



WNYATCA



WESTERN NEW YORK ANTIQUE TOOL COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION

Website: www.wnyatca.org

The next meeting of WNYATCA will be held **June 23, 2019**
at the Quality Inn, Batavia, NY, just off the Thruway, Batavia exit.

Tool trading starts at 9:30 am...No Charge for a Trade Table
Meeting starts at 10:30 am

Early birds get there around 8:30 am. Come early and enjoy the trading, talking, coffee and pastry.

Meeting Dates for 2019:

- ✓ June 23, September 22, November 3
- ✓ Membership \$20.00/year payable at your 1st meeting.
- ✓ Regular Meetings held in Batavia, NY 4 times/yr.
- ✓ \$5.00 Meeting donation to help with room rental

We value Members' input with the Programs and Newsletter.

At June 23, 2019 WNYATCA Meeting:

- ✓ Speaker Series: Seth Gottlieb, L.S. Starrett tools – members are invited to bring interesting, unusual or rare Starrett items
- ✓ Check on the payment status of your membership
- ✓ Buy benefits drawing tickets to support the club
- ✓ Consider donating an item to the benefits drawing

2019-2020 Officers

President: Leon Golder 607-962-4733
 Vice President: Dan Weinstock
 Secretary: Keith McCormick 518-365-8399
 Treasurer: Joe Paolucci

Meeting Contributors

Benefit Drawing: Tim Rhubart
 What's It & Show Table: Dan Weinstock
 Website: Keith McCormick

Western New York Antique Tool Collectors Association March 24, 2018 Minutes

Welcome: The March 24, 2019 meeting of WNYATCA convened at 10:31 AM at the Quality Inn in Batavia, NY. President Otto Dole presided. 32 members were in attendance. President Dole welcomed everyone to the 1st meeting of 2019 and the 31st year of WNYATCA. President Dole introduced two new club members, Eric Hansen and Tom Bruce. President Dole mentioned a few notes on the history of WNYATCA. In 1993 Howard Meyer wrote an article titled "Looking Back" after 16 years of the club's existence. The club can trace its roots to a 1974 gathering at Buffalo State College where an exhibit titled "150 years of Hand Tools" was on display in Upton Hall. Mark Beecher was credited for the initial formation of the club and the 1st meeting was held in 1978 once bylaws were established. During the first 15 years of the club, meetings were held all across New York state from Jamestown to Ithaca to Cooperstown and even Titusville, PA. For your planning, tool trading starts at 9:30; meeting begins at 10:30; meeting/program complete by 1:30; and room must be cleared by 2:30. **2019 WNYATCA meeting dates June 23, September 22 and November 3.**

Contributors: President Dole thanked all meeting contributors. Secretary Keith McCormick for preparing the meeting minutes, sending the Newsletter mailings and maintaining the club website. Treasurer Reid O'Connell for preparing the Treasurer's report, maintaining club member information, logging member sign-in at meetings and interfacing with the hotel on behalf of the club. Dave Iverson for administering the benefits drawing on behalf of Tim Rhubarb. Dan Weinstock for leading the What's It and Show tables, leading the nomination committee and coordinating today's speaker. President Dole thanked all members that bring tools for trading, donating items for the benefits drawing and bringing examples for the What's It and Show tables.

Member's Tasks: Club members were reminded of the various ways to support the club by paying the yearly membership fee (\$20) and meeting room use fee (\$5), reviewing membership spreadsheet at check-in time to ensure contact information is correct, bringing What's It and Show Table items to future meetings, buy benefits drawing tickets, bring a potential new member to the meetings, reading the Secretary's report in advance and to wear a name tag. All members were thanked for their dedication to the club.

Secretary's Report: The Secretary's report was sent prior to the meeting. No additions or corrections were made by the members in attendance and the report was accepted as published.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's report indicated a checking account bank balance on 9/30/18 of \$1,587.33. Income since the last report was \$940. Expenses since the last report were \$368.30, which included a Quality Inn invoice for the 11/4/18 meeting for \$368.30. The checking account bank balance was \$2,277.73 on 2/28/19 and the checking account checkbook balance was \$2,277.73 on 2/28/19. Balance includes \$466 for the projector fund. The net gain since the last report was \$571.70. There is no difference between the checkbook and bank balance as of this report.

There are currently 75 members, an increase of two since the last meeting. This reflects addition of new member Toby Dean of Ithaca and reactivation of membership for Tom Bruce, also of Ithaca. Tom had been inactive for several years.

79% of members have paid dues through 2017 or later. 21% of memberships expired 2016 or earlier. This is a new high for active members. However, it could change for various reasons. Many pay their dues at the first meeting each year. Also, I don't change the expiration dates to red until the June meeting membership update. It will note those who have not paid dues since 2017, two years in arrears.

