

New England Woodturning Symposium.....Next Symposium 2021

General Discussion:

Date and Time Pinkerton respectfully requests that we change the date of future Symposia to the week of their April break, generally the final week of April. This would leave campus nearly empty for the entire week, minimizing security and allowing us access to almost everything. It would facilitate repairing and moving equipment, setting up audio-visual and testing, moving tables and chairs, putting up signs. Maintenance and Building and Grounds could more easily schedule efforts to assist us, vendors could be allowed in earlier on Friday,

Pinkerton would appreciate notification of this change and date confirmation for 2021 as soon as possible.

Guild Identification? We were difficult to find. Maybe all section chairs should wear hats? Shirts? Epaulets? More important for President and Symposium Chair.

Information Station? Locate a table as an information station or kiosk at the entrance to Shepard and Low Bldg with a rollup Guild banner, large size grid and map. Staff it with a rotating set of volunteers to answer questions about membership, lunch, restrooms, elevators etc. This could also act as a lost and found, rendezvous destination, raffle location. Such a kiosk could also serve at Sunapee and Annual Meeting.

Additional Registration: Additional personnel and tables were needed for on site registration. Maybe make the coffee and muffins available in hallway to minimize frustration, and lessen the walk-through pressure during Vendor and IG Set-Up.

Greater Access: Maybe move lunch out of Shepard? This would free up the center aisle for additional Vendors. Maybe move IG to a classroom of its own that would be in between lunch and demonstrations? Do we need or want more Vendors?

Overlap: There is some overlap between section chairs that requires greater communication. Much of what individual chairs accomplish needs to “walk back” to the Registra for inclusion in Touch-Ups, some invitations need to be included in advertisements made to other Clubs, overlapping information needs recognition and transference to other chairs in a timely fashion.

High School Competition

General: Make competition available to Middle, High and Home schooled students in Northern NH or tristate? in areas of borders that are close enough to qualify for League?

Do we make the High School Competition more visible by combining it with the IG? Or does it get lost in the shuffle?

Do we place the High School Competition on the Stage and increase visibility?

Do we offer a competitive format annually? Open to all wood shop students, middle, high and home schooled? In NH? Northern NH? TriState? Or all NE?

Does this annual event occur at the May meeting of the Guild, GSWT or at Sunapee?

Can we attract enough students? Obtain enough prizes? Judges? Interest teachers?

Do we alternate this with general woodworking? Start with 2019 then move to the "Mike Plan" in 2020 at Sanborn Farms General Woodworking Symposium?.

Vendors and Trade Show:

General: Fewer would have been better?? Or remove circular tables and place additional vendors in a double row in center of Shepard auditorium? Or do we highlight the vendor donating the grand prize in the center? Or on the Stage?

How do we deal with last minute requests? Agreeing to everyone and anything made for a crowded Vendor Floor.

Week before: Confirm volunteers assign to start early, finish late, carry over to Fri

Confirm volunteer time and place

Confirm lunch and drinks for Friday (Thanks Mike)

Get cracking early

Instant Gallery

General: Measure Shepard floor space as early as possible and map out table placement. Only three rows were needed in 2018, the fourth row took up valuable floor space and resulted in crowded lunch tables.

Station the High School Competition in front of the IG on a table of its own. Check floor access and maneuverability.

Define a better method of identifying both author and piece, to clarify ownership.

Discuss keeping a small percentage of all sales as the Guild does at it's Flea Market.

Set up a new form with the Registra and have it ready for inclusion in the on line registration process.

Encourage early IG registration, assign paperwork and identify table space to minimize

traffic flow and confusion on the day of Symposium.

Advertise IG to area clubs, schools and vendors. Develop a poster?

Determine if a “Best in Show” or “Peoples Choice Award” would be beneficial and determine method for public voting (See Sunapee raffle system). Define possible judges and request their involvement, confirm that by April. Same judges as Student Comp?

Determine and invite volunteers, assign duties and walk them through the forms.

March and April Confirm volunteers and lunch, assign grid of availability

Print new forms as needed

Continue advertising in Touch-Ups , invitations to other Clubs

Invite Demonstrators to contribute work to IG

Invite Vendors to contribute work to IG

Assign clean-up duties, identification, packaging, tables, chairs etc.

June 1 Order straight jacket and attend funny farm.