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The President’s Page
EAIA Members Step Up To Advance Our Organization!

I think First Vice President Ken Culnan has had a great idea! Increasing our membership is vital to our future and the board had been trying to think of new and creative ways to do so. Ken delivered big time with his idea—“The Great EAIA Membership Challenge!” If you haven’t already received the flyer about the challenge with your membership renewal notice, the details of the Challenge can be found on page 9. The Challenge is based on a simple idea—our members are the best salespeople the EAIA has. Like most organizations, new people join because they know others in the organization who encouraged them to do so.

With this Challenge, the EAIA, like any good business organization, will reward its best salespeople. How good is that? You can help keep EAIA strong and viable, and win a prize for doing so. All you need to do is recruit new members. Giving gift subscriptions counts, too. If you think the EAIA is a worthwhile organization (and as a member, you must), then why not reach for one of our Challenge prizes? Who knows, you may get to attend our 2011 meeting in Dearborn without paying a registration fee.

EAIA officers and board members are not eligible to compete for prizes, but they certainly are encouraged to enter the competition. We’ll announce the winners at the annual meeting this June in Mystic, Connecticut, and we’ll publish the complete results in the July 2010 issue of Shavings.

Dana Shoaf is another board member who has stepped up to lend his capable hand. He’s agreed to chair the membership committee. He’s been working on assembling his committee and would appreciate everyone’s help in promoting membership. Do you have some good ideas? Please send them on to Dana. (301) 834-8228 or 2willowoaks@adelphia.net

I remain convinced that one of the best and surest ways to increase membership is to increase regional meetings. Face-to-face contact has always been the most convincing method of enticing new members, and we have the figures to prove it. Twelve members signed on at the meeting at Frontier Culture Museum last August! The regional meeting at Tuckerton, N.J., was a great success. Carl Bopp planned and carried out a unique experience (see story on page 11). Let’s begin now to organize more regional meetings for the coming year!

Elsewhere in this issue, you’ll find the nominating committee’s listing of the four proposed candidates for Board of Directors and one officer of the EAIA. If you know of and would like to recommend another outstanding candidate, please contact Secretary Linda Stanton before February 1, 2010. She may be reached by mail at 176 Vandora Suits Rd., Murphy, NC 28906 or phone 828-837-6533. Her e-mail is lstanton@tri-county.main.nc.us.

The holidays may have concluded by the time most of you read this. I hope you all had good times with family and friends. I look forward to all the exciting adventures and opportunities that 2010 will bring!

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The Early American Industries Association preserves and presents historic trades, crafts, and tools and interprets their impact on our lives.

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Introduce Others to EAIA, a Haven for our Times

by Elton Hall, EAIA Executive Director

It’s a new year, and while grave issues continue to burden most of the world, there is room for optimism in various areas large and small, and as ever, we all have opportunities to make improvements in our immediate vicinities. We should look for and exploit them. One of the chief joys of the EAIA is that it provides us with a haven of relative peacefulness in which we can pursue things that embody the best elements of humanity. The tools we look on with historical and nostalgic interest, or use for their intended purposes, are icons of a practical and constructive approach to life. Those who made them were making more than their own livings. They were helping tradesmen to make their livings. Those who used the tools were helping the members of their community achieve more comfortable or efficient homes and businesses. These all bespeak a practical and constructive approach to life. Moreover, many makers and owners of tools were not satisfied with merely getting the job done. Makers put a good deal of thought and care as well as good materials into the production of their products, for which the buyers were willing to pay because they appreciated the same qualities in their tools that they put into their own products. There are many lessons in these matters from which we all may derive inspiration as we work our ways through our own lives.

Those of us charged with the leadership of the EAIA have been putting a lot of thought into planning the future, both for the year we are now entering and for the longer term. The Annual Meeting Committee has worked up an outstanding program for this year’s meeting at Mystic in cooperation with the Mystic Seaport staff and other organizations in the area (see page 8). We are working on the program for the EAIA-Eastfield workshops, trying as always to add some new trades for those perennial participants who come year after year as well as maintaining some of the basic wood and metal workshops with which first-time participants like to begin. The choice of one or more principal destinations for the Tool Tour is always a fascinating task. At present, we are planning on Switzerland as our destination and are working on the details of the itinerary. We are sure it will be a memorable experience with a concentration on tools with opportunities to collect them blended with interests and activities.

