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Reflections:

An innovative designer, Bob Dickey doesn't just think outside the box. He pays a lot of attention to the inside of the box as well and to a myriad of other details that make his creations unique.

At the March meeting of the Wisconsin Woodworkers Guild, Bob delved into some of the finer details of making jewelry boxes and shared some of his secrets.

With a home and workshop in Mukwonago, Bob has made some 4,000 boxes since 1999 and continues to develop his techniques. His work has been featured on the cover of Woodcraft Magazine (Dec./Jan. 2012) and in the book "14 Wooden Boxes You Can Make".

Explaining the care he puts into making boxes that look like small examples of fine furniture, Bob noted that people examine boxes much more closely than larger pieces. His attention to detail won him a Best in Show award at the 2014 Museum of Wisconsin Art Members Show for a finely crafted box in tiger maple with wenge accents and ebony handles.

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

**Woodline USA**  (800) 472-6950

**Green Man Tree & Landscape Services**, owned by Guild member Peter Gustin, Sr. (414) 659-0753


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**Raffle and Door Prizes**

March raffle winners were: Craig Baltz, Lyle Husar, Vern Eiler, George Egenhofer, Vern Ziegler, Don Brivk, Andy Wagner, Ken Ochs and Steve Soltes. Congratulations to you all!

Door Prize winners were: P. Scholovich, Jerry Tackes, Neil Sjulson, Bob Duchek, and Rich Henderson. Congratulations and happy shopping to all the winners.

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**Rockler Class Schedule - Tuition assessed**

Use & Care of Hand Planes: Part 1 - Pete Sapienza, April 4, 9:30am - 12:30pm

Manhattan Pen Turning - Gary Datka, April 10, 12:30pm - 4:30pm

Use & Care for Hand Planes: Part 2 - Pete Sapienza, April 11, 9:30am - 12:30pm

Tax Day Pen Turning - Gary Datka, April 15, 11:30am - 4pm

Scroll Sawing 201 - with Matt Gatchell, April 18, 11am - 4pm

Ice Cream Paddle Handle Turning - Gary Datka, April 25, 1pm - 3:30pm

Tall Pepper Grinder Turning - Gary Datka, April 26, 11:30am - 4pm

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**Rockler Demonstration Schedule**

4/4/ Shark Owners Group Meeting - 9AM - 11AM
4/4/ Plug Into Power Tools Day: SawStop & Micro Jig - 9AM - 11AM
4/4/ CNC Shark 11:30AM - 3PM
4/11/ Work Smart Day: Soy Gel Paint Stripper - 11AM - 1PM
4/18/ Cabinet Building Part 1- Carcase Construction - 9AM - 11AM
4/18/ Scroll Saw Club Meeting - 9AM - 11AM
4/18/ Rockler Innovation Day: T-Track Table w/ New Accessories - 9AM - 11AM
4/18/ CNC Shark - 9:30AM - 2:00PM
4/25/ Cabinet Building Part 2- Door Construction - 9AM - 11AM
4/25/ Plug Into Power Tools Day: Eureka Zone - 9AM - 11AM

For further details, call Rockler: 414-774-1882.

Location: 1725 S 108th St, West Allis

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**Woodcraft Class Schedule - Tuition assessed**

Hand Cut Dove Tail Techniques, By Kevin Seigworth, Sat, March 28, 10:30 AM - 4:30 PM

Turn an Acrylic Cigar Stylus Pen, By Melanie Wegner, Sun, March 29, 10:30 AM - 2:30 PM

Basics of Scroll Saw, By Dena Kraemer, Tue, March 31, 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Basic Router Techniques, By Chris Kraemer, Tue, April 07, 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Flat, Square, Straight- Jointer- Planer-Table Saw, By Dan McLanahan, Tue, April 14, 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Learn to turn a Pen, By Melanie Wegner, Thur, April 16, 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Turning 101: Spindle Turning, Sun, April 19, 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM

ADVANCED ROUTER PART 2 - THE ROUTER TABLE, By Chris Kraemer, Tue, April 21, 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Wood Finishing with Kevin Seigworth, By Kevin Seigworth, Sat, April 25, 9:30 AM - 3:00 PM

For further details, call Woodcraft: 262-765-6770.

Woodcraft is located at 14115 W. Greenfield Ave., New Berlin
Bob explained that his approach to making boxes continues to evolve but that his standard technique usually involves boxes with mitered corners, profiled sides, contrasting wood combinations and the use of quality hardware.

He began with a discussion of how he creates the sides for most of his boxes, using mitered corners, which allow him to “wrap the grain” of a single board around the outside of the box. With a constant concern for aesthetics, he generally avoids sides that are too thick or that have large pieces glued inside.

Instead, he creates thinner profiled sides, using a router table to cut grooves and steps on the interior of the box sides to hold the top, bottom and any drawer runners and to provide support for drop-in trays. At his blog on box-making (www.artnabox.com), he describes this and other techniques in more detail and offers free downloads of the profiles and dimensions for the sides of different types of boxes.

In the early development of his box-making techniques, Bob said he ran into an unexpected problem. After drilling holes for hinges on some 100 boxes, he found the hinges weren’t consistent and that he would have to plug and re-drill many of them. Since then, he insists on quality hardware and has come to rely on well-made, though costly, hinges from Brusso and Horton Brasses.

For installing hinges, Bob said he pre-drills all holes with waxed steel screws smaller than the final brass ones. Only after putting the finish on a box does he install the brass screws, not by hand but with a power screw driver that provides more consistent pressure.

After years of making boxes, Bob said, “You have to learn to fix your mistakes or you end up with a lot of firewood.” To repair his mistakes as well as boxes that are damaged in shipping, Bob described CA glue (cyanoacrylate) as “Windex for the workshop.”

