More importantly, the holiday party is when we will award the “Woodworker of the Year.” Come and help recognize a fellow Guild member for their dedication to the craft of woodworking while a member of the Guild. Thanks to the CNC SIG for preparing the award this year.

Volunteer of the Month

This month, we awarded Joe Fram the Gig Lewis Volunteer of the Month award. Joe has only been a member of the Guild for two years but has jumped in to help with both feet. Joe has become an active Shop Attendant, helps with shop maintenance, and has been part of the Estate team and Toy build groups. Thank you, and congratulations, Joe Fram!

Join us at Victoria Bar for a lunchtime Meet Up.

Check out [page 9](#) in this newsletter for more info.

Elected Officers and Directors 2024

We elected our Officers and Directors for 2024 at our November general meeting.

Position	2024 Proposed
President	Ed Swakon
VP - Programs	Open
VP - Member Support	Mike Sandmann
Finance Director	Tom McCloskey
Secretary	Kate Thornton
Shop Operations	Open
Education Director	Steve Poland
Community Outreach	Tim Moore
Planning Director	Renee Fontenot
Membership Director	Stuart Brown
Volunteer Director	Charlie Meyer
Communications Director	Bland McCartha
Immediate Past President	Steve Poland

Congratulations, and thank you all for stepping up to the plate to serve the Guild. The Guild’s organizational chart is extensive, with many opportunities to help. Your help would be appreciated.

Membership Dues and Shop fees to increase in 2024

At its November meeting, the Guild’s Board adopted a resolution to increase our membership fees by 10% and to increase the shop time hourly rate to \$15 an hour starting in April 2024. As you may recall, we convened a working group earlier this year to examine the Guild revenue sources. Many alternatives were discussed. The Guild’s expenses, including our rent, consumables, utilities, etc., continue to increase. Membership dues only pay a fraction of those costs today. Our focus is to maintain a robust financial condition for the guild. Even with these modest increases, membership in the Guild is, in my opinion, a bargain.

End of Year Giving

Each year, we ask our members who are in a position to do so to make an end-of-year donation to the Guild. I will be sending each of you a letter (via email) asking for your contribution. This upcoming year’s focus is on shop maintenance and capital equipment replacement reserve. Remember, the Guild is a 501 C-3 registered non-profit.

EDUCATION HAPPENINGS...

For 2024, we will be providing a schedule of Regular and Repeating (R&R) classes. These are the general safety and woodworking classes that will be the foundation of the overall class delivery plan. There will be other classes as well but these may be delivered only once or will be the pilots of future routine classes.

We are now posting the January schedule of our WOODWORKING R&R classes (month #1 of the first quarter). We are also getting Class Assistants assigned as needed.

GOAL: The goal is that the first quarter schedule will become the basic template for each of the following quarters. There are, of course, variables that will require some differences between quarters but at least we will have a starting template.

The **2024 Class Catalogue** has also been completed and will be available soon. It includes a list of current instructors, safety classes and the R&R woodworking classes. You will find it through our website. Go to Education/Education and click on the link CLASS CATALOGUE.

We will now see woodworking classes delivered in the following ways in 2024:

January 6 9am-1pm
Intro to Hammer Veneering – Instructor Jeff Hilber

January 9 1-5pm
Scroll Saw Basics – Instructor Rick Martin

January 10 1-5pm
The Basics of Milling – Instructor Dick Rohrbaugh

January 12 5-9pm
Coasting into Kumiko – Instructor Ruth Warbington

January 16 9am-5pm
Introduction to CNC Routing – CNC Team

January 23 2-5pm
Make a Box with Inlay – Instructor Carol Boyd

January 25 1-5pm
Sharpening Chisels & Hand Planes – Instructor Tim Moore

January 26 9am-1pm
Intro to Hand Cut Dovetails – Instructor Bob Mack

- Routine and Repeatable (R&R) Classes
- One-Time and Pilot Classes
- Series Classes (Basics of Fine Woodworking/Intro to Woodworking and Furniture Design)
- Masters Workshops

CLASS ASSISTANTS: We are also developing methods to give notice of Class Assistant (CA) opportunities a little more systematically than in the past. For those not familiar with this role, it is a great way to get your foot in the door of the Education program and personally get valuable information though participation in the classes.

CORE TOOL CLASS ASSISTANTS: There are four CORE TOOL CERTIFICATION classes each month. These are generally developed at least a couple of months in advance. Openings for Class Assistants are provided weekly in the Guild's Upcoming Events email. The notice will provide instructions for applying.

