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Corey's Corner

The July meeting with Mark Harrell from Bad Axe Tool Works was educational and fun. Mark brought a bunch of the tools he uses to make hand saws, some of which I have never heard of or seen before. Mark uses "hammer sets" to set the teeth of the saws he builds and restores. These are simple, but ingenious tools that allow him to set the teeth on a saw plate to very consistent tolerances. Mark walked us through how to determine if an old saw is worth restoring or ready for retirement. He showed us several different examples of saws both old and new, and we were able to test his saws out. I'm going to be purchasing a saw from Mark in the near future; his dovetail saw cuts much nicer and faster than my current one.



watched Mark sharpen a saw and demonstrate the techniques, and then we all got a chance to work on our own saws with varying degrees of success. I can understand why you might want to just pay someone to sharpen your saws for you. It takes a good bit of skill and patience to successfully sharpen a saw, not to mention keen eyesight.

I haven't been in my shop much lately, but I'm hoping that will change soon. In June I finished up an interior door out of red oak. I bought a door from a big box store that was made in China. The veneer on the door was not glued down in places and the joints were gappy so I returned it and decided to build my own. It was a good project and it turned out fine. I'm looking forward to the Fall and Winter when I can spend more time in the shop.

Work Safe,
Corey

The workshop that followed on Saturday was very interesting, I was able to see the difference between a saw that was worth restoring and one that was not. We

Editor notes:

I have had a month of struggling with my computer crashing and losing most of the Guild pictures I had stored on it. Most of you without computers probably are glad you don't have one, but it is hard for me to live without it. No RIPS AW. Thanks to my granddaughter's boyfriend I am now up and going again. Enjoy this RIPS AW!

I found a website that you may find helpful.

Tables, Drill Press/Drilling, Planing/Jointing, Layout, Finishing, Glueing, Sanding, Assembly, Clamping and General Shop Tips.

Library Reviews

Do you borrow materials from the Guild library? Have you read a good book or seen an excellent DVD? If you have, how about sharing your thoughts with your fellow Guild members.

Just tell Corey Megal that you would like to share your thoughts about a book or video. When called upon, give the name and call number of the item and tell us why you liked it. Your brief review may encourage others to use the item.

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101 Woodworking Tips and Techniques

A site offering more than 100 links to pages of information on topics concerning: Table Saws, Routing/Router

Rockler Events in September

9/3/2011, Glue Joint Router Bits
9/10/2011, Kreg K3 Pocket Hole Jig
9/11/2011, Hollow Christmas Tree Topper Turning Class \$35.00
9/17/2011, Table Saw Tune-up
9/24/2011, Band Saw Tune-up
9/25/2011, Hollow Christmas Tree Ornament Turning Class \$35.00
10/1/2011, Bird Feeder Turning Class

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Woodcraft Class Schedule

TURN FOR THE TROOPS, Sat, Sept 3, 9:30 AM - 5 PM
Carve A Miniature American Kestrel, Tue, Sept 6, 6 PM - 9 PM
Turn Christmas Ornaments, Thu, Sept 8, 6:00 PM - 9 PM
Turn a Triton Roller Ball Pen, Sun, Sept 11, 11:00 AM - 2 PM
Introduction To The Scroll Saw, Thu, Sept 15, 6 PM - 9 PM
Table Saw Fundamentals, Thu, Sept 22, 6 PM - 9 PM
Turning 101: Intro To Lathe Work, Sat, Sept 24, 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM

For more information on classes go to <http://www.woodcraft.com/stores/store.aspx?id=506> or call them at 262-785-6770

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Wisconsin Woodworkers Guild Board Briefs - August, 2011

There was no August board meeting. Hope everyone had a good summer.

Raffle & Door Prizes

No meeting and no raffle or door prizes in August

WWG Programs and Workshops

Check it out, this fall's lineup of speakers keep "spinning" right out of the "box". You don't want to miss it.

September Program –" Vacuum Impregnating"

- Thursday September 1st September brings us something for the turners in the group. **Harold Solberg** will be presenting his methods of "Vacuum Impregnating" for turning. He will also discuss some of his projects and methods. This will be a great opportunity to see what you can really do with a spinning chunk of wood.

September Workshop

- No workshop this month.

October Program –" Wooden Boxes"

- Thursday October 6th **Bob Dickey** has been fascinated by wood for many years. His presentation will be focused on designing and building wooden boxes.

Most of his early working with wood was as a do-it-yourselfer, making furniture, cabinets or whatever else was needed around the house. However, for the past eleven years, he has concentrated on designing and building wooden boxes. A box is the ideal vehicle for combining functionality with the elegance and beauty of wood.

When building a box, he starts with the wood itself. He looks for unique or interesting color, texture or grain pattern. He often prefers compatible but contrasting woods that in combination create a striking or sometimes subtle visual affect. Once he has selected the wood, he begins to think of the box that will best utilize and highlight it. Size and shape are adjusted to fit the wood. As a result, even the same or similar design becomes a unique, one-of-a-kind box when completed.

Recently, with the thought of cutting back on the rigors of the outdoor art fair life, Bob opened a small gallery in order to showcase

and sell his work. The Wood'n it be Nice Gallery of Fine Craft is located in Mukwonago, Wisconsin.

October Workshop – "Small Woven Ornaments"

- Saturday October 15th Our very own **Leila Crandall-Frink** will be offering a class on how to make some small woven ornaments. They can be made from basket weaving reed or from wood veneer. Both materials will be on hand for you to experiment with. We have patterns for hearts and stars. Come out to Jerry Tackes place for this one of a kind workshop.

November Program –" Rose Engine Demonstration"

- Thursday November 3rd Our very own **Jerry Tackes** will be presenting this month on the unique machine he was part of building. Rose Engines have been around since the 18th century.

*A **rose engine lathe** is a specialized kind of geometric lathe. The headstock rocks back and forth with a rocking motion or along the spindle axis in a pumping motion, controlled by a rubber moving against a rosette or cam-like pattern mounted on the spindle, while the lathe spindle rotates. Rose engine work can make flower patterns, as well as convoluted, symmetrical, multi-lobed organic patterns. The patterns it produces are similar to that of a Spirograph, in metal. No other ornamental lathe can produce these "rose" patterns. (Taken from Wikipedia)*

Jerry (and a group of others) has spent months working on building their version of a Rose Engine. We will hear some stories from the build and then a demonstration of what it can do.

November Workshop

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Contact information for WWG Workshops

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WWG Monthly Meeting

Thursday, September 1st

at

Woodcraft

(lower level meeting room)

14115 W. Greenfield Ave.

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Vacuum Impregnating

Presenter: *Harold Solberg*

Presenting his methods of "Vacuum Impregnating"

for wood turning



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