All of this is for the present year. For the longer term, we are making some improvements in our organization. We have often had committees that were in fact only chairpersons acting as committees. We are now developing more organization to some of the committees and recruiting more participants from the general membership as well as the Board. Because membership is such a critical issue at present, we have been focused on that and are grateful to Dana Shoaf for agreeing to chair the reorganized committee. Other divisions will include Regional Meetings, Publicity, Public Relations and Liaison, and the Web site. There is also an emphasis on finding new ideas or ideas new to EAIA. Among the first is the Great EAIA Membership Challenge, which is described elsewhere herein (see page 9), the brainchild of Ken Culnan. We hope you will take it seriously, whether you feel challenged to go for a top prize or merely have an interest in the continued existence of the EAIA.

This brings us back to the beginning. Here is an opportunity for all of us to make an effort to increase the EAIA membership. It does not involve a major effort, and if every member does his or her part, the EAIA will be greatly strengthened. As my grandfather used to tell me, “Many hands make light work.”
EAIA Nominating Committee Report

by Bill Curtis, Chair

The nominating committee proposes the following slate of officers and directors for the upcoming year. For the Board of Directors of the EAIA: Richard A. Bradshaw, Jr., of Greenville, South Carolina; Sara Holmes of St. Louis, Missouri; Patrick Lasswell of Spring, Texas; and Donald L. Stark of Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania. Members of the Board of Directors of the EAIA are voted on by the full membership. The ballot, along with statements from the candidates, will be included in the March issue of Shavings.

The officers of the EAIA are elected by the membership who are in attendance at the annual meeting which will be held on June 5, 2010, in Mystic, Connecticut. The committee nominates Heidi Campbell-Shoaf of Burkittsville, Maryland as Secretary.

Additional candidates for board members and officers may be nominated by the membership at large as provided by the By-Laws, Article II, Section 1 (which reads in part):

At least 90 days prior to the annual business meeting, the Nominating Committee shall inform the membership of the number of vacancies and the names of the members it nominates to serve as Directors...thereafter, within 30 days, members can send additional nominations to the Secretary. A member, who received 25 or more nominations from the membership at large and signifies a willingness to serve, will be added to the list proposed by the Nominating Committee.

Additional names should be sent to Secretary Linda Stanton before February 1, 2010. She may be reached by mail at 176 Vandora Suits Rd., Murphy, NC 28906 or phone 828-837-6533. Her e-mail is lstanton@tri-county.main.nc.us.

Thanks to my fellow members of the Nominating Committee Linda Stanton and Donald Stark.

EAIA Bylaws Revisions

A revised and updated set of Bylaws was presented to the EAIA Board of Directors at the fall board meeting on October 25, 2009. This latest revision of the Bylaws was completed in 2009 and approved by the Board. The changes, while minor, reflect the work of the EAIA Long Range Planning Committee and bring the Bylaws in line with current laws and standards. They also provide for the development of a Policy and Procedure Manual for EAIA. That Policy and Procedure Manual is in a draft stage at the present time. The revised Bylaws and the development of a Policy and Procedure Manual will enable the officers, committees, and board members of EAIA to better serve our members. The EAIA Board of Directors voted unanimously to recommend adoption of the revised Bylaws by the membership. The vote to accept these revised Bylaws will be held at the EAIA Annual Meeting on June 5, 2010, at Mystic Seaport. Please take the time to review these revised Bylaws and cast your vote at our Annual Meeting next June.

Paul Van Pernis, EAIA Board Member

DEFINITION: Throughout the following bylaws, the term Corporation shall be defined as synonymous with the Early American Industries Association.

ARTICLE I—MEMBERS

Section 1. MEMBERSHIP—Any person or institution may become a member of the Corporation on payment of the annual dues for the current year. Different levels and/or classes of membership may be established by the Board of Directors and are listed in the Policy and Procedure Manual.

Section 2. ANNUAL MEETING—The annual business meeting of members shall be held at such time and place as shall be designated by the Board of Directors. Special meetings of members may be called at any time by the President or by a majority of directors. Written or printed notices of every meeting at which business shall be conducted shall be mailed to each member at least thirty calendar days in advance thereof. Each member present at the meeting shall be entitled to one vote. Seventy-five members present at any meeting shall constitute a quorum.

Section 3. DUES—The annual dues shall be determined by the Board of Directors and payable in advance on the first day of January of each calendar year. If any member shall fail to renew annual dues prior to the last day of February of each calendar year, his or her membership shall be suspended and after notice, his or her membership shall be terminated on the first day of April of that calendar year.