WOODWORKING CLASS ASSISTANTS: We will begin providing notice of CA opportunities in the R&R classes by sending out the list of openings via email. In most cases, these will require that the interested member contact the instructor for assignment and approval. Watch for the prerequisites that will be attached to these notices.

SERIES CLASSES: For the present, these will be determined by the series coordinator or instructors.

ONE-TIME AND PILOT CLASSES: Method yet to be determined.

MASTERS WORKSHOP CLASS ASSISTANTS: These will be coordinated and approved, as in the past, by Masters' Lead Chip Webster.

UPCOMING CLASSES

DECEMBER

- HAND CUT DOVETAIL DRAWER BOX
12/02/23-12/03/23 Instructor Steve Poland
12/09/23-12/10/23
- OPEN STUDIO HAND TOOL MENTORING
12/10/23 Mentor Tim Moore
- INTRODUCTION TO CNC ROUTING
12/16/23 Instructors: CNC Team

JANUARY

- INTRODUCTION TO HAMMER VENEERING
01/06/24 Instructor Jeff Hilber
- SCROLL SAW BASICS
01/09/24 Instructor Rick Martin
- COASTING INTO KUMIKO
01/12/24 Instructor Ruth Warbington
- INTRODUCTION TO CNC ROUTING
01/13/24 Instructors: CNC Team
- MAKE A BOX WITH HEART INLAY
01/23/24 Instructor Carol Boyd

SHARPENING CHISELS AND PLANE IRONS
01/25/24 Instructor Tim Moore

INTRO TO HAND CUT DOVETAILS
01/26/24 Instructor Bob Mack

GREEN WOODWORKING WORKSHOP
01/27/24-01/28/24 Instructor Ryan Carpenter

*For Safety Classes and more detail on the woodworking classes, see the Guild Education Calendar at <https://guildoforegonwoodworkers.org/Education-Calendar>.

MASTERS WORKSHOP:

Build a Wall Cabinet with Philip Morley – January 15-22.

WOODWORKING SERIES CLASSES: Our two woodworking series classes should be starting new sessions early in the first quarter of 2024. Watch for future announcements.

The Basics of Fine Woodworking

Instructors: Basic Series Instructor Team

Intro to Woodworking and Furniture Design

Instructor: Helen Helfand



Joe Wheaton shares techniques he acquired in Japan. This was during the November General Meeting.



TAKE TEN HOME CLUB

Aspiring to excel in woodcraft starts with the Guild's Take Ten Home Club. *The Introduction to Guild Finger Safety.* Recent Take Ten Home Club inductees.



Getting Started with portable power tools class. More than four hours of instruction, fun and a hardwood project.



HAND TOOL KITS

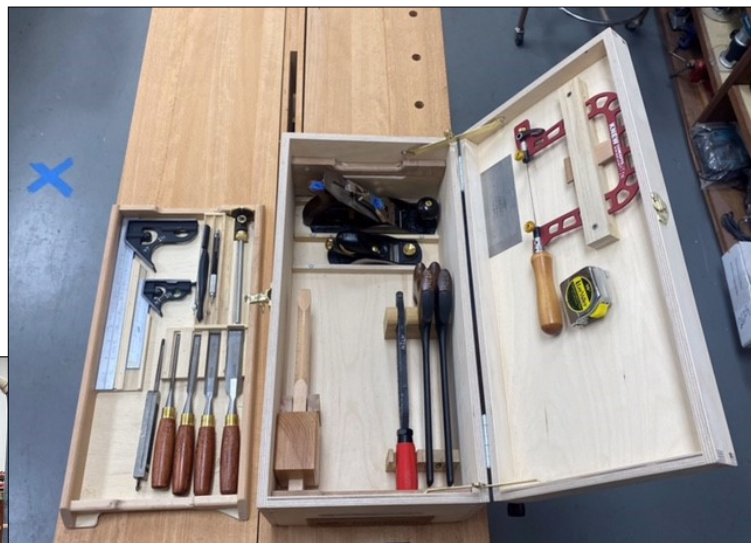
By Ed Ferguson

Thanks to two very generous anonymous benefactors, the Guild Studio now has seven complete hand tool kits for use in the Education curriculum!

Tim Moore and Ken Hall headed up a team that determined what should be included in a good starter kit. Each kit contains a set of saws, planes, chisels, and measuring and marking tools... the basic ingredients for getting started in hand tool woodworking.

