

# SWWA's 10<sup>TH</sup> WOODWORKER'S CHALLENGE

## NOVEMBER 4, 2015



Members of the Sawdust & Woodchips Woodworking Association met on Wednesday, November 4<sup>th</sup> for their monthly meeting in the Community Room at Station One of the Belgium Cold Springs Fire Department. About 90 people attended. This meeting was our **10<sup>th</sup> Woodworker's Challenge**. At this meeting, members enter projects and compete for prizes in seven (7) categories – *furniture, accessories, turnings, scrolled, carved & sculpted, toys, and what-not*. They also compete for *Best in Show* honors. Awards are based on votes by members and visitors present at the event. This recap presents the results of another great event in 2015! For those wanting statistics

- We had 53 projects entered, the most ever.
- 34 members entered projects, the most ever.
- Two members entered 5 of the 7 categories, 1 entered 4, 1 entered 3, 6 entered 2, and 24 entered just 1.
- 23 vendors provided nearly \$1800 in prizes including Franklin International who provided enough glue bottles that each person who entered went home with a prize. A list of vendors providing prizes can be found at the end of this write-up.

Our first category with the winners announced was the **What Not** category. With nine entries, it was quite a surprise to the vote tally'rs that they had a 3-way tie between the *Two Old Crows* hanging sign from **John DeWane**; the *Bird Haven* collection of bird houses and such entered by **Charlie LaPrease**; and the pine, painted Tool Chest presented by **Kevin Rawlings**. In addition to a 3 way tie for 1<sup>st</sup>, we also had a tie for 4<sup>th</sup>. **Ken Landon's** black walnut and oak trivets tied with **Mike Shuron's** column profile that he entered *just for fun*. You see, Mike had packed up the shop, his toys, and all his other *stuff* in anticipation of his relocation at the end of November from Onondaga Hill to Union, Kentucky. Entries receiving Honorable Mention were a magic wand from **Rod Castle**, a multi-wood clipboard from **Bob Norton**, the Taicati from **Jim Yonkers**, and a segmented puzzle snake from **Barbara Raymond-LaPrease**.

Eleven (11) people entered the **Toys** category which again produced a tie, this time only a 2-way tie for 4<sup>th</sup>. Winning the category was **Wilbur Chatterton** with his walnut, cherry, and maple fire truck. **Bill Noroski's** pine segmented puzzle rattlesnake received 2<sup>nd</sup> prize. A cherry, walnut, and maple Noah's Ark created by **Barbara Raymond-LaPrease** as a Christmas gift for her new great-nephew won 3<sup>rd</sup> prize. The tie for 4<sup>th</sup> was between **Bruce Swift's** oak and cherry cradle and **Bob Norton's** maple & walnut penguin. Six people earned Honorable Mention recognition ... **Charlie LaPrease** for his oak, walnut, and padauk yo yo; **Tony Baleno** for his cherry segmented snake puzzle; **Mark Anastas** for his maple and cherry turned baby rattle; **Mark Baumes** for his shellac-finished poplar mailbox; **David Wheat** for his cherry and maple cribbage board; and **Ken Landon** for his walnut & maple penguin named Penny.

The **Carved & Sculpted** category had the least amount of entries with just four. **Barbara Raymond-LaPrease** won the category with her Walnut, Maple, and Redwood intarsia mouse riding on a leaf. **Jim Yonkers'** Gimlet burl bowl earned him 2<sup>nd</sup> place while **Sherry Kelsey's** cherry rose intarsia garnered her 3<sup>rd</sup>. A beech knife by **Charlie LaPrease** earned him 4<sup>th</sup> prize.

Eleven members entered the **Turning** category and again we had a tie for fourth place. Winning the category was **Larry Prunotto** with a pair of segmented funeral urns he created for his wife and him – hopefully in several years. One was maple and padauk and the other maple and purpleheart. Each consists of over 200 pieces of wood glued up and then turned. A large spalted maple hollow form turned by **Bruce Meissner** received 2<sup>nd</sup> prize. Australian Red Mallee burl and African blackwood were turned into a beautiful lidded box by **Mel Taber**. Mel received 3<sup>rd</sup> for his piece. The tie for fourth was between **Rod Castle** and **Jim Yonkers**. Rod entered a salt and pepper collection containing five sets of turnings from a variety of woods. Jim Yonkers entered a large redwood burl platter with a decorative center. Honorable mentions went to 6 more impressive pieces. **Skip Couch** showed some turned ornaments all of which will be added to a tree donated to the Antique Boat Museum in Clayton by members of the Thousand Island Woodturners. **Charlie LaPrease** entered a 20" diameter maple bowl; **Mark Anastas** entered a curly maple bowl; **Chad Dawson** entered a trio of walnut *wave* bowls; **Mike Shuron** entered a walnut bowl he found while packing; and, Dick Powers entered a segmented pedestal bowl.