Section 4. ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS OF THE CORPORATION—Members shall be entitled to attend any and all business meetings of the Corporation. Regarding membership activities of the Corporation other than any business portion thereof, the Board of Directors, by a majority vote of the Board of Directors shall have the authority to adopt and alter policies regulating attendance at the membership activities.
of the Corporation and make suitable exceptions, when required, for guests when the attendance of same is in the best interests of the Corporation and furtherance of its purpose.

ARTICLE II—DIRECTORS

Section 1. NUMBER AND ELECTION—The affairs and business of the Corporation shall be managed by a board of twelve directors exclusive of officers. Each year, one-third of the Board shall be elected for three year terms to fill the vacancies then occurring. All directors shall be members of the Corporation and elected by ballot. At least 90 days prior to the annual business meeting the Nominating Committee shall inform the membership of the number of vacancies and the names of the members it nominates to serve as directors. At least 90 days prior to the annual business meeting, members can send additional nominations to the Secretary. A member, who receives 25 or more nominations from the membership at large and signifies a willingness to serve, will be added to the list of nominees proposed by the Nominating Committee. At least 45 days prior to the Annual Meeting the Secretary will provide each member a ballot listing the nominees. Ballots will be returned to the Secretary. There will be a 30 day balloting period at the end of which the Secretary will count the ballots and declare the results. Those nominees who receive the greatest number of votes will be elected to fill the vacancies on the Board of Directors. The membership will be informed of the results of the election. Those elected shall serve until their successors are elected. Each director shall not serve more than two consecutive full three year terms. Vacancies in board membership arising during a member’s term shall be filled by the Board of Directors by appointment for the unexpired term. Directors appointed by the Board of Directors to fill a vacancy for an unexpired term shall be eligible to serve two consecutive full three year terms in addition to the partial unexpired term.

Section 2. MEETINGS AND POWERS—Meetings of the Board of Directors may be called at any time by the President or by a majority of the directors, by written notice, designating the time and place, provided to each director at least twenty days in advance thereof. A majority of the total number of members of the Board present in person shall constitute a quorum. The Board shall have power to determine what salaries, compensation or other emolument, if any, shall be paid to directors, officers, and employees. The Board may create such committees as they deem necessary to achieve the goals of the Corporation, and prescribe the duties to be performed by each committee. The Board by a majority vote may establish policies and procedures necessary to perform the business of the corporation.

Section 3. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE—The Executive Committee of the Board of Directors shall consist of the President, the First and Second Vice Presidents, the Secretary, and a member at large elected from the Board of Directors. The Member at Large will be elected by the board each year at the Board of Directors meeting held in conjunction with the Annual Meeting of the Corporation. The Executive Director/Treasurer of the Corporation shall serve as ex-officio non-voting member of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors. The Executive Committee, during the intervals between meetings of the Board of Directors, shall possess and may exercise all the powers of the Board of Directors in the management and direction of the affairs and business of the Corporation, in such manners as the Committee deems in the best interests of the Corporation in all cases in which specific directions shall not have been given to said Committee by the Board of Directors. The Committee may take action without meeting, provided that ten days written notice of any proposed action shall be provided to each of its members, and that four of the five members shall file with the chairman written approval thereof. The President shall serve as chairperson of the Executive Committee.

Section 4. FISCAL AFFAIRS—The application of all surplus funds of the Corporation shall be determined by the Board of Directors subject to the provisions of the Certificate of Incorporation and Article IX of these By-Laws. The Directors shall present, at the annual business meeting of the Corporation, a report verified by the President and Treasurer, or by a majority of the Directors, showing the whole amount of real and personal property owned by the Corporation, where located, and where and how invested, the amount and nature of the property acquired during the year immediately preceding the date of the report and the manner of acquisition; the amount applied, appropriated or expended to or for such applications, appropriations, or expenditures that shall have been made, and a report on the membership of the Corporation. This report shall become a part of the minutes of the annual business meeting.

ARTICLE III—OFFICERS

Section 1. NUMBER AND ELECTION OF ELECTED OFFICERS—The elected officers of the Corporation shall be President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, and Secretary, all of whom shall be members of the Corporation. The President, First Vice President, and Second Vice President shall be elected for a two year term and the Secretary for a three year term by a majority vote of those members present at the annual business meeting. They shall serve until their successors shall be elected and they shall only be members of the Board of Directors by virtue of their offices and shall each have one vote. The same person shall not hold more than one office. At the expiration of his or her elected term, no elected officer may be re-elected to the same office for a period of one year. Any vacancy occurring shall be filled at the next business meeting of the Corporation.

