

Woodworkers Guild

what is it?

The Woodworker's Guild is a group of woodworking artisans who have a variety of skills who use the Guild's workshop and tools (lathes, routers, planer, table saw, joiner) for projects they are working on. The equipment is adequate for casual use but is not designed for heavy-duty needs of professionals. Our member's skills include woodturning, cabinetry, carving, toy making, furniture building to refinishing. The Guild and its members also participate in several annual events where member's projects are made available for sale to the public with sale proceeds shared between the Lexington Arts & Crafts Society and the woodworker.

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what's in it for you?

- Opportunity to use a professional woodworking shop with many pieces of equipment not found in a typical home workshop.
- Exhibit your work and offer it for sale in the spacious Parsons Gallery during the Guild's Annual Exhibition and other invitational exhibits, as well as in other locations.
- Sell your work in the summer Artisans Market and the December Holiday Marketplace* as well as in the Back Door Gallery.
- Automatically receive membership in NARM, North American Reciprocal Museums, which offers benefits such as free admission and member discounts at museum shops at over 600 museums in the U.S., over 30 in Massachusetts. **
- Receive discounts on classes and workshops.
- Receive discounts at quality retailers, including Anderson & McQuaid, Rockler, Woodcraft.
- Increase exposure of your art through the LACS website and social media.
- Participate in Lexington Open Studios at LACS.
- Receive Society and Guild newsletters with updated information on our programs, shows and events. ‡
- Access Guild and Society libraries and resources. ‡
- Be invited, along with a guest, to attend the popular Holiday Marketplace Preview Party and advance sale.
- Make lasting friendships with other artists who share your enthusiasm and desire to explore a variety of techniques and materials. The guild includes 60+ woodworking artisans working in a variety of woodworking subjects and projects.

*Dependent upon submitting work for sale in the Fall Fair fundraiser.

**NARM benefit with full-year, non-discounted Society membership,

‡Not all Guilds have newsletter and library.

what would your part be?

- Attend monthly Woodworkers Guild monthly meetings.
- Observe the "Housekeeping and Etiquette" requirements (highlighted in the Woodworkers Guild Brochure.)
- Volunteer for tasks within the Guild.
- Contribute your talents to the operation of the organization, for example, chair or serve on a committee, help with clerical tasks, plan and stage events, and staff the gallery during shows.
- Help out with the Holiday Marketplace.
- Participate with work for sale or make a cash contribution to support the Fall Fair, our primary fundraiser.
- Meet annual Society and Guild membership dues.

what to do next?

Woodworkers Guild membership is open to adults with a reasonable level of woodworking experience and is subject to guidelines specified in the Woodworkers Guild Membership Packet. All new members are required to demonstrate safe and proficient use of the equipment before receiving unrestricted use of the shop.

To apply for membership in the Woodworkers Guild and LACS:

- Request an application packet from the LACS Office.
- Complete and submit the application form.
- Attend a brief orientation session.
- Pay Society and Guild membership dues.

For more information contact:

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Lamp by Bruce Neuman
"Eggs" by Earl Powell