The **Scrolling** category included a wide variety of projects, some complex with multiple pieces and some from a single piece of material. **Bob Henry's** oak, walnut, aspen and cedar clock won first prize. As usual, Bob's pieces are stunning and the woods complemented, rather than detracting from the piece. **John DeWane** offered his curly maple & red heart

sleigh and cherry & hickory reindeer for which he received a 2<sup>nd</sup> place award. The scrolled bowl of African bubinga with yellowheart accents secured **Barbara Raymond-LaPrease** the 3<sup>rd</sup> place award whereas the black walnut, mahogany, and maple nut basket gave **Ron Bachta** the 4<sup>th</sup> place award. Honorable mention awards were given to **Peter Breese** for his oak clock, **Paul Granger** for his corian cross, and **Paul Tennant** for his marine plywood tractor.

Unlike last year when the **Accessories** category had ten entries, this year it had half of that, just five. The winner, with his miniature mahogany Bombay jewelry box, was **Terry Dote**. Yes, the box was veneered and yes he hand cut the dovetails in the drawers. **Jim Yonkers'** purpleheart, walnut, and maple jewelry set earned him a 2<sup>nd</sup> prize. The walnut and hickory bandsaw box in the shape of a Siberian husky was presented by **Ken Landon** and earned him 3<sup>rd</sup>. Tied for 4<sup>th</sup> were the **LaPrease's** .... **Barbara** presented a corian cheese tray and **Charlie** presented a group of ring holders made from willow, cherry and ash. (see photo next page.)

Six gentlemen presented items in the **Furniture** category – each of which was unique and each could have been the winner. In the end, first place went to **Bruce Meissner** for this cherry veneered drop leaf table. Bruce designed the table based on his wife Marion's jigsaw puzzle size requirements. Without the leaves, the table is 38" square. When not filled with a puzzle, everyone will see the beautiful star Bruce inlaid on the top. Second place was awarded to **Terry Dote** for his hickory side table which he designed in the Arts & Crafts style. Terry noted that the table has 20 sliding dovetails, all hand cut that are offset by 3½ degrees. The side panels include stained glass windows, the details of which are shown in the photo on page 10. A cherry and maple hope chest earned **Don Vanderveer** 3<sup>rd</sup> prize. The chest will be an heirloom for whichever child/grandchild receives it. A combination cherry cheval mirror and jewelry storage unit was presented by **John Leone** and earned him a 4<sup>th</sup> place. John's wife asked for *something in which to store her jewelry* and look what she got! Two honorable mentions were handed out to **Jeff Nichols** and **Jim Ruddock**. Jeff, showed a jatoba and live edge ambrosia maple bedside table, one of two he built. Jim's walnut, maple, and birdseye maple veneer foyer table is another project requested by a wife. The butterfly inlay in the photo below was burnished with hot sand.

Our **Best in Show** award was given to **Bruce Meissner** for his cherry drop leaf table. Another great event! ✂

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## VENDORS WHO SUPPORTED OUR 10<sup>TH</sup> WOODWORKER'S CHALLENGE

The following vendors provided nearly **\$1800** in product or prizes for our 10<sup>th</sup> annual *Woodworker's Challenge*. At least two more offered products for future raffles. We know you have a choice in who you get your supplies from for your woodworking addiction, please consider buying their products or buying from them. If you know of vendors who might be willing to donate, send Barbara an email at [barbchas@twcny.rr.com](mailto:barbchas@twcny.rr.com). ✂



**Beall Tool**  
**Berry Basket**  
**Big Gator Tools**  
**Craft Supply**  
**DMT**  
**DonJor / Flockit**  
**Foredom Electric Company**  
**Fox Chapel Publishing**  
**Franklin International**  
**Highland Woodworking**  
**Kreg Tool**  
**Lakeshore Hardwoods**  
**Lee Valley**

