Southern California Chapter Spring Meeting

Saturday April 26, 2014, and Sunday April 27, 2014

Carving and Finishes

The goal of the Southern California Chapter of SAPFM is to promote, educate, and share an appreciation for making, restoring, conserving and studying American Period Furniture.

Join Boris Khechoyan, Vijay Velji, and Brian Miller as they examine carving and finishes.

Boris Khechoyan has over 34 years of experience in woodcarving and has been internationally recognized for his talents continually over his illustrious career. He was born in Baku City, USSR, and began his woodcarving career in 1978 at the Azerbaijan College of Fine Arts in the former Soviet Union. A natural at the craft, he received numerous awards from student exhibitions in Moscow while attending college. Boris currently lives in Placentia, CA.
Vijay Velji has been a hobbyist woodworker for over 20 years, building furniture for his home. Over the years he realized the great properties of shellac. He honed his skills in French Polishing but grew tired of buying slow-drying, stale shellac. So in 1996 he started Shellac Finishes by importing flakes from India. He also traveled to India and took photographs of rural shellac production, with the help of a guide and a village headman. The result was an article in the Nov./Dec 2010 issue of Fine Woodworking: Shellac’s Amazing Journey.

Brian Miller is wood finisher who specializes in historical home restoration. The majority of his work is in the Arts & Crafts world. He has been responsible for restoring many Greene & Greene projects including the Robert R. Blacker house (1995-1997) and a permanent Greene & Greene exhibition at the Huntington Library (1990). He has also restored numerous Greene & Greene and Frank Lloyd Wright furniture pieces for private collections. Brian has worked in the finishing industry since 1975. He graduated from Los Angeles Trade Technical College in 1978 and become a licensed contractor in 1988. He began teaching at Cerritos College in 2002.

For those who may be interested, the Southern California Chapter of SAPFM will have a short dinner meeting at a local restaurant on Saturday April 26th. This dinner is not included in the weekend sessions.

You are invited to become a member of the Southern California Chapter of SAPFM. The annual dues start as low as $60 annually.