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Delaware's Teacher of the Year visits the Guild

With Guild president Wayne Sholtz as master of ceremonies, the Guild presented **Delaware's 2019 Teacher of the Year - Dana Bowe** with the schoolmaster's desk. Ms. Bowe is a K-2 special education teacher at West Seaford Elementary. In the short time we had to meet with her, it was obvious how she adores teaching and loves her students, and why she was the recipient of such an award....the process of which is quite rigorous and highly selective. It was an honor to meet her and the Guild hopes to return the favor of her visit sometime in the future.

Congratulations to Wayne and all the members who contributed in the desk's creation.





Jeremy Noblitt continues to play on his 3D printer, making shapes and nameplates for the Guild!



Back in 1986, gas cost 70 cents a gallon, Chernobyl nuclear power plant exploded, and Rich O'Shaughnessy turned this dish on a Sears lathe as a gift to his daughter. It's still in use today and looking fine.

Rich Libera is published in the current issue of Woodcraft magazine as *Top Tip* with the following...

"A while back, I made a desk that had 36 tenons, each slotted for two $\frac{3}{4}$ " by 1" long wedges. Here's how I managed to make so many efficiently and safely. Begin with a piece of squared stock that $1\frac{1}{4}$ " thick by at least 6" wide (for feed stability). Also for safe feeding, it should be at least 8" long. To setup up the cut, first make a wedge-length cutline on the face $1\frac{1}{4}$ " up from one end. Lean your blade over 8°, and outfit your rip fence with an auxiliary tall fence. Locate the fence for a cut that will slice to your line, then saw a wedge from each opposing face. Invert the workpiece and perform the same 2 cuts at the other end. The 4 wide wedges you just cut can now be knifed or bandsawn to their desired width (trimming them flush to final length after installation). If you need yet more wedges, tilt the blade back to vertical and adjust the fence to cut a new wedge adjacent to each of the first cuts. Then crosscut these wedges free of the stock."



Jim Kirkbride's believes all wood deserves a chance, and turned some bird's eye and spalted maple. The surface is glass smooth.



Holiday Celebration

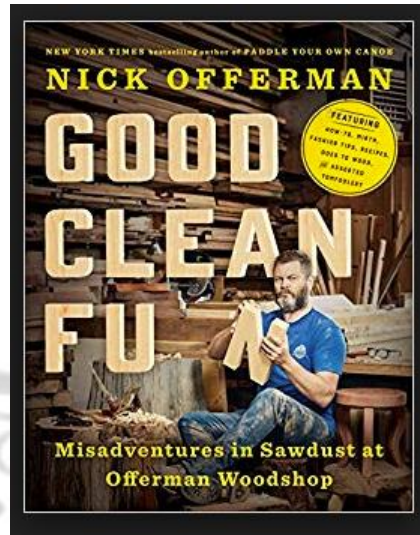


The newsletter editor fell down on the job and didn't get pictures of the tasty morsels brought in by everyone, but did manage to document what Santa Noblitt left under the tree. It was a fun way to go into the holidays. One request from Clem Padin's wife: more wives attend next year!



Wayne Scholtz was the lucky member to win both the 1st and 2nd Guild prizes at the holiday party.
1st prize: a nice, new Bosch jigsaw. 2nd prize: Guild president for another year!

A quick look at...



Grabbed a couple of books over the holidays from the wonderful public library at Talley Day Park in Wilmington. One of them was Nick Offerman's "Good Clean Fun" which came out in 2016. You may have seen "actor-Nick" on shows like Parks and Recreation, Making It (where he and Amy Poehler host a contest between crafters), and This Old House. Nick also is a pretty avid workworker, and has authored articles in Fine Woodworking and a couple books. This is the first woodworking book of his that I've had the occasion to read.

If you've seen Nick on TV, he has a quirky sense of humor with a delivery that is as dry as a martini. That style is reflected in his writing too. Good Clean Fun covers a broad swath, explaining some of the basics of woodworking (tool descriptions, wood anatomy, and milling) as well as diving in with more well known woodworkers such as Chris Becksvoort, Peter Galbert, Laura Mays, and Gary Bennett. Included are little ditties from the folks at his workshop as well as some small project descriptions like making a paddle, a side table, and kazoo amongst others.

Even at 300 pages, this is relatively quick read (lotta pictures) and I found his writing style enjoyable, but that may be because I enjoy his sense of humor. Probably more so I appreciate he is a DIY kinda fellow from the seemingly superficial world of Hollywood, and that uniqueness strikes a tone with me.

NEXT MEETING IS WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16TH

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