Project Build undertook the construction of toolboxes for the kits. Ed Ferguson led the project, with major contributions from Bob Mack and Pat Shuff. Several other regulars pitched in. A special tip of the hat to Rick Martin for inscribing the tools in each set and to Ed Swakon for laser engraved labels on the boxes.

The Studio already has a good inventory of hand tools for use in the various class offerings. The intent in creating the kits is to provide a standardized set of basic hand tools in one toolbox so that instructors can count on complete and consistent sets for each student. The kits got a positive reception in a trial run in Bob Mack's recent dovetail class. The development team will be looking for opportunities to refine and improve the kits as instructors work with them.



GIG LEWIS VOLUNTEER-OF-THE-MONTH AWARD



Each month the Guild awards one of its most prestigious awards, the Gig Lewis Volunteer of the Month. Because the Guild is run entirely by volunteers, recognizing our volunteers is essential. Previous recipients of this award have volunteered in many ways. They might have

actively participated in one or more of the many Community Outreach programs the Guild has or in Education or Shop Operations or contributed with a one time project for the Guild. Some have taken on a role behind the scenes that is important to the Guild's ongoing operations. There are many ways and roles that members take to contribute to the Guild's ongoing success.

NOVEMBER 2023 – JOE FRAM

This month's recipient of the Volunteer of the Month is Joe Fram.

Joe is a familiar face around the Guild shop nearly every week as an active Shop Attendant and also helping out with shop maintenance. He also participates in the Toy Build and Estate Sale teams. While all his volunteering does not bring him lots of glory and acclaim it is critical to the functioning of the Guild to have people like Joe who quietly go about keeping the shop going.

In Joe's words:

"Since moving to Portland two years ago, the Guild has been an incredibly welcoming place. I have enjoyed meeting so many wonderful wood-working peers and learned so much from the time spent at the Guild. It is by far the most enjoyable and best organized volunteer organization that I have been involved with. Thanks to all my fellow Guild members for making it so!"

We are pleased to have Joe Fram as our Gig Lewis Volunteer of the Month for November 2023.



Mike Sandmann presented the award to Joe.



The class begins with a welcome from Stu and the Membership committee.

RECYCLE BATTERIES

By John Sheridan

It is confirmed that the Ni-MH batteries in portable electric tools should not be thrown in the trash. Because of the value of the metal in the batteries they are accepted at the Service Desk at Home Depot.

The smaller batteries (AA, AAA, C and D) can be collected and disposed of at Batteries + and similar stores for \$1.00 a pound. Collecting the batteries at the shop for disposal makes sense.

A CREATIVE PROCESS

By John Sheridan

Woodworkers looking for ways to think more creatively about the working of wood for sculpture or furniture or treenware (the traditional name for the small stuff) might look no further than the 1952 collection of essays called *The Creative Process*, edited by Brewster Ghiselin, emeritus professor at the University of California. The selected essays offer suggestions to find insights for one's work.

Of course, one has to first prepare and become competent to be inspired. As Ghiselin says in the introduction: "Every genuinely creative worker must attain in one way or another such full understanding of the medium, and such skill, ingenuity, and flexibility in handling it that he (she) can make fresh use of it to construct a device which, when used skillfully by others, will organize their experiences the way that his (her) own experience was organized in the moment of expanded insight." For example consider the original Sam Maloof rocker and the thousands of copies. The book encourages getting intensely into a working "zone" of concentration and inspiration. The volume and its reflections on invention in the arts and sciences was suggested to me by notes in a diary of my talented, late wife, the woodworker, Carolyn Grew-Sheridan. *The Creative Process* is still in print and available at Powell's.



Many Guild members recognize that woodworking can be a lonely avocation especially if you work alone in your shop. It's fun to get together with other woodworker's to swap stories, share successes, and failures, and to ask questions.

We look forward to meeting with fellow members for some lunch and conversation. There may even be some talk about woodworking.

DECEMBER

Monday, December 4th at 12 Noon
(please note this change of time for this one Meet-up).

Victoria Bar

4835 N. Albina Ave. Portland, OR

This is a (mostly) vegan Bar/Restaurant. They also have a few gluten free options. (And meat based options for the carnivores in the group.)

The restaurant opens at noon. On street parking only.

Three blocks east of the Alberta St. exit off I-5.

JANUARY

Monday January 8th 11:30 am
(2nd Monday because of the holiday)

Linn City Pub

19389 Willamette Dr., West Linn, OR 97068
(on Hwy 43)

A MOMENT IN THE GARDEN



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