



# GARDEN STATE MARQUETRY SOCIETY PLUS

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## Highlights from our April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2008 Meeting

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

Two guests, who had heard about our group at the recent Wood Show, were in attendance:

- Rob Chiavarro
- Harry Moorehouse

This month's meeting was held in the Library's smaller meeting room due to a Tax Preparation Service Group using the larger meeting room.

With over 40 people in attendance at our meeting, the small meeting room created a nice, intimate environment for our group. This worked out especially well for this month's meeting since the demonstration portion was already planned to include four separate breakout areas, each focusing on a different style and technique. Attendees could stay at one or visit all four breakouts.

Our members all took full advantage of being able to socialize, mix and mingle, ask questions, and have discussions amongst themselves.

**"Get Well Soon" Wishes to Flip:** One of our long-time members, Flip, is back home and doing better. We all send our best wishes for good health and a speedy recovery to him.

**Planning for September Picnic Meeting** – As is typical, there will be no meetings over the Summer months (not in July nor in August). After the Summer Break, in the second week of September, we plan to hold our Annual Picnic

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(Breakfast/Brunch) Meeting. A new location is still being sought since our usual location has since closed down. If an adequate location can't be found, perhaps we will incorporate our participation in the August Jamesburg Fair with our annual picnic meeting. More to come on that...

**Free Information Sheets**– Copies were available of the following five handouts:

- "Artistry in Veneers" catalogs
- Copies of the March Newsletter
- Pattern for the Federal Oval
- Patterns for scrollsaw crosses from April 2008 Woodworks magazine.
- Burl & Veneer Flattening Formula

**American Marquetry Society (AMS)** – There was a small blurb about our group in "Chapter News" section of the recent Spring 2008 "The American Marquetarian" newsletter.

Please see "Special Magazine Offer" made available to AMS by the Fox Chapel Publishing Co. The offer is reprinted on Page 3 of this newsletter.

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### Upcoming Meetings before the summer break are:

May 3<sup>rd</sup>. & June 7<sup>th</sup>

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**Upcoming Club Events:** Not discussed at this month’s meeting, but still on the club’s calendar is: the August Jamesburg Fair and the September Library Display. Discussed at this month’s meeting was:

**The June Silent Tool Auction:** The club has never done this before, so this will be our first. It will just be internal within our club. Stan Lefko will be running it.

For the auction, please bring in something (hobby-related) that you think someone else might want, such as something in your basement that has value, that you don’t use any more, but is too good to throw away.

Silent Auction Forms will be available at the May meeting where you can write down a description of the item and set a minimum price if you want.

Think of this as a way to help others save a few dollars and clean your house out of any unused tools and equipment at the same time. (Keep in mind though that this is not meant to be a garage sale.)

**At our next Meeting (May 3<sup>rd</sup>),** bring in whatever projects you have been working on. The demonstration portion of the meeting will be considered a “working session”. Our “Member Experts” will be available to answer questions.

The Tip of the Day is: “If you don’t do it, you won’t learn it.” So, do something and bring it in!

**Cutting Boards** – John Graham brought in some free plastic cutting boards. These will prevent you from damaging work surfaces with knife cutting. These plastic boards are not as good as the self-sealing kind (available from stores like A.C.Moore, and originally meant for quilting), but they will serve the purpose for which they are intended.

**Show & Tell** – Seven people brought in projects and answered questions about their techniques and materials used. See page 4 for photos and details.

**Demonstration** – This month’s demonstration consisted of four breakout groups, each demonstrating a different style or technique.

Marquetry demonstrators included:

- Larry Fenlon: knife-cutting
- John Graham: shaded-fan pattern
- John Goetz: scroll-saw cut “sandwich”
- Gary Wahlers: knife-cutting tulip pattern

**Next Meeting** will be on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. □

## Demonstration Photos



*Larry Fenlon demonstrating the knife-cutting technique for a Marquetry scene pattern.*



*Gary Wahlers demonstrating the knife-cutting technique for a Marquetry tulip pattern.*

## Meeting Photos



*More than 40 people attended our last meeting.*



### From the American Marquetry Society:

#### SPECIAL MAGAZINE OFFER

- Fox Chapel Publishing Co. has extended a very generous offer to the American Marquetry Society – we can subscribe to *Scroll Saw Woodworking & Crafts* magazine and to *Woodcarving Illustrated* magazine at greatly reduced prices. Both are published quarterly.
- In 2008, both magazines will be \$6.99 per issue on the stands, or \$27.96 per year plus local and state sales tax. As an AMS member you can subscribe to either or both of these magazines for \$16 each – delivered to your home. This rate is for AMS members only.
- Call the toll free number 1-888-506-6630 and tell them you want to become a subscriber. Give the operator your special code “AMA16” and you will be given the special \$16 rate.

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](http://www.cjwa.org), or  
Pick up a flyer at our April 5<sup>th</sup> GSMS+ meeting.

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# “Show & Tell” Projects from Our April 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting



*John Graham made this “Ikebana Vase” based on a magazine pattern.*



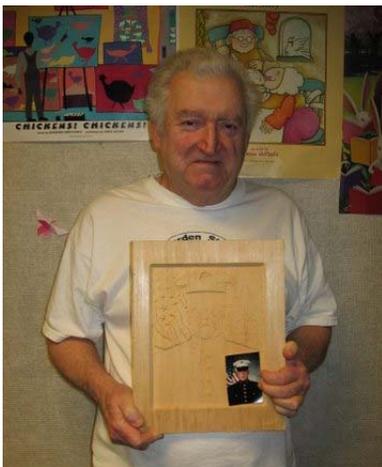
*Walt England made this intarsia sailboat picture and these scroll saw dogs.*



*Gary Wahlers made this press from maple.*



*Bob Lewis made these “Amazing Grace” hearts having adjusted the size of a pattern from a magazine to his needs.*



*Gene Tonkery made this Marine portrait using the CarveWright machine.*



*Pete Laudati hand-carved this character from bass wood and painted it with acrylic paints.*

Join us at our upcoming meetings on: May 3<sup>rd</sup>, & June 7<sup>th</sup>  
Location: The Monmouth County Library on: 125 Symmes Rd, in Manalapan, NJ  
You can find Directions online at: [http://gsmsplus.com/meeting\\_info.php](http://gsmsplus.com/meeting_info.php)