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## Presidents' Corner submitted by Chuck Saunders

The season is upon us and another year comes to a close. We have come a long way but our journey has just begun. The sharing of knowledge of the wood-working craft never stops. The new craftsman will always need to draw upon the wisdom of the skilled and in time they will pass along the knowledge they have accumulated. That is the cycle of the craft handed down. Everyone participates in this process whether through formal instruction in a class, casual conversation with one another, and even the simple act of being exposed to higher craft will expand the craftsmen's knowledge of work. We learn passively from others every day just by being in the same space. The learning is accelerated when we shift from a passive interaction into an active interaction.

What do I mean by that? Get involved with the craft. Share what you know, ask about what you don't. Push yourself out of your comfort zone and try something new. Good things come to those who wait, but to those that make things happen. Most importantly Get Involved,

and more specifically get involved with the Guild. I am asking each of you to give of your most voluble resource, your time. The Guild benefits from having a larger percentage of the membership involved with the Guild operations. The greater the diversity of people involved the more likely that needed information gets passed along to the rest of the membership. Find an area that you have some interest in, or an area that you want to know more about and offer to help out.

Like any organization the Guild requires people in many areas, not just wood-working. Marketing, Bookkeeping, Public Relations, Library, Communications, Web Development, Tool Maintenance, Physical Plant, Food Service, Safety, Membership and Training to mention a few. Yes there are people providing these services now, and they can use your help. Sharing the load reduces the burden for all. We need to keep the leadership of our Guild rotating so that we don't become stagnant and set in our ways. We also need to have the depth so that no one becomes "the only one that

knows how to do that". People come and go but the Guild should survive.

In April we will hold our annual elections for some of the board and leadership committee positions. I would like for there to be no shortage of people wanting to serve with even more people wanting to assist. Step up, volunteer, I see great things ahead. Thanks,  
Chuck Saunders



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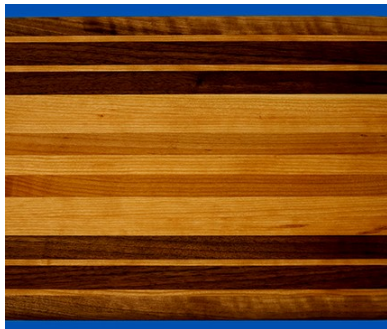
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Dulcimers by John Hashimoto made from walnut and walnut/spruce finished with lacquer



Toys by Ken Grainger made with poplar & Douglas fir



"Jewelry Books" II by Russ Amos finished with lacquer point of interest is soft close challenges were 134 pieces



Elephant and Baby by Spring Fisk made with walnut



Trucks by Steve Erickson made with maple and Douglas fir

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## Upcoming Events and Important Dates

December Program – Holiday Dinner

January Program – Nilus Orth (or designee) Using the Horizontal Router Bushton Manufacturing

February Program – Chuck Slagle, Shop Safety

March Program – Dave Kraatz