**Lie Nielsen**  
**MLCS**  
**Memphis Hardwood Lumber**  
**Packard Woodworks**  
**PS Wood Machines**  
**Roberts Studio**  
**Tools for Working Wood**  
**Treeline**  
**Waterlox**  
**Wooden Teddy Bear**  
**Woodline**  
**Woodpeckers**

**What Not Category**



**Tie 1<sup>st</sup> - John DeWane**



**HM - Bob Norton**



**Tie 1<sup>st</sup> - Charlie LaPrease**

**Tie 1<sup>st</sup> - Kevin Rawlings**

**HM - Barbara Raymond-LaPrease**



**HM - Rod Castle**



**Tie 4<sup>th</sup> - Ken Landon**



**HM - Jim Yonkers**

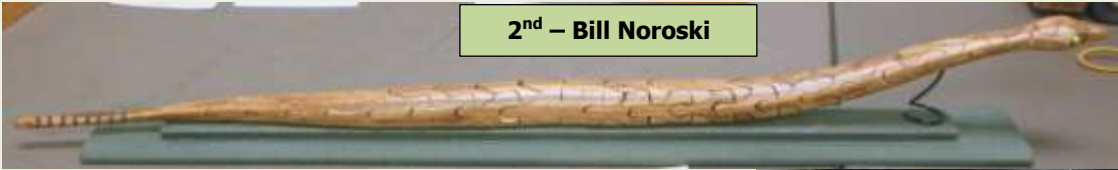


**Tie 4<sup>th</sup> - Mike Shuron**



**Toys  
Category**

**2<sup>nd</sup> – Bill Noroski**



**1<sup>st</sup> – Wilbur  
Chatterton**



**Tie 4<sup>th</sup> – Bruce Swift**



**Tie 4<sup>th</sup> – Bob  
Norton**



**HM – David Wheat**



**HM – Ken  
Landon**



**HM – Mark  
Baumes**



**3<sup>rd</sup> – Barbara  
Raymond-  
LaPrease**



**HM - Charlie  
LaPrease**



**HM – Tony Baleno**



**HM – Mark Anastas**



**Turning  
Category**



**2<sup>nd</sup> – Bruce  
Meissner**



**1<sup>st</sup> – Larry  
Prunotto**



**3<sup>rd</sup> – Mel  
Taber**



**Tie 4<sup>th</sup> – Rod  
Castle**



**Tie 4<sup>th</sup> – Jim  
Yonkers**



**HM – Charlie  
LaPrease**



**HM – Mark  
Anastas**



**HM – Mike  
Shuron**



**HM – Chad  
Dawson**



**HM – Dick  
Powers**



**HM – Skip  
Couch**



**Scrolling Category**

**1<sup>st</sup> – Bob Henry**



**2<sup>nd</sup> – John DeWane**



**HM – Paul Granger**

**3<sup>rd</sup> – Barbara Raymond-LaPrease**



**HM – Peter Breese**



**HM – Paul Tennant**



**4<sup>th</sup> – Ron Bachtta**

**Carved & Sculpted Category**



**1<sup>st</sup> – Barbara Raymond-LaPrease**



**2<sup>nd</sup> – Jim Yonkers**

**3<sup>rd</sup> – Sherry Kelsey**



**4<sup>th</sup> – Charlie LaPrease**



**1<sup>st</sup> – Terry Dote**

**Accessories  
Category**



**Tie 4<sup>th</sup> – Barbara  
Raymond-LaPrease**



**3<sup>rd</sup> – Ken Landon**



**Tie 4<sup>th</sup> – Charlie  
LaPrease**



**2<sup>nd</sup> – Jim Yonkers**



**Barbara with Bruce, our 2015  
Best in Show Winner**



**Participants in Scrolling  
(Missing is Paul Tennant)**



**Participants in  
Carved & Sculpted**



**Participants in Toys**



**Participants in Turning**





**Furniture  
Category**

**1<sup>st</sup> – Bruce Meissner**



**Close-up of  
Jim's Inlay**

**HM – Jim  
Ruddock**





**Furniture Category**  
*Photo 2*

2<sup>nd</sup> – Terry Dote



Drawer Detail ↑  
Side Panel Detail →



3<sup>rd</sup> – Don Vanderveer



←  
Don's Chest Open



4<sup>th</sup> John Leone

←  
Closed  
→  
Open



HM – Jeff Nichols

