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John's Jaunt

Welcome to the September issue of the R.I.P.S.A.W. and John's Jaunt, I hope everyone's summers are going well. When last I wrote we were outside of Philadelphia. From there we continued to my brother's new place in Vermont. The main part of the house was built circa 1850 and has some interesting wood features, from hand hewn beams to wooden floors with very wide boards. It was interesting to ponder the construction involved and the decisions the builders made. In addition, there is a recently built timber frame barn that he can use for a shop in the future; right now it is storing all the equipment for his other hobbies!



This past weekend I had the pleasure of trying my hand at something new in Klaus Zunker's chip carving workshop. About ten of us gathered and learned about the importance of sharp knives, laying out the patterns and made practice chips. We started with simple triangles and progressed to

more intricate patterns. I have a new found respect for the work that Klaus puts into his pieces and an appreciation for the hours of practice that goes into making a nice consistent carving. Thanks to Klaus for sharing his expertise and Bill Godfrey for the use of his shop.

On a more serious note, the WWG board has some important decisions to wrestle with over the next couple of months. We were recently informed that our rent, which is our largest expenditure, will be increasing nearly three fold for 2010. We are examining a number of options including raising the annual membership dues and alternative meeting locations. Your board is not taking this lightly and will do its best to come to a workable solution.

As always, if you have comments/concerns you can send them to any of the board members or me at jcj_kyj@mchsi.com.

Happy woodworking! -John

Program Notes

Tom Schuppe, the stimulus man

As I end a very enjoyable and stimulating summer of sun, travel, fishing . . . , I realize that I have had to grudgingly give it all up. I have to turn my attention forward toward the

maintaining our personal freedoms as US citizens.

Beginning with our September meeting we are on a mission to transpose what personal freedom means to us today. Mike Hanley, Guild Past President, is writing a book in which he will take us on a journey in the 18th century and the time of the Revolution. He will show how the plane makers and woodworkers of that era transposed for us what personal freedoms means to today. He will include a slide presentation and have planes from that era. Come join us.

Sign up for our toy making workshop at Woodcraft beginning in September. Donate your time you'll feel good about it.

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fall season. I hope you will join me in this exercise to prepare for an exciting fall season of woodworking, kids going back to school, football, government stimulus programs, and

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In October Tom Loser is coming from the University of Wisconsin to talk to us about his expertise “The Art of Fine Furniture”. He is one of the most well known experts in his field.

October is also the time to take an art tour. We are looking at different areas of the state. If you have any ideas, please pass them on to us.

In November, Garrett Hack will be back again from New Hampshire to present another workshop. This workshop will be on the art of making a drawer and fitting it perfectly. He will also do a slide presentation at the Guild meeting. Signups will be available at the September meeting.

Have a stimulating fall.

P.S. Many thanks to Klaus Zunker for your excellent Chip Carving workshop.



Woodcraft Class Schedule September 2009

Power Carve an American Red Start, w. Roger Wilson,
Tuesdays Sept 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 6-9PM

Turn a Sedona Pan, w. Melanie Wegner, Thur Sept 3,
2009 6-9PM

Turning 101: Intro To Lathe Work, w. Hank
Bardenhagen Sat Sept 26 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM

Woodcraft is located at 14115 W Greenfield Ave, New Berlin. Check out their website for more information on the classes. www.woodcraft.com or call them at 262-785-6770

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Announcement

We recently learned long-term WWG Member Bentley Clark died late Monday, December 29, 2009 in Cedarburg.

We also recently got a call that member Bill Drummel died.

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Custom Service Hardware 1170 Wauwatosa Rd,
Cedarburg, 262/375-7960 or 800/882-0009

Homestead Finishing Products, Cleveland, OH
216/631-5309 www.homesteadfinishing.com

Neu's Building Center, Inc. N95W16915 Richfield
Way, Menomonee Falls, WI 262/251-6550
(located near SW corner of Co. Q and Hwy 41/
45)

Rockler's (The Woodworker's Store) 845 N.
Mayfair Rd, Wauwatosa, 414/774-1882

Woodcraft, 14115 W. Greenfield Ave New Berlin,
WI 53151 Phone: (262) 785-6770

Woodline USA can be reached at 800-472-6950

SILKY SMOOTH DRAWERS

Garrett Hack will be coming again in November. Have you ever tried to open a drawer to find it skittering along, binding, and just plain being stubborn? That's because the drawer doesn't fit right.

How would you like to learn the secrets of good fitting drawers? Garrett will cover types of drawers and ways to support them, typical construction details, bottoms, thickness of parts, how to build the runners, guides and kickers into a case. Read that last sentence again, there is a LOT to be discussed when it comes to drawers. He will discuss dovetails, but as I think most of us have had enough "how to" on doing dovetails, the focus will be on construction and fitting drawers and the openings they go in.

