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THIRD THURSDAY---THIRD THURSDAY---- THIRD THURSDAY----- THIRD THURSDAY

IN RESPONSE TO THE MEMBERSHIP WE ARE RETURNING TO THE THIRD THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH AS OUR REGULAR MEETING NIGHT AND THIS MONTH IT WILL BE JUNE 15, WITH OUR STARTING TIME OF 7:00 FOR SOCIALIZING, SIGNING IN, PAYING DUES, ETC. THE BUSINESS MTG. AND PROGRAM BEGIN AT 7:30.

THE TOPIC THIS MONTH WILL BE TORSION BOX DOOR CONSTRUCTION. PETER GOOD WILL TAKE US THROUGH THE PROCESS HE USES TO PRODUCE THIS TYPE OF ENTRY DOOR. HE WILL HAVE DOORS IN VARIOUS STAGES OF COMPLETION AND WILL COMPLETE SOME OF THE STEPS AS HE EXPLAINS THIS TYPE OF DOOR FABRICATION. IN OTHER WORDS THIS WILL BE A REAL "HOW TO" KIND OF MEETING SO BRING ALONG A NOTE PAD.

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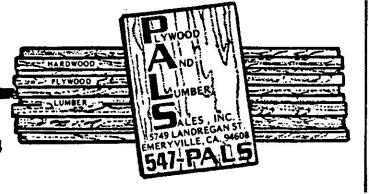
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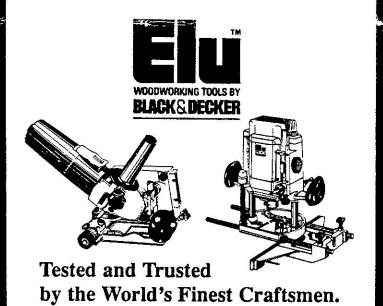
As promised, the May general meeting was held at the Exploratorium in San Francisco. It's a fun place but was especially interesting this time because we got a tour of the shop area where all of the exhibits are designed and built. Some of the equipment they use is quite impressive and there were some very interesting projects that were being worked on. Although they do a fair amount of woodworking, a lot of other materials are also used such as metal and plastics. I find it refreshing to occasionally see what's going on with these other materials. After the tour, we had free run of the place for the rest of the evening which was kind of a treat because there were no crowds. It was a very enjoyable event and we want to thank the Exploratorium and those who took the time to show us around and tell us what goes on behind the scenes.

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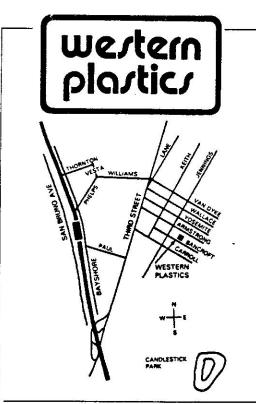
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ON THE ROAD #6: We Bombed in Boston

Surprizingly enough, in some areas of the country woodworking shows just don't go over. The promoters of these shows do a considerable amount of research into a given area to confirm a sufficiently large interest in woodworking before booking a show. Once the show has been scheduled, numerous ads are run in appropriate publications and a minimum of 65,000 direct mailings are done using lists of people known to have some interest in or affiliation with woodworking. Nevertheless, this is show business and people are fickle and nobody really knows what's going to happen until the event occurs. When a show is held and an insufficient number of people attend, management makes the decision to not return to that city.

Woodworking shows have not done well in three places, all located in the northeast. Interestingly, this is an area which allegedly abounds with woodworkers. The shows in northern New Jersey, Rochester, New York and Boston all went over like lead balloons. Fortunately, we do shows in about 24 other cities. In northern N.J., it appears that woodworking as we know it is actually a figment of the imagination. In that area, edgebanding is what they think of when you mention woodworking, and belt sanders are considered to be the epitome of woodworking equipment. Rochester, N.Y. is a different story. The folks there appear to have just woke up from a nightmare and aren't sure if they're alive or dead or what planet this is. "Woodworking? Let's see, does that use flour and chocolate chips? Oh, no, that's baking. Well, it has something to do with nails, doesn't it?" Go back to sleep. We're not going back to Rochester.



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Which brings me to Boston. The expectations were high as the show rolled into Boston. Lots of woodworkers there, and some very good ones at that. The show flopped. Hardly anybody came. I talked about this peculiar situation with one of the directors of the North Bennet Street School, a prestigious and highly regarded school of woodworking and other crafts in Boston. I was told that woodworkers in the Boston area are an insular and reclusive lot who apparently don't associate with outsiders or each other and don't go out much. The occasional trips out of the shop are to buy a couple of boards of oak, walnut or cherry which, from what I could see, are the only species that Boston area woodworkers consider to be any good. You ever see these blinders that horses wear to cut off their side vision so that they only see what's straight ahead? (Actually, in the interest of personal safety, I don't think I'll pursue that thought). The school director also said that he was not aware of the existence of any woodworking guild or club in the Boston area.

