Ron’s Ramblings

Hello Everyone,

The August meeting, for me, is exciting and tiring, somewhat like Christmas. Days of preparation and in a couple of hours, over. It’s always nice to sit down with the members in a relaxed atmosphere, have some food and beverages, and cover more topics then at any other meeting. Our largest goal is to keep the “Guild” moving in a positive direction, attempt to keep interest at a high level, and bring newer and interesting meetings for everyone to enjoy. In the beginning I thought, “this can’t be that hard”, guess who was wrong. Every month I thank the members we have on the board and committees. I KNOW no one really thinks what is behind the curtains. The meeting was excellent and the people I work with are excellent. If you get a chance, “Thank them”, I do!

Work safe and share your hobby!

Ron Reuter

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Since the Annual Board Meeting replaced the normal membership meeting in August, the following is the detailed minutes of the Board meeting. The Board met on August 2, 2018 at President Ron Reuter’s residence.

ATTENDEES: Ron Reuter, Jay Pilling, Andy Wagner, Don Doss, Leila Crandall-Frink, Jerry Anson, Jim Schlarb, Dave Drickhamer, Tom Masnica, Jack Zbiegien, Sr.

TREASURY: Balance of $7,859.29 as of 08/02/18. Significant expenses for the previous month included a $75 down payment for the Christmas gathering, $185.26 for the purchase of AV equipment, $125 for Woodcraft cards for door prizes, and $154.98 for toy supplies. Income included $102 from raffle and silent auction proceeds.

MEMBERSHIP: There were 41 members present at the 07-12-18 meeting.

NOTES:

- Ron Reuter informed the Board that nominations for elected Directors and Officers were sought. No nominations were submitted and all current Directors and Officers agreed to serve again in 2019. The incumbent Directors and Officers were re-elected by proclamation at the July 12, 2018 meeting. Ron thanked the elected members for their past service, and their willingness to continue.

- Jim Schlarb informed the Board of his decision to stop handling all raffles. His last raffle will be the September 6 raffle. The Board thanked Jim for his eight years leading these various fund raising activities.

◊ Jerry Anson and Tom Masnica volunteered to take over the activities after the September meeting. Jerry will handle the purchase of items for the raffles, and he and Tom will work out the ticket sales.

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MEMBER BENEFIT:
Show your Guild Membership Card and enjoy a 10% discount on many items at Rockler’s, Woodcraft and Woodline. Contact stores for details.

Rockler Class Schedule - Tuition assessed

- Turn a Lidded Box with Gary Datka – Milwaukee, September 8, 2018 at 12:00 PM
- Manhattan Wooden Pen with Gary Datka – Milwaukee, September 16, 2018 at 11:00 AM
- Beginners Bowl Class with Gary Datka – Milwaukee, September 22, 2018 at 9:00 AM

Rockler Demonstrations

- 9/1/2018 Band Saw Techniques - 11AM, Featuring the brand new Jet 14” Bandsaw.
- 9/22/2018 CNC Tech Made Easy - 11AM, Featuring the Carve Wright CNC.

Woodcraft Class Schedule - Tuition assessed

- Introduction to Bowl Turning with Marv Bollman, Sunday, September 9, 9:30am - 2:30pm
- Wood Preparation with Dan McClanahan, Wednesday, September 12, 6pm - 9pm
- Working with Milk Paint with Chris Kraemer, Thursday, September 13, 6pm - 9pm
- Turn a Cigar-Style Ball Point Pen with Chris Kraemer, Monday, September 17, 6pm - 9pm
- Woodworking for Women with Dan McClanahan, Wednesday, September 19, 6pm - 9pm
- Introduction to the Shark HD4 CNC with Randy Pallister, Thursday, September 20, 6pm - 9pm
- Make A Set Of Stacking Baskets with a Scroll Saw with Dave Hansen
  Part 1: Friday, Sept. 21, 5pm - 7pm
  Part 2: Friday, Sept. 28, 5pm - 7pm
- Wood Finishing with Kevin Seigworth, Saturday, September 22, 9:30am - 3:30pm
- Introduction to Wood Turning with Marv Bollman, Sunday, September 23, 10am - 3pm
- Introduction to Bandsaw Boxes with Tom Yapundich, Thursday, September 27, 6pm - 9pm
- Wall Cabinet with a Frame & Pattern Door with Chris Kraemer, Saturday, Sept. 29, 9am - 5pm