There will be a two day workshop where we are going to build drawers and fit them into a small case. These will be small drawers, but the emphasis will be on technique and learning the correct ways to fit them so we can later apply these techniques to larger projects. Emphasis will be on a lot of the peripheral stuff such as ways to hang those drawers in a case that will survive years of use.

We may discuss other things, such as face details, beads or strings, dovetails, half blind dovetails, etc.. Overall, it should be a fun learning experience. The workshop will be held at Corey Megal's place with a maximum of 10 signups. More information regarding the cost of the workshop will be in the next RIPS AW, and there will be signup sheets at the next meeting.

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Garrett Hack said I should let you know of a class he is giving here in Minnesota at my facility, Mike Siemsen's School Of Woodworking www.schoolofwood.com. The week long class will be held from October 5 through the 10th. He is also giving a free talk to the Minnesota Woodworkers Guild on October 6th. Please let your members know. For more information go to my website www.schoolofwood.com or contact me via e-mail or phone 651-257-9166.

thanks,

Mike Siemsen

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Wisconsin Woodworkers Guild Board Briefs July, 2009

Attendees: John Johnson, Ed Cessna, Lelia Crandall-Frink, Corey Megal, Jay Pilling, Tom Schuppe, Jerry Tackes

Membership: 141

Treasurer: Balance \$12,957.88

Programs/Workshops: Tentative plans have been made to bring in master cabinetmaker Frank Klausz for our March 2009 meeting. He would also present either a one or two day seminar. Frank has presented woodworking seminars throughout the United States. He has created 5 DVDs on various areas of woodworking. Our library has 2 of his DVDs. His New Jersey cabinet shop has been creating fine furniture reproductions and custom architectural fixtures since 1972.

Toys: Toy making at the new Woodcraft store will begin at 9AM, Monday, September 14.

Other Business: State Fair has increased our monthly rent from \$125 to \$350 for 2010. The Board is considering various options, including a new meeting location. If you know of a possible meeting place, please contact a member of the Board.

Respectively Submitted,
Ed Cessna

Milwaukee Fine Furnishing Show

This notice came to us from Michael Doerr

Our Milwaukee Fine Furnishings & Fine Craft Show will be held October 3 & 4 in The Garage - a special exhibit & event hall - at the new Harley-Davidson Museum site at the crossroads of 6th & Canal Streets in Milwaukee! This is a venue and date change for the show!

These fun live edge end tables were designed and handcrafted by **David Stine of David Stine Woodworking in Illinois.**



We moved the show "out of the Wisconsin Summer season" to the **first weekend in October** and from the Midwest Airlines Center, where the show has been held for the first 3 years, to The Garage at the new **Harley-Davidson Museum** which is a more intimate setting but still open & airy with lots of activity & amenities.

ALSO the Green Bay **Packers** are NOT playing on that Sunday but rather on Monday Night Football so NO EXCUSES!

HELPFUL INFORMATION!

- FREE PARKING for over 500 cars!
- Cafe Racer serves breakfast and lunch
- Motor, a restaurant & bar, serves lunch and dinner
- Saturday 10-6, Sunday 10-5, Tickets: \$10 for Adults
- Furniture, accessories, fine art & craft.
- Public & trade invited - wholesale & retails buyers welcome!
- All work is for sale, order or commission.

Check it out at www.finefurnishingsshow.com



Michael Doerr benches



Reminder from Wood Magazine

WOOD Magazine is pleased to announce WOOD Magazine's Woodworking Showdown Photo Contest. Simply upload your project photos now thru November 30, 2009, in one of six categories and have a chance to win one of six prizes.

Categories include:

- Best Furniture Piece
- Best Small Project
- Best Shop Project
- Best Shop
- Best Outdoor Project
- Best Home Improvement Project

There will be one winner for each category with more than \$6,700 in prizes total! Prizes include: Powermatic 14" Bandsaw, Peachtree Woodworking's "Workshop Accessory Super Pack," JET 10" Proshop Tablesaw, Steel City Granite Top Tablesaw, Logosol Automatic Chainsaw Sharpening Tool and a Titebond prize package including \$500 worth of assorted products and a \$500 Lowe's Gift Card.

Two months of voting begins December 1. Everyone can vote daily on project photos to determine the winners.

Don't miss your chance to win a valuable prize and the chance to show everyone what you can do in your shop!

Michael Doerr chair



September Raffle Column:

Raffle winners in the July raffle were Tom Hipsak and Corey Megal. Congratulations!

Alan Clapp is working on the raffle prizes for the September Meeting.

For Sale

20 in. Inca band saw, new 1 1/2 hp motor, \$350.00
Larry Whitstone. 262-894-9860

Pictures from the Chip Carving Workshop courtesy of John Johnson



WISCONSIN WOODWORKERS GUILD

Regular Monthly Meeting
Wednesday, September 2nd, 2009

Meeting 6:30 PM to 9:30 PM
Tommy Thompson Youth Center
at State Fair Park

640 South 84th Street

Presenter: Mike Hanley

Planes of the 18th Century

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