Section 2. DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT—The President shall preside at all meetings of the members and of the Board of Directors; shall be empowered to cast an additional vote in the event of a tie vote; shall have general supervision of the affairs of the Corporation, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors, and shall generally perform the duties incident to his office. The President shall have the power to appoint the chair of any and all committees of the Corporation. The President shall have the power to appoint a special committee for a specific purpose not dealt with by any of the Standing Committees. In the event one of the officers of the Corporation is unable to perform the duties of his/her office, the President shall have the power to appoint a replacement for that office until the vacancy can be filled at the next business meeting by election as noted in Article II, Section 1 of the Bylaws. The President shall be an ex-officio member of all standing committees and special committees of the corporation.

Section 3. DUTIES OF THE VICE PRESIDENTS—The vice presidents may, in order of their rank, in the absence of, or incapacity of the President, perform the duties of that office. In addition, the First Vice-President during his/her term of office shall assist the Chair of the Meetings and Programs Committee in planning and carrying out the Annual Meeting of the Corporation.
First Vice-President will compile a report on the Annual Meeting of the Corporation and submit that report to the membership. The Second Vice-President shall annually review the Bylaws of the Corporation to determine if any additions, deletions, or changes are necessary, and will maintain and distribute to all members of the Board of Directors an up to date Policy Manual of the Corporation.

Section 4. DUTIES AND APPOINTMENT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/TREASURER—The Executive Director/Treasurer shall be appointed by the Board of Directors to serve at the pleasure of the Board. The Executive Director/Treasurer shall be a non-voting member of the Board of Directors by virtue of his office. The Executive Director/Treasurer shall have care and custody of all funds and securities of the Corporation and shall deposit the same with such institutions as the Board of Directors may designate. The Executive Director/Treasurer shall collect and record all dues and other contributions received from members, and shall generally perform the duties incident to the office. The Executive Director/Treasurer shall keep an accurate list of all members, their post office addresses, e-mail addresses and the membership classes to which they belong. The Executive Director/Treasurer shall submit the Corporation records for annual audit at the direction and expense of the Corporation. The Executive Director/Treasurer shall be bonded at the expense of the Corporation. The Executive Director/Treasurer shall have custody of the Corporation seal and affix the same whenever duly authorized to do so.

Section 5. DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY—The Secretary shall supervise the sending of all notices of the business meetings and all meetings of the Board of Directors. The Secretary shall attend and record the transactions of all such meetings. The Secretary shall conduct such correspondence as may be assigned to the Secretary by the Board of Directors. The Secretary shall perform the duties assigned to the Secretary regarding the election of directors and officers as stated in Article II, Section 1 of these By-Laws.

Section 6. HONORARY AND ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS—The Board of Directors may consider and elect such honorary officers as they may consider necessary and proper for the purposes of the Corporation. The Board of Directors, and between board meetings, the Executive Committee, may make such additional administrative appointments as they may consider necessary and proper for the purposes of the Corporation.

ARTICLE IV—COMMITTEES

Section 1. There shall be the following standing committees:

1. Membership Committee
2. Meetings and Programs Committee
3. Publications Committee
4. Finance Committee
5. Endowment Fund Committee
6. Research Grants Committee
7. Awards Committee
8. Website Committee

The President has the power to appoint a special committee as noted in Article III Section 2. The Chairpersons of members of standing committees and appropriate special committees shall be appointed by the President from the membership. Their duties shall be determined from time to time by the Board of Directors and will be delineated in the Corporation Bylaws and Procedure Manual.

Section 2. NOMINATING COMMITTEE—There shall be a Nominating Committee appointed annually by the Board of Directors at a board meeting which occurs not less than three months prior to the annual business meeting of the Corporation. The Nominating Committee shall consist of five members chosen from the membership, no more than two of whom shall be current officers or directors. The Committee shall nominate a slate of candidates for the officers to be chosen at the next annual meeting. Nominations for officers of the Board may also be made from the floor at the Annual Business Meeting. The Nominating Committee shall also nominate a slate of candidates for vacancies on the Board of Directors as provided in Article II, Section 1.

ARTICLE V

Section 1. CORPORATE SEAL—The Seal of the Corporation shall be that of which an impression has been made on the last page of the Corporate Bylaws.

ARTICLE VI

Section 1. POWER TO SIGN FINANCIAL DOCUMENTS—Checks, drafts, and other instruments for the payment of money shall be signed on behalf of the Corporation by person or persons as the Board of Directors shall from time to time designate as listed in the Corporation Policy and Procedure Manual.