Vice President's Report:

1) Speaker Series – Continued working on 2019 panel of speakers. We may have an individual that participated on the Forged in Fire TV show and a RIT graduate that is knowledgeable on L.S. Starrett tools and printing screens. He was an intern at Mount Vernon and cataloged tools back to George Washington's period.

Unfinished Business:

1) Club computer projector & PA system – projectors run in the \$400-500 range, depending on resolution and brightness. Joel Havens and Terry Page to lead the projector and PA system efforts.

2) WNYATCA website – Keith will continue to work on site updates as necessary.

3) Treasurer's nomination – Otto Dole placed Joe Paolucci's name on the ballot based on Joe's agreement to run for the Treasurer's position. Otto requested other nominations from the floor and none were given. Terry Page made a motion to close the nomination process. Otto suggested that a member cast one vote and the membership voted to agree. Keith McCormick cast one vote, it was accepted and Joe Paolucci was elected as Treasurer.

New Business:

1) None reported

Show table

1) Reid's cast iron tool that looks like a bar clamp. Marked Syracuse, NY. Not a book press or used for binding, but potentially used for holding papers together.

2) A stout press with dumbbell handles. Could potentially be a bookbinding tool, but has a small plate. 28"x16" width with an 18" wheel. Potentially a bank press for embossing. Banks used presses to compress cash for storage.

3) Leon's broad hatchet. Marked NYC&HRR which is the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad.

4) NY Times newspaper article from an auction house about twist drill bits valued at \$26,000. Graduations range from 1/32" to 1/2" and were used by the Wright brothers.

What's It table

Item #1 – Tool with cross knurled nut to change position for width. An automotive tool for cleaning piston ring grooves. Terry Page to bring patent to next meeting.

Item #2 – Plier-like device marked Utica Tool Co. Used for alignment of items?

Item #3 – Hatchet used for shingles and strap hammer-like.

Item #4 – Brass tool with hexagonal opening, no markings. A combination tool, potentially a shipper's crate tool.

Item #5 – Buggy wrench, potentially a display piece for buggy whips.

Item #6 – A cotton head mop holder with screw clamp, potentially forged.

Item #7 – wrench type item with patent number. Joel to research patent for next meeting.

Item #8 – Frame stretcher with pentagon section for cutting / clamping with functional jaws.

Item #9 – Oak piece with kerfs cut in it, half moon shape. Potentially a cow shoe.

Item #10 – Die for making lake trout spoons. Geneva 66 / Max 66 trolling spoons.

Benefits Drawing

A sum of \$99 was raised for the benefits drawing.

At 11:35AM, the official business portion of the meeting was adjourned.

Speaker Series

Fred Jordan, Master Bookbinder

Fred has done book restorations for Hamilton College and Buffalo/Erie County libraries to include the Mark Twain collection. Throughout his career he has mentored many student apprentices on the subject. Fred brought along some items for display and discussion. The first item shown was a sewing frame, used to sew the signatures of a

book together. A signature refers to sheet of paper that is printed with 16 pages on it. It is then repeatedly folded in half until the appropriate size signature is created. Chords are sewn in, glued, pressed and hammered until the edges are round. Next, Fred showed a plough plane with iron/blade that works in conjunction with a lying press. A leather strop was shown, used for sharpening paring knives used to cut leather and thin leather similar to skiving. A lifting tool made from a saw blade with high tensile strength. This tool is used for raising a spine off during restoration. Fred uses vegetable tanned leather purchased from England which originates from Africa. Leather polishing tools were displayed, used before the gilding process. Decoration tools, with designs or letters and a decorative wheel that embosses a pattern into the leather in straight or elaborate lines. A compositor, a tool used for rolling the spine and polishing tools, is used with moisture and a hot tool for imparting a dark line in the leather. The club members asked Fred several questions at the conclusion of his presentation. Hide glue is commonly used for the binding operation. Wheat starch is also used. Steaming destroys leather; therefore, it must be lifted off with tools. Dyes add color to the leather and are purchased from England. Embossing tools are used hot and the heat fixes the leather into position. Before 1960, paper was acidic and since then publishers use acid-free paper today. During the 1820's, mass production of paper books started. The 1900's brought about even more paper books. In the 1820's, rag (linen or cotton) switched to paper due to the large demand for books. Gold leaf along with egg white is used for gilding or gold leaf sheets that are adhesive backed.

Thanks to Fred for the overview on the craft of bookbinding and sharing his specialty tools!

Post-meeting note:

Toby Dean forwarded info on King Ferry Rural Life Museum Programs for 2019, which includes a tool swap on Saturday, June 22, 10:00AM to 2:00PM. Call 315-364-8202 or email genoahistorical@gmail.com



Fred Jordan, Master Bookbinder presenting to WNYATCA members



Fred Jordan's bookbinding tools



What's Its table display