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FROM THE QUARTERDECK

The family of **Dennis J. Joosten** made a generous donation of books, tools and model building materials belonging to Dennis. These items were auctioned at our annual December White Whale event. A noted model builder and member of our Club, Dennis passed away several years ago. He is missed by the members who were fortunate enough to know him.



Jeff Fuglestad
President

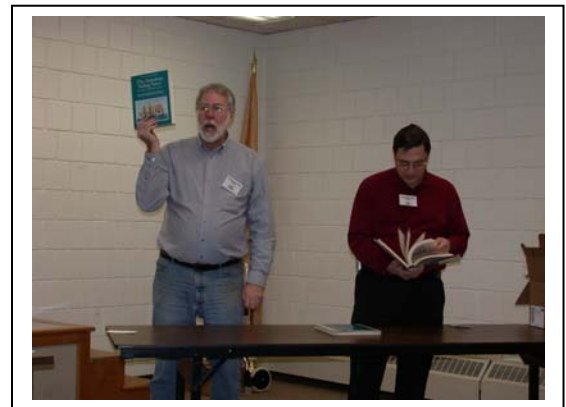
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING December 13, 2005

The meeting was called to order by President **Jeff Fuglestad** at about 7:30 PM. We had 31 members in attendance. There was little business to conduct as most of our time would be dedicated to the Annual White Whale Auction and Sale.

Jeff did give a brief report on the April Joint Club Meeting which we will host this year. In addition two new members were elected. They are **Tony Alworth** from Blairstown and **Joe Cilino** from Millington. Congratulations to both gentlemen.

The balance of the meeting was left in the most capable hands of our auctioneer, **Bob Fivehouse**.

And a few scenes from the Auction





FROM THE EDITOR

I apologize for this abbreviated version of the Broadaxe. My work schedule is busier than usual so I can't devote as much time as I would like to the newsletter this month and without a show & tell or tech session, there's much less to pass along to all of you. Hope all of you had a good holiday season and New Year celebration.

Mike Gutsick



"Soundings from D Deck"

From **Tom Ruggiero**, a clarification on my comment in last month's Broadaxe about his new Byrnes saw – *"The Byrnes saw is superior to the PREAC Saw and can handle much thicker stock with no power problems as well as carbide tipped blades. The indexing attachment (actually a micrometer head) is significantly more accurate than the thumb screw setup on the PREAC. However, the PREAC Saw was the first modeler's saw and I still use both, set up for different things. A Preac can handle the 2" diameter 0.010 " kerf blades where the Byrnes can't. Also, the PREAC is much less costly (almost two hundred dollars) than the Byrnes Saw."*

I received the following e-mail from Scottie Dayton regarding an upcoming conference
Hello Everyone,

The following is also for anyone who wishes to attend or present a paper. It's important to get the word out early, especially since the deadline for submitting abstracts is 31 March 2006. Thanks for your help, and I'll forward updates as they become available. -- Scottie

2006 North American Society for Oceanic History Meeting

*Bill Thiesen, Director of Operations/Curator, Wisconsin Maritime Museum, invites all those interested in naval and maritime history to the joint conference of the North American Society for Oceanic History (NASOH) and Canadian Nautical Research Society on 1-4 June 2006 in Manitowoc, Wisconsin. Joining them will be North American members of the Society for Nautical Research, based in the United Kingdom and publishers of **Mariners Mirror**. The theme of the conference is "Charting the Inland Seas: Recent Studies in Great Lakes Research."*

While the 11 speakers are unknown at press time, Pat Labadie, Historian and Exhibit Coordinator, Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary and Underwater Preserve, Alpena, Michigan, is Thursday morning's introductory speaker, and

historian William Cronin is Friday night's after-dinner speaker. The program co-chairs are Vic Mastone, Director, Massachusetts Board of Underwater Archaeological Resources, Boston, and Jeff Gray, Superintendent, Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary and Underwater Preserve. Conference details and registration forms will be posted in February at www.ecu.edu/nasoh.

*The 138-foot Great Lakes schooner **Denis Sullivan** is the venue for one of the evening receptions. The vessel will moor just a short walk from the Inn on Maritime Bay adjacent to the museum. Tours include Historic Rogers Street Fishing Village in nearby Two Rivers, the Door County Maritime Museum in Sturgeon Bay, and its branch facilities in the scenic Door Peninsula.*

*The Wisconsin Maritime Museum is one of the largest maritime museums in the Midwest with a recently completed facility of 60,000 square feet including exhibits, conference facilities, library and archives, collections storage, computerized office spaces, and the National Historic Landmark submarine **USS Cobia**. Established 35 years ago, the museum houses one of the finest archival and artifactual maritime collections on the Great Lakes. (Beginning in February 2006, look for local conference details at www.wisconsinmaritime.org.)*

Anyone wishing to present a paper should submit an abstract that includes name, affiliation, location, telephone, fax, e-mail address, title of the paper, and a 200 word or less description of its contents. The deadline for submissions is 31 March 2006. Mail abstracts to Victor T. Mastone, Director, Board of Underwater Archaeological Resources, Coastal Zone Management, 251 Causeway Street, Suite 800, Boston, MA 02114-2136.