ARTICLE VII

Section 1. AMENDMENT—These by-laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote at any annual business or special meeting of the members at which a quorum (75 members) is present on written notice mailed not less than thirty days in advance thereof.

ARTICLE VIII

Section 1. POWER TO FEDERATE—The Corporation may federate with other organizations whose purposes are in accordance with the purposes of the Corporation, provided that no such federation shall compromise the purposes or corporate existence of the Corporation.

ARTICLE IX

Section 1. DISSOLUTION—Upon the dissolution of the Corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all of the liabilities of the Corporation, dispose of all of the assets of the Corporation exclusively for the purpose of the Corporation in such manner or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section (501)(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law.

recently visited the Ledyard up-down sawmill in preparation for the EAIA Annual Meeting tour on June 4, 2010. My host was Master Sawyer Steve Tomichkek. Steve turned the hand wheel to let the water into the turbine, and I was impressed with the whoosh of running water as the frame saw with its six-foot straight blade started to slowly move up and down. As it gathered speed, I could hear the rasping sound of steel cutting wood and the click, click, click of the ratchet wheel revolving and moving the log forward at about one-eighth inch per stroke. At full speed, the frame was a blur at almost one hundred strokes per minute. I could feel the excitement build, watching the controlled dance of the saw with its orchestra of sounds.

This 1870-era wood frame saw has an iron Leffel wheel turbine, iron shafting and gears, and iron friction rods upon which the saw sash moves. Up to one thousand board feet of lumber could have been cut in a day, limited primarily by the water supply. By 1900, circular saws had replaced these up and down saw type saws. Water level permitting, we will all have the opportunity to share this unique experience at the Annual Meeting in June.

Welcome to Our New Members

Listed below are the names of those who have joined EAIA in October and November. We welcome in particular those who joined at the regional meeting in Tuckerton, N.J., in October. If you know of someone who would enjoy being an EAIA member, why not take them to a regional meeting or direct them to our Web page to download a membership form or a copy of e-Shavings? Each member you recruit could bring you closer to the prize in the Great EAIA Membership Challenge (see next page).

Donald Campbell, Northfield, MA
Allen Dis, Ayer, MA
Steve Branam, Ayer, MA
Mr. & Mrs. Rich Downing Stow, MA
Mr. & Mrs. Johnathan Ericson, Arlington, MA
Matthew P. Stackpole, Vineyard Haven, MA
Kevin V. Botelho, Swansea, MA
H. Brooke Paige, Washington, VT
Jonathan Maney, Schenevus, NY
Roy L. Phillips, Friedens, PA
John Godlove, Mercer, PA
Mr. & Mrs. Ronald L., Shireman, New Oxford, PA
Michael Holcomb, New Hope, PA
Timothy O’Hearn, Alexandria, VA
Fry’s Custom Creations, Strasburg, VA
Butch Bowman, Timberville, VA
Rodney Lorence, Hampton, VA
Rob Gorrell, Parkersburg, WV
Jim Kuhart, Paddock Lake, WI
IT’S OFFICIAL!
The Great EAIA Membership Challenge Has Started!

Enlist the Most New EAIA Members before May 1, 2010, and WIN!

First Prize  Free Meeting Registration for Two at the 2011 Annual Meeting

Second Prize  Tin Coffee Pot made by master tinsmith, William McMillen

Third Prize  $50 EAIA Merchandise Gift Certificate—for books, DVDs, CDs, Shirts, etc.

As an EAIA member, you probably know someone who would enjoy The Chronicle and Shavings or maybe even the Eastfield Village Summer Workshops or the European “Tool Tour.” In fact, you can probably think of several people who fit this description which makes you well on your way to winning the Challenge.

THE RULES ARE SIMPLE.

Introduce people you know to the EAIA. If they are undecided about joining, give them a Gift Membership.

Membership is only $39 whether they pay it or you do!

Be sure to include your name as recruiter on the membership form.

Winners will be announced on June 5, 2010, at the Annual Meeting in Mystic, Connecticut.

You do not have to be present to win. (But you will miss a great meeting if you aren’t there!)

DON’T STOP WITH JUST 1 or 2 NEW MEMBERS!

Do your part to help the Early American Industries Association!

Challenge Membership Forms on next page.
Join the Great EAIA Membership Challenge.

Fill out your name in the “recruiter” boxes below and pass these forms on to a potential member. Or, give a gift membership. You may make copies of the form, or download the e-Shavings at www.EAIAnfo.org and print out as many copies of this page as you need.