Woodcraft Demonstrations

- Resawing, Saturday, September 8, 1pm
- T-Track, Saturday, September 15, 1pm

All Rockler classes and demos are held at Rockler Woodworking & Hardware, 1725 S 108th St., West Allis. For further details, call them at 414-774-1882.

All Woodcraft classes and demos are held at Woodcraft of Milwaukee: 14115 W. Greenfield Ave., New Berlin. For further details, call them at 262-765-6770
Jack Zbiegien, Sr. will print the Christmas Class A Raffle tickets for Jerry and Tom.

The Board discussed and agreed on changes to handling door prize tickets at the Christmas Party. Beginning this year, rather than putting tickets at each table setting, a Board Member will be located just inside the entry and will present one ticket to each member and guest, just as is done at the monthly membership meetings.

Selection of the Guild Woodworker of the Year was discussed. The Board was reminded that the nomination and selection process was reviewed and approved at the 11-30-2017 and 12-28-2017 Board Meetings. (The approved selection process decided at these two meetings established that the selection committee would be made up of the last 3 winners, the Membership Director, and a member at large selected from the Guild Membership. The Selection Committee will consider any nominees received, as well as candidates they may submit, and advise the Board of their selection at the November Board Meeting. The Woodworker of the Year presentation will be made at the Annual Christmas Party.) It was suggested that the selection committee be increased to 7 and should include the last 5 winners. It was also suggested that the final selection be made by membership vote at the November meeting. These suggestions were discussed but not accepted. Process will remain as previously decided.

The third Workbench Workshop will be held Saturday, August 6. The objective will be to bring the edge and end laminations to dimension for the two laminated bench tops.

The Board approved the purchase of a metal detector for use when rough lumber is jointed or planed, whether on Woodcraft equipment, or other equipment that may be available. This practice is a critical safety item for equipment and operator. The metal detector will be purchased from Woodcraft.

Improvements to the Library area were discussed. The original idea presented earlier this year was to develop a series of cabinets that would be joined in a way that would provide a segregated area. The new proposal is to create a room for the library, using connected but movable shelf sections, and two doors. The doors will be placed in order to create an in-and-out traffic pattern, and would allow for securing the library when not in use. The doors have been donated to the Guild, and Ron Reuter will bring them to the meeting area this month. This approach was discussed and approved, and Ron will draw and prevent final plans at a later Board Meeting.

Jim Schlarb told the Board that during a recent visit to Woodcraft, an individual whose father has passed away approached him to ask whether the Guild was interested in any wood crafting accessories. He left some scroll saw plans, books, and miscellaneous hardware, and indicated he may have additional items to donate, if we are interested. Jim accepted the items, and the Board will send a thank-you email to the donor.

The Board discussed the idea of gifting, legacy donations, and accepting no-longer-used woodworking equipment and supplies from members or their families. This is an excellent source of equipment and even cash donations that we are in favor of pursuing. The first step will be to develop a short article or ‘spot’ for RIPSAW offering the suggestion that the Guild appreciates estate or other donations, and will consider offers as made. At a future date, announcements will be made, both at the meetings and in RIPSAW, suggesting the donations and acknowledging items received.