Determined to investigate all this, I pulled out the local yellow pages and looked under woodworkers. Sure enough, there were quite a few listed, so I decided to visit 8 or 10 of them. The typical shop was in an older building, many of them brick with lots of windows. The interiors had wood floors and exposed beam ceilings. All in all, the shops I saw definitely exuded old New England charm. These folks would not feel at home at all in my shop with its concrete floor, sheetrock walls painted stark white and rows of fluorescent lights. No charm here, but then again, I don't go to the shop for charm. The Boston woodworkers I visited were pleasant, but not overly friendly. I asked why they seemed to use only oak, walnut and cherry and they said that nobody around there wanted anything else. The shops that I saw were not exactly buzzing with activity and I got the distinct impression that business was slow. I also asked about their lumber suppliers and was told that there was only one within a reasonable distance.

All things considered; low show attendance, no guild, one lumber dealer, quiet shops and a somber attitude, it seemed that perhaps woodworking in the Boston area is not as healthy as I had thought. Could it be that New England woodworking is becoming an endangered species in its old age? Could it be that it was never really that active in the first place? It looked to me that woodworking in the northeast was stuck in an evolutionary tar pit. So where is woodworking healthy and thriving? You'll have to wait for the answer to that one.

Peter Good

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Accomodations: Conference participants arriving at Ontario International Airport will be met by Harvey Mudd vans and drivers, on a pre-arranged basis. Housing is available on campus in air-conditioned rooms with linen provided. "All-you-can-eat" meals will include a choice of entrees, vegetarian dishes, soup, salad bar, beverages, and desserts. Conference participants may apply for two (2) units of credit through California State University, Los Angeles. If you wish to receive university credit, please indicate on your registration form. Payments for Conference registration are refundable except for a \$30.00 processing fee if cancellation is received prior to July 25, 1989.

Artists Reception: Meet the invited Demonstrators/Artists on Wednesday, August 9, at 2:00 - 5:00 PM in the Gallery. Examples of their works will be on display for viewing and purchase throughout the conference.

INSTRUCTORS

DON BALDWIN, Van Nuys, California

Don makes country style and period furniture by hand using antique tools. He will demonstrate his skills by making a pencil post bed! (If you would like to own this magnificent reproduction, call the SCWC to make arrangements.)

GARRY KNOX BENNETT, Alameda, California

Garry is a popular furniture maker whose work is exhibited in museums and galleries. His imaginative approach makes his tables, benches, cabinets and clocks true works of art! He will present slides and lecture on his own work and the work of other fine craftsmen. He will demonstrate his techniques combining wood with metal and other materials!

ALLAN BOARDMAN, Woodland Hills, California

Alian is a perfectionist who LOVES to work with wood using hand tools. He will dazzle us with his incredible joinery and will show us how to make puzzles. He will also teach the proper care and use of hand tools

BRIAN BOGGS, Berea, Kentucky

Brian is a self-taught chairmaker who builds chairs "the old-fashioned way" and guarantees them for his lifetime. He will make a mule-ear chair frame using green wood and weave a hickory bark seat.

MICHAEL DUNBAR, Portsmouth, New Hampshire

Mike is well-known as a Windsor chair-maker. He specializes in building restoration pieces and has restored a number of historical buildings in Portsmouth. He is the author of 4 books and is in great demand as a lecturer and teacher.

ARTHUR ESPENET CARPENTER, Bolines, California

Art is an influential designer-craftsman, having trained many apprentices in furniture design. His fame as a woodturner in the 50's was soon followed by his adventurous career as a furniture maker. Art will show slides and lecture on wood bending and will demonstrate his unique style making bandsaw boxes!

CLEAD CHRISTIANSEN, North Ogden, Utah

Clead owns "The Turning Post Studio and Gallery," a workshop, school and craft gallery. He travels, showing his work at major art shows and exhibitions and teaching at workshops. He will demonstrate the turning of bowts, boxes and tague nuts, and will also conduct hands-on woodturning workshops!

SHEILA DAWSON, San Diego, California

Sheila will teach young children (age 3-10) how to make toys BY THEMSEL-VES using hand tools. She will also teach adults how to teach woodworking skills to children! These special workshops will take place in her BUS, which is outfitted with ten adjustable workbenches! Here is your chance to make a plane, car or walkie-talkie, etc.

ANDY ERICKSON, Bainbridge Island, Washington

Andy taught at the Northwest School of Wooden Boatbuilding in Port Townsend, Washington. He will build a 10' flat bottom skiff from red cedar using hand tools.