To join the EAIA fill out this form and mail it to:
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Membership Level (check one):
- Individual, U.S.: $39; elsewhere: $50
- Institutional, U.S.: $39; elsewhere: $50
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**Tuckerton Regional Meeting**

*by Ken Culnan and Carol O’Neale Culnan*

In the eighteenth century, Tuckerton, New Jersey, was the third major port of entry into this country. During the American Revolution, the simultaneous British blockade of the New York harbor and occupation of Philadelphia made Tuckerton the center of commerce and trade.

On October 10, 2009, about fifty EAIA members and guests attended the Tuckerton Seaport Regional meeting. Carl Bopp hosted the meeting and was ably assisted by his daughter and granddaughter. The Seaport is an open-air maritime village consisting of watercraft and buildings that were either moved to the museum or reconstructed there. Started by the Barnegat Bay Decoy & Baymen’s Museum, Inc., the Seaport is ten years old.

The first few hours consisted mostly of tool trading and talk, fueled by an assortment of pastries, juices and coffee. Then we divided into three groups and were treated to well-planned guided tours of the seaport. The guides gave running commentaries of the history of the seaport and the boats and equipment we passed as we headed to stops at the boat works, a house boat, the Marshelder Gun Club, Hotel de Crab, the Crest Fishing Market, Hester Sedge Gun Club, and the Lighthouse Museum. The tours finished mid afternoon with stops at Jay C. Parker’s Decoy Shop, the Craft Building and the Clam House. At each stop there was new information about the history of life and industry in the Barnagat Bay and Little Egg Harbor Bay areas.

If you are not familiar with a sneak box, you are not alone. Dating from about 1836, the sneak box (originally named “the devil’s coffin”) was known for many years by only the fishermen, hunters, and oystermen around Barnegat and Little Egg Harbor bays. Designed for duck hunting in the shallow marshes as well as the open water, it is a small boat with a spoon shaped, flat bottom. It can be poled, rowed, sailed with a mast and centerboard or today, powered by a small outboard motor. The craft is about four feet wide and twelve feet long. Tuckerton Seaport is currently building a sneak box at its boat works. The boat builder was on hand during our visit to describe and demonstrate how the boat is built. Starting with the drawings, he covered the steps from cutting and securing the ribs, to cutting, scribing, hand bending, and securing each successive white cedar plank that sheaths the boat body and deck. During construction, the boat gains about one pound per hour until it is finished, weighing about 180 pounds.

At the Crest Fishing Market, there were displays of both ocean and bay “pound fishing.” The Seaport volunteer at this stop was one of the last of a generation who used the ancient system to trap fish. The name pound fishing is derived from the word “impoundment.” It entails a grid of large poles that secure a maze of nets. Fish follow their natural instincts when they meet an obstruction (the net) to move away from shore and swim through the maze until they are trapped at the end. Constructing the pound was a fascinating project. The huge poles (sixty feet in length) were soaked for half of their length to waterlog one end to make it sink. The poles were floated to the fishing site, each one raised into position and sunk into the bottom using a movable clamping frame and the weight of two boats rising and falling on the swells of the water. The poles were removed at the end of the season by reversing the same system.

Following the morning tours and a lunch break, Carl Bopp introduced Henry Disston, Jr., an EAIA member and the great, great grandson of the famous saw maker of the same name. Henry combined the Disston family history with the development of the Disston Company to tell the story of a company that had many setbacks in its early years, but continued to grow by developing new innovations and products, while maintaining a “family relationship” with the workers and high quality standards for the product. The history covered struggles with the labor movement and the final end after the management was turned over to a non-Disston manager.

Henry brought one of the lesser-known Disston saws, the chain saw, for display (see page 1). The talk ended on a good note as Henry provided us with a short recital playing a very rare Disston musical saw.
The 2009 tool tour was filled with visits to interesting sites, many pints of local beer, sticky toffee pudding, new friends, and lots of fun. We began at the Dublin airport as almost everyone arrived at about the same time. In our sleep-deprived stupor, we were greeted by our guide and transported to our hotel, just around the corner from Trinity College in the heart of Dublin. We loved the city tour, which gave us a wonderful overview of Ireland and Dublin. St. Patrick’s Cathedral, of Victorian vintage, is so different from the cathedrals of Italy and Germany.

We had enough time on our own in Dublin to shop and sightsee. My wife, Jane Clay, and I walked to the oldest pub in Dublin (a town that has its share of pubs), where we had lunch and encountered friendliness and new language (“You ok?” means “Can I help you?”), then went on the Guinness brewery tour (at the end of which you are treated to a free Guinness and a spectacular 360 degree panoramic view of Dublin).