A log of Guild-owned property was discussed. There may be several such attempts at such a log, but the importance of an accurate document is not disputed. Jack Zbiegien, Sr., will look into any available logs, or if they don’t exist, develop one, and maintain it. The document will remain in Guild possession in either the Library or other storage in the meeting area. As equipment and tools are purchased, donated, or otherwise brought into the Guild, they will be recorded and marked to indicate Guild ownership.
Woodworking Clubs in Wisconsin and Northern Illinois

- Badger Woodturners Club, Madison; First Tuesday of each month, 6:30pm. badgerwoodturners.org
- Blackhawk Carving Club, Wednesdays, 8:30 - 11am, Ken-Rock Community Center, 3218 11th St., Rockford, IL. http://blackhawkcarving.com
- Capital Area Carvers, Madison, WI; Second Tuesday of each month, 7pm. capitalareacarversofwisconsin.org
- DuPage Woodworkers, Glen Ellyn, IL, Fourth Wednesday each month except July, 7pm. dupagewoodworkers.com.
- Fox Valley Woodworking Club, Batavia, IL; First Tuesday of each month, 7:30pm; fwwvc.org
- Kettle Karvers Club, Plymouth, WI; First Wednesday each month, 6:30pm, Generations, 1500 Douglas Dr., in the Masters Gallery Foods room, Plymouth, WI. See website for other dates and times. kettlekarvers.org
- Lake Country Carvers, Oconomowoc, WI; monthly, second Thurs. 5:30pm; Ray Burow, 920-474-4075
- MAD Woodworkers, Monona, WI; Third Wednesday of each month, 6:30pm; madwoodworkers@yahoo.com
- Mid-Wisconsin Chippers, Neenah, WI. First Sunday each month 1:30pm; mwchippers@gmail.com
- Milwaukee Area Woodturners (MAWt), metro-Milwaukee, WI. First Monday each month 6:30pm, Woodcraft of Milwaukee; mawturners.com
- Northeast Wisconsin Woodturners, Neenah, WI; Second Saturday, Sept. thru June, 9am. NEWWoodturners.org
- Northeastern Wisconsin Woodworkers Guild, Green Bay. Third Wednesday each month, 7pm. newwg.org.
- River Bend Carving Club, Racine, WI. First & third Saturdays of the month, 9:30 - 11:30 am. $3/student, 3600 N. Green Bay Rd., Racine. www.riverbendracing.org
- Rock River Valley Carvers, Janesville; First Thursday of each month, 7pm; rockrivervalleycarvers.com
- West Allis Woodworkers Club, West Allis, WI. Art Kastner, President at 414-476-9902
- International Association of Penturners (IAP), Wisconsin Chapter, meets as needed at Woodcraft of Milwaukee, Lower Level; penturners.org
- Wilson Park Woodcarvers & Woodburners, Milwaukee, Wednesdays, 8:30am - Noon, Wilson Park Senior Center, 2601 W. Howard Ave., Ed Thomas, 414-427-8256
- Wisconsin River Woodcarvers, Stevens Point, 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of each month, 6pm - 9pm, The Lincoln Center, 1519 Water St. www.wisconsinriverwoodcarvers.org
- Wisconsin River Woodcarvers, Wisconsin Rapids, Wednesdays, 6pm - 9pm, First Congregational Church, 311 2nd St. South. www.wisconsinriverwoodcarvers.org
- Wisconsin Valley Woodturners, Wausau, WI; First Thursday of each month, 7pm. wisconsinvalleywoodturners.org
- Wisconsin Wood Turn (WWT), AAW Member, Eric Meigs, President, wisconsinwoodturner.com, First Saturday each month, 9am, Woodcraft of Milwaukee, Lower Level.

The accuracy of the above information is not guaranteed. If you would like to attend a meeting, be sure to use the contact information and get confirmation. Also, if you spot any errors or changes, please send corrections to Don Doss at FourPartHarmony@att.net. Thank you!
Opportunities for Guild participation and new member drives was discussed and confirmed.

- The upcoming Milwaukee Makers Faire was confirmed. Tom Masnica has made the necessary arrangements. The dates of the Faire are September 29–30, 2018 at the State Fair Grounds. Volunteers are needed to take shifts at the Booth. Some Guild woodcrafts will be displayed, and membership forms will be available.
- Jay Pilling advised the Board that The Guild was asked again to participate in the Carhartt Store open-house on November 11, at the Mayfair Collection in Wauwatosa. This is another excellent opportunity to put the Guild in front of the Public in a different setting. We will participate, and will seek volunteers for the one-day event at the September meeting.