Gary Kingzett is organizing a model display at the Belskie Museum in Closter, NJ from February 12th through March 5th, 2006. A model data sheet is included in this issue of the newsletter. Details on the show as provided by Gary follow.
Ships Ahoy an exhibit of marine painting and model ships presented by

*The Belskie Museum of Art & Science
280 High Street
Closter, NJ 07624
www.belskiemuseum.com*

February 12 through March 5, 2006

*The museum is open Saturdays and Sundays 1-5 PM
and Mondays and Wednesdays 7-9 PM*

The opening reception will be held Sunday February 12.

Admission to the museum and reception is free to all.

All members of the SMSNNJ and their guests are invited to attend.

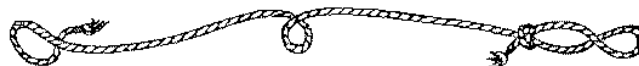
(SMSNNJ will be prominently credited in the advertising and at the museum; do we have club hand outs which would be appropriate?) Friday February 3, from noon onward is the scheduled delivery date for the models. If you are going to arrive later than 5 PM, we ask that you let us know so a curator can be available to receive your models. Special arrangement can be made to receive the models at other times. If it is too far to bring your models to Closter, I will be happy to

make arrangements to come and pick them up. Please let me know. The models will be available to be picked up during the week after March 5. Again, special arrangements and transportation can be made, if needed. We have commitments for approximately 30 models from members of our club. These are mostly large models in their own cases, but the museum also has several good sized display cases where smaller models can be displayed under glass. We are still looking for a few models of specific local interest. For example, Hudson River sloops, Hudson River Day liners, liners from Long Island Sound, light ships, a model of the **Normandie**, and New York harbor work boats of all kinds would be welcome. About 40 marine paintings from local artists, including a special painting from our own Richard Lane, are expected.

For security, the museum is staffed anytime it is open. We are still working on arrangements to do something like "Meet the Modeler" where a modeling volunteer will be available to demonstrate techniques and answer questions during part of the time the museum is open. (I live 2 block away from the museum; guess who is the first volunteer. Others are welcome.)

All materials are insured by the borough of Closter. There is a \$1,000 deductible and a coverage limit of \$10,000 for any individual piece. Any model valued over \$5,000 must have a formal appraisal. Insurance forms will be available at the next club meeting, and at the museum. The museum would like to encourage the sale of models and paintings, commission is 30%. If any one is interested in displaying a model(s) and hasn't already done so, please fill out the attached form for each model and mail or e-mail it to me. Also, we would very much appreciate a brief biography from any modeler who has not already submitted one. This will make it much easier to display the models in a coherent way. Please send the biographies to me also when you send the form, or give them to me at our next club meeting, Jan 24. If you have any questions call me (201) 767-8926 or e mail, gkingzett@optonline.net.

The members of the Belskie Museum look forward to meeting you and seeing your work. And I will make sure that there is plenty of wine, cheese and snacks available at the reception.



UPCOMING TECH SESSIONS

January 24, 2006 – Tom Ruggiero will discuss his techniques for making scale gratings

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Regular meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of every month at 7:30 P.M, at the Millburn Free Public Library, 200 Glen Avenue, Millburn, New Jersey.

Guests are always welcome.

Contributions to the **BROADAXE** are always welcome, and SMSNNJ members are encouraged to participate. Articles, shop hints and news items may be submitted directly to The Editor as typed manuscript or electronic files, either on discs or by e-mail. Handwritten notes or other materials will be considered depending on the amount of editing and preparation involved.

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Belskie Museum Exhibit Data

Name of Modeler _____ Date: _____

City

Telephone/email

Data on model being displayed

Name of vessel _____

Type of Vessel _____ Scale

Dimensions of cased model: Length _____ Width _____ Height _____
(If not cased, give the dimensions of the model and note that it is not in a case)

Construction: Kit Modified Kit Scratch

Data of Actual Vessel

Year built (commissioned)

Place

Description (historical facts, construction details, unique features, etc)

Is the model for sale? _____ **Price** _____

Please provide a photograph if you have one.

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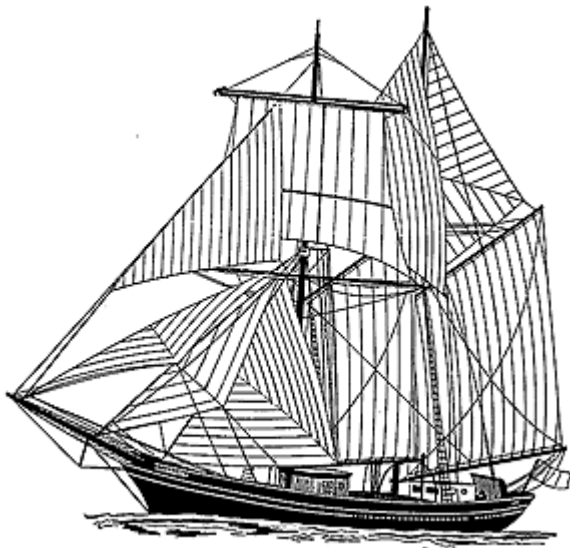
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NEXT MEETING:

December 24, 2006

7:30 PM

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TECH SESSION

Scale Gratings
By
Tom Ruggiero