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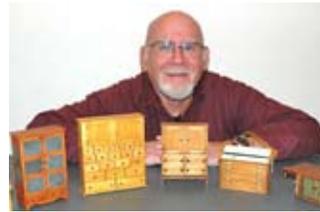
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Happy New Year - what a great year we had!
Looking forward to an even better one!



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Business meeting notes

Well, there wasn't much business at the Holiday potluck, in fact there was none. The gathered had some wonderful food, good drinks and of course extraordinary fellowship. Thanks to Carl and Laura Johnson for supplying the place and turkey for this party.

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January Meeting - Art Hofmann

Our first meeting of the year will take place on Tuesday, January 5th at 7 P.M. at the relatively new location of Luthiers Mercantile at 7975 Cameron Dr. - Bldg. 1600 Windsor, CA.

Natalie Swango of Luthiers Mercantile will tell us about the state of the business and show us around the site. Her presentation will be followed by Harry Fleishman, a luthier from Sebastopol, (<http://www.fleishmaninstruments.com/>) will hold forth about the latest in guitar construction on the basis of samples that he will bring with him.

Harry will be accompanied by an apprentice who has been working with him for the last four years as well. This should be an interesting meeting.

Natalie Swango of Luthiers Mercantile adds, "We have some fall down items that might appeal to woodworkers that we will have available that evening for \$5/ pound. We'll put it out for people to look over, if they are interested. No hard sell, but some of this stuff might be of interest to your group. -- People should dress warmly as we'll be meeting in the warehouse and it gets mighty cold in the evening.

Calendar

Here is the calendar for the next couple of months:

January 5th 2010 - Luthier's Mercantile, Harry Fleishman Guitar builder

February - Jerry Kermode turns a signature bowl for us

March - Joe Amaral at Bill Hartman's shop in Rancho Cotate H.S.

April - Design Workshops in Hayward, 11 A.M. Saturday, April 10...

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From the Chairman

Happy New Year's to you all. We certainly had a fun-filled set of meetings in 2009. From what is planned for 2010 by Art, it looks like another interesting year.

As things sort of get back to normal, (kids back to school, adults back to work), I trust you had time to spend this holiday season with family and friends. Since recorded history began, the celebrations that are centered around this time of year, have been time to take stock of your life, celebrate your good fortune and have parties. So I do hope you had a good time.

This year, we mourned the passing of two influential figures in woodworking - Sam Maloof and James Krenov. Closer to home, one of our own - Ray Churchill - also passed away. May their spirits live on. Our Artistry in Wood show had a great turn out. It was second highest the museum has ever seen. We had some interesting speakers and of course, a wonderful potluck.

Looking ahead, our Artistry in Wood show isn't until later this year (September) and already, I've got plans to really make something for it this year. Well, actually it is the same thing I wanted to do this past year, but just didn't find the time.

Like many, I have a job during the day and it often cuts into my woodworking. But thanks to economy, (yeah!) it appears that my time in the shop will be increased this year versus decreased. I would think something about "making lemonade when handed lemons" is appropriate here.

As you look at the latest roster of officers, it's good to see some new names fulfilling much needed positions. I do hope that many of you will consider running for office later in the year.

See you at the next meeting!

Michael

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