While in Dublin, a day trip took us to the sixth-century monastery of St. Kevin at Glendalough (replete with buildings entirely constructed of stone, even the corbelled roofs, and an intact stone tower). We especially enjoyed our very knowledgeable, skeptical and wry tour guide as he told us stories about the community.

This was a perfect introduction to our visit to the Megalithic Passage Tomb at Newgrange, which was built about 3200 BC. Even the claustrophobic ones among us were able to complete the short walk inside to view the area that is lit each year by the winter solstice’s sunlight.

Then it was on to Belfast, where we toured the all-but-gone shipyards and saw the slip where the Titanic was launched. It was stunning how little is left.

The best weather came when we visited the Giant’s Causeway, an extensive area of volcanic basalt formations that cooled into a series of hexagonal columns extending out into the sea (see back cover). Seeing and climbing on these formations on a bright sunny day was spectacular. Some of the group also took a small-gauge steam railroad to Bushmills, home of Bushmills distillery. The rail tracks ran along the coast. The lovely sunny day on the coast of Northern Ireland made this a memorable portion of the trip. Then a visit to Bushmills to taste their whisky was in order. On the way back to Belfast, we stopped at Patterson’s Spade Mill where we watched demonstrations of the forging of T-handled spades that have been made at this shop for generations. We all lusted for these beautifully-made tools but calculated the hassle and cost of bringing a garden spade home on the plane and left empty handed.

From Belfast we boarded a large car ferry across to the Scottish coast, and ultimately to Glasgow. It was interesting to see this city, formerly known as a grimy industrial area (in its heyday the preeminent shipbuilding capital in the world) and now filled with public art, a pedestrian-friendly waterfront, and outgoing people.

Glasgow’s sights included the Burrell Collection, an eclectic, stunning assemblage of items of art and design.
that cannot easily be categorized. We particularly enjoyed the tapestries and the restoration work being done on them. We also toured Summerlee Museum of Scottish Industrial Life and were sobered by the conditions miners in the eighteenth and nineteenth century endured. They dug coal by hand, lying down in the small spaces of the mine, and the miners’ children pushed the coal cars to the surface. It was in the coal mine that the claustrophobic Jane had to turn back.

We returned to Glasgow by way of the Falkirk Wheel, a contemporary engineering marvel that raised canal boats (with us in them) by rotating the boat in an enclosed lock some one hundred feet up to the canal above while simultaneously bringing a second boat down to the lower canal. This solution replaced the need for multiple locks that would have been required.

A final dinner with new friends the night before we left was a pleasant way to part. Some folks went on to the David Stanley tool auction, some returned home, and Jane and I took a few extra days to see the Scottish country side and Edinburgh as well as brave the left-hand-drive roads in a rental car.
**Short Subjects**

**2010 EAIA-Eastfield Summer Workshops**

The date for the EAIA-Eastfield Summer Workshops has been set for July 19–23, 2010. This five-day event held at Eastfield Village, East Nassau, N.Y., is the quintessential EAIA experience combining use and study of tools and trades, good fellowship, and the pleasures of an eighteenth-century tavern in the very pleasant setting of a late-eighteenth/eighteenth-century village. The full program will be published in the March/April issue of *Shavings*. For a full description of the program visit www.EAIAinfo.org.

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If you haven’t already done so, please renew your membership today. Each year, we send out many reminders at a substantial expense to those who have not renewed by the first of the year. When you do renew, please make sure that your information is up-to-date, especially your e-mail. We use the e-mail to communicate with members and notify them when *Shavings* becomes available. Many thanks!

**Revitalizing the Membership Committee**

One of the primary objectives of the reorganization of the membership committee is to get all the various member-related activities pulling together and making our combined efforts as effective as possible. An important part of that is maintaining good and constant communication between the various elements of our organization. We may have a good regional meeting, but the editor of *Shavings* and the webmaster must know about it well in advance. If we are to bring improvements to our Web site, but

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**Paul B. Kebabian**

**July 24, 1917 – October 13, 2009**

The EAIA lost one of its grandest long-time members with the death of Paul Kebabian, who represented the finest in all the EAIA has to offer. With degrees from Yale and the Columbia School of Library Science, he was well established in his profession when he was appointed director of libraries and professor at the University of Vermont in 1966, the year he joined the EAIA. Paul immediately became an active member, was elected to the Board in 1971, served as president from 1973 to 1976, and continued on the Board until 1982. During that time he took an active interest in the EAIA library, made the publications program much more active, and produced a steady stream of articles for *The Chronicle, Plane Talk, The Gristmill*, and the ACTIVE Scrapbook. After stepping down from the Board, Paul edited *Shavings* for another two years and continued contributing articles to *The Chronicle* until 1994. His book *American Woodworking Tools*, published in 1978, remains one of the best general references on the subject today.

