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Highlights from our March 1st, 2008 Meeting

Written by Helen Hoefele

Meeting Commenced with our President, John Truskowski, opening the meeting and asking guests to introduce themselves.

Monmouth County Library Meeting Reminders:

- Meetings may not always be in the same room, look for room listing in the library's lower level lobby.
- Please do not park at the front of the library, go around the building and down to the back entrance to park.

Membership Dues - John Liska is now collecting 2008 membership dues. All new members receive a packet of instructions, patterns, and some veneers to get started.

At our next Meeting (April 5th), we will cover beginning Marquetry so new members can learn from our more experienced members.

Meeting Refreshments including coffee, tea and homemade cookies and mini-muffins were provided by Ethel Autorino and enjoyed by many of us. Thanks, Ethel!

Show & Tell - Eleven people brought in projects and answered questions about their techniques and materials used. See bottom of page 3 to page 4 for photos and details.

At the February Wood Show, thirty-two of our club members came by to support our booth, most stayed for at least an hour to meet and greet visitors.

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Welcome Aboard

Written by John Truskowski

The Garden State Marquetry Society + Welcomes New Members at our March Meeting:

Larry O Dell
Charles Brenard
Jerry Fishinn
Bill Freedman
Mike Freedman
Lee Freedman
Anthony Gannon
Larry Nagel
Lee Anderson
Rob Chiavaro
Willard Morris

The new members were given a packet of veneers, instructions and patterns for the April meeting. At the April Meeting, titled "Beginning Marquetry" under the guidance of club members will start a Marquetry project. □

Upcoming Meetings are:

April 5th, May 3rd, & June 7th

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Upcoming Club Events:

- **June – Silent Auction:** With the assistance of Stan Lefko, we will hold a silent auction (just among the club) at our June Meeting. Members can bring in old or used tools that they no longer need to auction off. For large tools, just bring in a picture. 10% of the proceeds will be invested back into the club.
- **August – Jamesburg Fair:** As suggested by Gene T., the club may ask for space at the Jamesburg Fair in order to do some demonstrations and exhibit samples of members’ work. Selling is allowed at this event, however, the purpose of the club attending and demonstrating is to get new members interested.
- **September – Library Display:** Please bring in examples of your work to display in the glass cases in the lobby of the library for one month in September. This helps create additional publicity for our craft and attracts interest in what we do. It will only take two people about 30 minutes to set up.
- For the **September Annual Picnic Meeting**, plan on bringing in something you worked on over the summer. Prizes will be awarded to all that bring in a piece of their work that has not yet been seen by the club before. The location for this picnic will be announced once determined since the Old Country Buffett that we used to go to has since closed down.

Pattern Library – At each meeting a portion of the Club’s Pattern Library is available for members to choose free copies from (just don’t take the last one, make new copies if only one is left). Thousands of patterns exist and still need to be collated.

Club’s Library of Books, Tapes, DVDs – Two crates of Club Library material are brought to each meeting by Henry Buccino. The selection varies each month.

Feel free to ask or reserve anything specific that you might be looking for.

Supplies are available in the back of the room for purchase. All are the property of the club and are primarily purchased through industrial suppliers; much is bought in bulk and sold more or less at cost. Ask Jack, who attends this table, if you are looking for something specific.

Cool Tools that were shown this month include: an air-grinder tool that can be converted into a router or can be used for engraving. Also shown was the basic electric Welscher pen for around \$25; also available at Woodcraft; also available in variable speeds for around \$50. Power-packs are also available for those tools so that you don’t need electric power, lasts up to 9 hours, available as small, medium, or large.

Demonstration – A demonstration of the computerized carving machine, CarveWright, was given by Jeff Brown. See brief article on next page for additional details.

Next Meeting will be on April 5th. □



Additional pictures from our March 1st Club Meeting.

CarveWright Machine Demo

Written by Helen Hoefele

At the March meeting, Jeff Brown brought in and demonstrated the CarveWright Computer Controlled Carving Machine.



Jeff Brown and the CarveWright computerized carving machine.

Jeff shared the following information: the machine comes with the necessary computer software. Your computer doesn't need to be in the shop with the machine. What you create on your computer is uploaded to a card that is then plugged into the machine. The machine has its own menu which detects the settings, scans the 3D object to be carved, imports the pattern (200 included), and estimates cutting time. Then you secure the piece to be carved (up to 14 in by 22 feet) and choose the appropriate carving or cutting bit and let the machine do the rest. ■

Thanks!

By John Truskowski

At the Somerset Woodworking Show, the following Vendors made contributions of their products to the GSMS+. These items will be used as Door Prizes at our Monthly Meetings:

Woodline USA
Jefferson Tools
Noxon Spring Tools
Featherbow
Stockroom Supply
Bush Oil
Antique Tool Wear ■

The Central Jersey Woodworker's Association
Presents:

Mario Rodriguez

Teaching Federal Style Shaded Fan Inlay

Clover Hill Farm, Hospital Road, Wall, NJ
Sunday May 18, 2008

From 10am-4pm

\$25 For Members; \$50 for Non-Members
(Fee includes materials, lunch, & a tour)

**Member pricing has been extended
to GSMS+ members, too!!!**

For more info go to: www.cjwa.org, or
Pick up a flyer at our April 5th GSMS+ meeting.

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"Show & Tell" Projects from Our March 1st Meeting

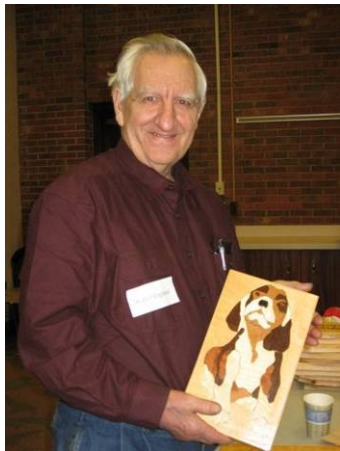


Bob Lewis showed his latest scroll saw work: a "Friends" pattern and a series of scroll saw crosses.

Unfortunately, weren't able to get a picture of Gene Tonkery and his series of engraved and filled Presidential portraits.

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“Show & Tell” Projects from Our March 1st Meeting



Walt England brought in an Intarsia dog.



Henry Buccino brought in three scroll saw pieces: a stained-glass motif; a “Give Thanks” piece; and a Trivet.



New Members, Bill, Mike, and Lee Freedman, showed knife-cutting Marquetry pieces that they had made.



This knife-cut boat scene is just one of several pieces that Mark Gartner brought in (not shown is a mahogany Rocking Horse; a Federal Oval; and a 4-Way Match per Paul Schurch.)



Marty Kamman showed this Marquetry boat with light-house scene.



Larry O Dell made this Intarsia Deer.

Join us at our upcoming meetings on: April 5th, May 3rd. & June 7th
Location: The Monmouth County Library on: 125 Symmes Rd, in Manalapan, NJ
You can find Directions online at: http://gsmsplus.com/meeting_info.php