For mitered edges with tiny gaps, he sometimes “rolls” the edge with a burnisher. But for larger gaps or repairs, he often sands wood into wet CA glue, sometimes in repeated layers. This works, he cautioned, only in areas that will not be stained.

For an ebony and tiger maple box that was damaged in transit, Bob ended up working backwards—making a new box to fit the original drawers and top—the only parts that survived. To hide damage to another box, he said he added any inlay and then “raised the price.”

Bob said he maintains a close relation with many who buy his boxes and listens to what they need. An example is ring bars, using suede upholstery material from a Jo-Ann fabric store and some weather stripping.

“Thank goodness for customers who keep me challenged,” he said, though it’s clear from the quality of his work that Dickey has never stopped challenging himself as well.

More About Bob Dickey and His Woodworking

You can see Bob Dickey’s exquisite boxes and more about his work at his main website Woodn It Be Nice (www.woodnonline.com). Check out www.artnabox.com for free downloads on profiling the sides of a box, making ring bars and Dickey’s use of the Incra Gauge, which he describes as “the best woodworking tool under $20 you can find.”

Bob sells his boxes on Etsy at http://www.etsy.com/shop/wibn

Submitted by Bob Duchek
Wisconsin Woodworkers Guild Board Briefs – March 5, 2015

Attendees: Ron Reuter, Greg Waldo, Jay Pilling, Don Doss, Leila Crandall-Frink, Kevin Seigworth, Andy Wagner, Ken Ochs, and Dave Steingart

Treasury Balance: $7,158.45

Membership: Prior to the meeting, paid 2015 membership was at 90 members. Only those who pay by today’s meeting will be included in the 2015 Membership Directory.

Programs/Workshops: Kevin Siegworth will work on scheduling Jeff Miller for our October meeting and a weekend workshop.

Secretary: The annual non-stock corporation report has been filed with Wisconsin and our 2015 raffle licenses have been received. Our insurance has also been renewed for 2015. Sixty-seven (67) members/guests attended the March meeting.

Other: Dave Steingart has completed the rehabilitation of our WWG website. There was much discussion and some final tweaks were suggested. Dave will move the final version online prior to this weekend’s woodworker show. The new website will reside at the same address as the previous site Î www.wiscwoodworkersguild.org. The photo gallery portion of the website will be developed in the near future, but the remainder of the site is up-to-date. Many thanks to Dave for this outstanding accomplishment.

Whether to mail or not mail hardcopies of the RIPS AW to members without an email address is not completely settled and will be further discussed.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Ken Ochs

Jeff Miller

Jeff Miller is a designer, craftsman, prolific writer and an active teacher both at his own woodworking school in Chicago http://www.furnituremaking.com/, and at furniture schools around the country. His furniture has won numerous awards, has been in shows around the country, and is in the collection of the Chicago History Museum. His book, Chairmaking and Design won the Stanley award for Best-How-To Book of 1997. He has also written the books, The Foundations of Better Woodworking, Beds, and Children’s Furniture Projects. Jeff is a frequent contributor to Fine Woodworking and Popular Woodworking Magazine.

The Milwaukee Woodcraft store is sponsoring Jeff’s visit to Milwaukee on October 2 and 3. On Friday evening at 7 PM Jeff will present on the topic of furniture design at the Wisconsin Woodworkers Guild meeting which is held in the lower level at Woodcraft. All are welcome to attend this presentation as a guest of the Wisconsin Woodworkers Guild http://www.wiscwoodworkersguild.org/. On Saturday, Jeff will be in the Woodcraft store and will demo decorative inlay techniques in the morning and incorporating curves into your furniture work in the afternoon.
Upcoming WWG Programs

April 2nd  Jeff Grosskopf will be discussing how to make a Cedar Strip Canoe
May 7th  Gary Hess, grandson of Frank J. Hess, founder of Frank J. Hess and Sons Cooperage, in Madison, Wisconsin will be presenting a historical look of his grandfather’s business.
June 4th  Roundtable
July 2nd  Show and Tell
August 6th  No meeting this month
September 3rd  Jerry Anson; subject TBA
October 3rd - Friday Meeting - Jeff Miller, Furniture Design

Jay Pilling, our Program Chairman, is looking at a field trip to the US Forest Products Lab in Madison which would likely include a stop at the University Dairy Science Store. Please let Jay know if this is of interest to you.

Also, please submit your thoughts and ideas to Jay for programs you’d like to see, either for one of our meetings or as an extracurricular event.

Notes about the speaker for April

Jeff Grosskopf will share with us how he builds cedar strip canoes. He will discuss the building process, show photos and also bring with him one of his 16 foot cedar strip canoes.

ETC.

Carl Brust rescued about 300 woodworking magazines from an estate sale. They were about to be thrown away! He brought in about 50 last month and will bring more in the months ahead. Good stuff, folks!

Norm Lange, our Toy Chairman, got an offer from Woodcraft to allow his Christmas Toy Elves to use their facility for toy construction session each week on a weekday evening. Let Norm know which night (Monday?) and what time (5PM - 9PM?) would work for you. This would NOT replace the Monday morning sessions.

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For more information, contact:
Ray Burow 920-474-4075
Pictures of Bob Dickey's inside profile of the boxes that hold the drawers. Also a picture of the ring holder that he makes.

Two bottom pictures of boxes that needed repair. Left picture was broken when shipped.
Pictures above are samples of the boxes Bob Dickey makes. Lower pictures are of inlay that Bob uses in his works of art.
Woodworking Show Display

Member Projects

The rest of the pictures on this page are from the awesome work of our members. Thank you to all who bring in projects to show.