Paul was one of only two members so far to be awarded both of the EAIA service awards. In 1996 he received the Long-Time Service Award for his service to the EAIA as Board member, president, editor, member and chair of many committees, and his perennial willingness to lend a hand wherever and whenever needed. In 2003 he received the J. D. Hatch Award for his service to the field through his many contributions to knowledge published by the EAIA and by others.

The characteristics that really made Paul one of our most highly regarded members were his amiability, sense of humor, patience in explaining things to those who wanted to learn, his intellectual curiosity, and erudition. He was joined in his EAIA activities by his brother Jack, who served as editor of *The Chronicle*, his first wife, Judy, who predeceased him in 1993, and his second wife, Jody, who survives him. He is also survived by his daughters, Jean Liccione (Richard Liccione) of Morristown, N.J.; Ann Kebabian of Hamilton, N.Y.; and Helen Kebabian (Peter Balakian) of Hamilton, N.Y.; a sister; and four grandchildren.

Paul’s four decades of active participation in the EAIA obviously meant a great deal to him as well as to all of us who knew him. It is highly gratifying and appropriate that he declared it his wish that any contributions in his memory be made to EAIA, 167 Bakerville Rd., So. Dartmouth, MA 02748.
what she—and Shavings editor Patty MacLeish—need is a steady supply of information about forthcoming activities. We are trying to get that information to them in a more organized fashion.

None of this is rocket science. It just takes a few reliable volunteers to pick up a piece of it and follow through. Dana Shoaf, Ken Culnan, or Elton Hall would be happy to hear from anyone who would like to become involved in the effort.

Tool Tour 2010

The annual EAIA Tool Tour will go to Switzerland in 2010, with the usual optional extension to the David Stanley International Tool Auction in Bretby, England. We will depart from various gateways on September 13 and conclude the main part of the tour on September 23, at which point those who wish to proceed to the Stanley dealer sale and auction will do so. Switzerland has a great tradition of high-end manufactures, many interesting museums, and some spectacular scenery. It's also rumored that one can get a decent chocolate bar there. Switzerland is small, so the travel between points of interest should not be as long as other countries. We are continuing to develop the itinerary and will post updates on our Web site. For further information, contact Discover Europe, Ltd. (866) 563-7077 or Minduni@DiscoverEuropeLtd.com.

Library Books Remain

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Wells, David, Annual of Scientific Discovery, 1850-68, 15 volumes, $10 each, discount for the lot.
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The Connecticut Magazine, 1896-1903, 8 volumes, $150.
Frazer, John, Journal of the Franklin Institute, 1831-1897 with gaps, 34 volumes, $475
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New England Galaxy, complete run of 79 issues, 1959-1979, $400
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Calendar

Shavings Bi-Monthly Listing of Antique Tool Events & Activities

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Markham, February 6. The Tool Group of Canada Meeting, Victoria Square Community Centre, 2929 Elgin Mills Road East. Contact: Brian Elliot, brelliott@gmail.com

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New England

Connecticut

Mystic, June 2-5. EAIA Annual meeting. Meeting includes visits to the Mystic Seaport, D’Elia Museum and the Ledyard up-down sawmill. For details visit the EAIA Web page, www.EAIAinfo.org or see story on page 10.

Mid Atlantic

New Jersey

Highbridge, February 7. CRAFTS of New Jersey Monthly Meet, Host Masonic Lodge, Contact Bob Garay, takeadip@optonline.net

New York

Batavia March 14. Western New York Antique Tool Collectors Meet, Holiday Inn, just off the New York State Thruway
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Pennsylvania
York, January 23. M-WTCA Area P dealer show and public auction, Holiday Inn, Louck’s Road. Don Stark, starked@aol.com, 717-367-2507, M-WTCA, EAIA, CRAFTS, PATINA; individuals invited.

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Spreckels, March 27. PAST Spring Tool Meet, Spreckels Memorial Building, Fifth @ Llano Street, Bob Valick, 707-545-8812 planepe@aol.com.

Washington
Seattle, January 23. PNTC Monthly Meeting, Seattle Alki Masonic Hall, Bill Racine, 503-628-1488 billstoolsbc19@yahoo.com.
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