Presentations and possible speakers for the coming year were discussed.

- We will learn about Jerry Anson’s ‘Seed Pot’ from his presentation in September, and Jeff Baenen from Kenosha will discuss his approach to Box Making in November.
- The tour of Oshkosh Designs will be rescheduled, possibly for an October Date.
- The Christmas Party is set for December 6, 2018. As indicated previously, the venue has been secured with a down payment. Don Doss is checking into local comedy clubs to see if there is any talent available that day to put on a short skit, but there was a lot of interest from the Board in trying a year without entertainment. The Board agreed to see what Don can find out, but seems to prefer the latter.
- Jay is working on commitments from local talent like the Door County green-wood chair maker, and national presenters like Ernie Conover from Ohio, William Robillard (Encore Restorations), and Scott Phillips (American Workshop). If Scott agrees to present, his costs will be shared by Chris Kraemer and the presentation will be opened to Chris’ customers.
- As mentioned previously, a number of Presenters are expressing interest in also conducting member workshops. These, and other workshop opportunities, will have attendance fees established and published. In addition to attending the workshop, all those with paid attendance will receive a $10 gift card for use in the Woodcraft Store.

The membership dues increase was reviewed and re-confirmed. Because of the expanded opportunities being developed and offered for members, an increase was determined to be appropriate. Effective January 1, 2019, the new annual rate for a single membership will become $45/year for the first family member. The rate will be $50 if paid after February 1, 2019.
- Additional memberships in the same household will increase from $15/year to $20/year.
- The revised Membership/Renewal form will be available at the September meeting.
- Reminders will be made at the September and October membership meetings, and the Membership/Renewal form will be included in RIPS A W beginning with the October issue.

Jerry Anson updated the Board on the A/V improvements:

- All cameras are usable and connected to the TVs.
- Presentations can be projected via PowerPoint using USB on the individual TVs, or the Guild laptop.
- Both video and audio can be sent to the TVs.
- Jerry has volunteered to make a stand for one of the TVs.
- Thanks were extended to Jerry, Dave, Tom Hipsak, and Eric Novak for accomplishing these tasks.

Jack Zbiegien, Sr. updated the Board on the status of a Project Funding Proposal to Bader Philanthropies in Milwaukee. The initial request was submitted and accepted. Bader requested that we complete the Application, which is a more complete proposal, including budget. If that phase is accepted, a full proposal will be requested and made. This proposal is for $40,000 for equipment or other in-kind contributions to the Guild for use in developing an active workshop area to satisfy our primary mission of enjoyment of and education in woodworking and woodworking arts.

A reminder that all items for publication in R.I.P.S.A.W. should be sent to both Leila Crandall-Frink (leila.frink@gmail.com) and Don Doss (FourPartHarmony@att.net).

Respectfully Submitted, Jack Zbiegien, Sr.
Work on the Guild Workbenches continued in August. Even though depleted by
vacations and other conflicts, the members convened on August 2 and August 25 at
Woodcraft. On August 2 the group jointed, planed and sawed the stock that will
bring the laminated tops to the final dimensions. August 25 saw the addition of the
tongue-and-groove joints the elm slabs and side pieces to bring the tops to the final
width, and assembly of those components. Next, the ends will be added, using hid-
den and pinned mortise and tenon joints.

Jeff Nebel, Mike Robertson, Justin Gasal, and Dan Stege are the newest additions
to the process. So far, and counting repeat attendees once, we’ve had 19 folks sign
up and participate. Besides great learning experiences, these workshops are evolv-
ing into nice social opportunities with associated breakfasts or lunches. Way to go,
Guild!

And again, a BIG THANK YOU to Chris & Dena Kraemer for their support and
encouragement of the Guild.

Best regards to all!

Jack...
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September 6, 2018 Jerry Anson - Seed pot
October 4, 2018 To be announced
November 1, 2018 Jeff Baenen from Kenosha will speak about his boxes.
December 6, 2018 Annual Holiday Party at Meyers Restaurant

Respectfully submitted by Jay Pilling, Program Director