Hende-On Workshops: Woodworking for Children (age 3 and older), Woodturning for Young People (age 10 and older), Teaching Adults to Teach Children (for parents and teachers), Forging, Rake Making, Wood Bending, and Woodturning. Space is limited in all of these workshops and pre-registration is necessary. A Handorat workshop is available for wives who do not want to sit around the swimming pool or attend the woodworking demonstrations.

Trade Show: Vendors will demonstrate and sell a variety of woodworking tools, books, videotapes, exotic and local woods, finishing products and machinery.

MARTHA RISING-ROSSON, Agoura, California

Martha makes furniture that is likened to "sketches in the air." Her graceful rocking chairs, music stands, tables and plant stands are prized by collectors all over the country. She will demonstrate lamination and wood bending, and conduct hands-on workshops in 3-D wood bending.

JON SOINI, Fort Bragg, California

Jon is a woodworker who studied for two years under a master blacksmith. He has been a full-time artist-blacksmith for the last eight years. Jon makes custom and unusual tools from old coil and leaf springs. Here is your chance to forge a chisel from roadside artifacts in his hands-on workshops! BOB STOCKSDALE, Berkeley, California

Bob is a legend in his own time! He has been turning beautiful wooden bowls for more than 40 years and is responsible for much of the popularity of woodturning in this country. Bob will turn bowls! Here is an opportunity to watch a master at work!

PETER TARBOX, Pasadena, California

While working as a timber faller in the Sierra, Peter became fascinated with windfall timber and developed his own method of creating functional sculptures with a chainsaw. He will demonstrate his techniques, show us how to USE a chainsaw, and how to use it to make planters and furniture!

DON WEBER, Mendocino, California

Don is a furniture maker, restorer, tool maker, bodger, demonstrator of the springpole lathe, and a singer of Weish folk songs! In addition to his demonstrations, he will teach young people (age 10 and older) how to use the springpole lathe to make tops and stools. He will also teach us how to make rakes using willow and hazel and traditional tools!

CALIFORNIA CARVERS GUILD

Several members of the California Cervers Guild will be demonstrating their skills, showing their work, and selling their tools and carvings.

JERRY GLASER, Playa del Rey, California

Jerry is an engineer/turner who started turning in junior high school some 55 years ago. After developing his own woodturning skills, he began to make special tools for Bob Stocksdale. Today he owns a company dedicated to making state-of-the-art woodturning tools for advanced amateurs and professionals. Jerry will lecture on tools and tool steels, and will make knives and special turning tools using a grinder.

CHARLES HARVEY, Berea, Kentucky

Charlie is one of the few makers of Shaker boxes in Kentucky. He also makes Shaker furniture and smallware, utilizing both hand and power tools, at his studio/showroom "Simple Gitts."

TODD HOYER, Bisbee, Arizona

Todd turns gnarly crotches and worm-eaten, decayed wood that most people would throw away! His innovative works can be seen in many fine galleries. Todd toured keland and Australia during the summer of 1988, demonstrating his woodturning techniques. He will present several slide shows, turn some gnarly wood, and conduct hands-on workshops!

MAX KRIMMEL, Boulder, Colorado

Max was a professional guitar-maker for 15 years. He has become well known recently for his unusual isminated woodturnings and alabaster bowls with exotic wood bases and rims. Max will turn alabaster and show us how he constructs his laminations and guitars.

HOMER LEDFORD, Winchester, Kentucky

Homer is a musician who taught industrial arts for 9 years befor devoting himself completely to the craft of making musical instruments, many with beautiful carvings or inlaid mother-of-pearl designs. Several of his instruments are in the Smithsonian collection.

RODGER MASON, Berea, Kentucky

Rodger will demonstrate the art of broom making on his antique broommaking machine.

KELLY MEHLER, Berea, Kentucky

Kelly is a cabinetmaker who pays particular attention to detail. He makes custom furniture at "Treefinery," his studio and gallary. Kelly wilt discuss table saw techniques and show many jigs and fixtures that make woodworking easier and more enjoyable!

RUDE OSOLNIK, Berea, Kentucky

Rude is Professor Emeritus from Berea College, where he taught industrial arts from 1937 until he retired. He now travels, demonstrating his skills, sharing his vast knowledge and making fast friends wherever he goes! Rude will turn spindles and demonstrate metal spinning, and will also conduct hands-on workshops!

RICHARD RAFFAN, Newtown, New South Wales, Australia

Richard began his career as a woodturner in England and emigrated to Australia in 1982. Since then he has become a popular author, teacher, and demonstrator in Australia, Europe, and the United States.

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