Hello Everyone,

We have a lot of members who do cutting boards and I’m sure Chef Felisha Wild’s presentation included at least one fresh idea for them. And there were many ideas that could be applied to other wood working projects as well. Her mass-production techniques were amazing and sometimes left me thinking, “Why didn’t I think of that?” I’m sure that seeing her shop would be very enlightening. I plan on stopping in on her soon with the hope that she’ll give me a tour. I’ll keep my fingers crossed. I’ve never turned down an invitation to see anyone’s shop. There’s always the likelihood that I’ll see something that I can blend into my own shop.

Thank you, Felisha!

Welcome, Ron Pederson, to our staff!
As our new Membership Director, Ron has stepped up to take over the job that Kevin Seigworth has so ably done for the past five years. Kevin, thanks so much for your service, and Ron, many thanks for stepping up! The board looks forward to working with you.

Work safe and share your hobby!

Ron Reuter

Reflections

Chef Felisha Wild of Our Daily Salt was our featured speaker for the January 2017 meeting. Our Daily Salt is located at 3519 W. National Ave. in Milwaukee. They are open Wed thru Sat from 10 to 6 and on Sun from 10 to 5. Everything that is done in the business is related to food. Felisha started her career as a professionally trained chef. She worked in various capacities as a chef and spent years teaching classes and traveling to teach. After 20 years, she along with her partner, decided to purchase a house in Milwaukee and operate a business out of the front area which was already a store front. Felisha wanted to upgrade to a chef’s kitchen, but found it was not possible because of finances.

This is when her ‘can do’ attitude took over. She decided she could take on the project herself and prepared to do just that by watching videos and reading books. She had the tools to do the plumbing and tile work but not to build the cabinets. So she bought an and old craftsman table saw on Craig’s list. She went through two more table saw purchases before she had one that worked well for her needs. She also bought a jointer to help with cabinet construction and finally the kitchen took shape. Originally, she was creating recipes and acting as a guest teacher.

This left her with tools that were not being used. She wanted an end grain cutting board, which she said is a superior cutting board that lasts years longer. So she made two end grain cutting boards. They were approximately 9 x 12. People started asking how they

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Woodcraft Class Schedule - Tuition assessed
Hand Planes, Saturday, January 28, 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM
Sharpening Woodturning (Lathe) Tools, Thursday, February 16, 6 PM - 9 PM
Hand Tool Sharpening, Saturday, February 25, 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM

For further details, contact Woodcraft of Milwaukee: 14115 W. Greenfield Ave., New Berlin, 262-765-6770

Rockler Class Schedule - Tuition assessed
No classes are scheduled for February, 2017.

Rockler Demonstrations
2/4/2017 Joinery (Box Joint and Dovetail) - 11AM
2/11/2017 Cabinet Door Construction - 11AM
2/18/2017 Sign Making - 11AM
2/25/2017 Wood Finishing with HVLP Systems - 11AM

For further details, contact Rockler: 1725 S 108th St., West Allis, 414-774-1882

Woodworkers Gym
The Woodworker’s Gym is a public-access woodworking shop owned and managed by Guild member Dan Meissner. He is looking to tap into the vast experience of Guild members for part-time shop monitors. Please find some time to stop by, tour the facility and chat.

Special rates are available for Guild members. Call 262-373-9411 for more information.
The Woodworker’s Gym is located at 3220 N. 126th St. in Brookfield, just a half-mile west of I-41/US-45 on Burleigh Rd., open Tuesday-Sunday beginning at 11 a.m.

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Wisconsin Woodworkers’ Guild Board Meeting Briefs  December 29, 2016

**Attendees:** Ron Reuter, Jay Pilling, Don Doss, Andy Wagner, Dave Steingart  
**Treasury:** Balance $5276.91  
**Membership:** Totals still coming in.  
**Secretary:** Almost 70 people attended the Holiday Party.  
**Other:** The meeting was held in the lower level of Woodcraft. A discussion on the funds we have in the Guild’s checking account and how to explain to members why that amount is in there, and what we plan on doing with it. A budget was prepared for 2017, to find, our expenses exceed what our dues bring in. We are working on a way to bring in more revenue, sponsorships, flyers, possible banner with advertising space. Links to website. Lumber Days or picnic, or possible joining with other groups and put on a “Woodworkers’ Show”. Woodworkers’ Show at State Fair is coming and Neu’s Woodworkers’ Show. Ron is looking into a gentleman with a CNC machine who may be interested in helping the Guild with its toy making for next year, more will follow.

_Respectfully Submitted, Ron Reuter for Ken Ochs_

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Felisha could get one and a new facet of the business was launched. Currently, her cutting boards are sold and shipped worldwide.

Felisha started selling her cutting boards by sharing a 10 x 10 tent. She said she could barely fill the half tent with product. She wanted to add other products besides the cutting boards and bought a lathe to make bowls. She also made spoons (ladles). Both items were time consuming to make, so she found a local artist, Ben Huth, who make utensils out of fir. Unfortunately, Ben became ill and died. Felisha needed to come up with a way to make utensils.

At the same time, she found she needed a larger facility, one preferably not in a basement where she was hauling supplies and product up and down stairs. She was moving into production work and hiring people to work with her. So, she entered and won a competition for the space that the business and shop currently occupy.

Felisha works more that full time in her business and does a variety of tasks during her working hours. She built a CNC machine after hours of research. She now has an industrial one. She has a large laser purchased from China. This allows for larger volume than a scroll saw. It sounds like it would be fun just to go tour the shop and store.

All the products they make are done in house. They make and sell rolling pins, wooden utensils, and cutting boards. They make 60 to 100 end grain cutting boards at a time. They come in small, medium and large. All boards are glued up separately, so no two boards are the same. It takes 4-5 days to make a board from start to finish. They are glues with Tit Bond 2. Felisha likes PVA glues. Finishes on the cutting board are mostly mineral oil. Coasters are finished with clear enamel and rolling pins have polyurethane. She said the largest piece she ever made was 116 in. X 48 in. and was used for a counter top.

Thanks to Felisha for and interesting and informative presentation.

_Leila Crandall-Frink, RIPS AW co-editor_
**Notice:** For sale items now on WWG Website. Please check out our 'For Sale' page(s) on the WWG Website which is updated regularly. Go to [http://wiscwoodworkersguild.org/ForSaleETC.html](http://wiscwoodworkersguild.org/ForSaleETC.html). Although the listings are screened for interest to our members, WWG is not responsible for the accuracy of the listings or for the quality of the products. Caveat emptor - “Let the buyer beware”.

*Dave Steingart, Webmaster*

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**Raffle & Door Prizes**

Door Prize winners were: Lewis Enderle, Jack Whitstone, George Henderson, Greg Waldo, and Jay Pilling. Happy shopping to you all!

Raffle winners were numerous this month and included: Andy Wagner (3), Dave Drickhammer (2), John Whitstone, Jack Whitstone, Norman Lange, Carl Brust, Larry Teufel, Steve Soltes, Mike Trokan, Jack Grothaus, Lyle Morrison, Lyle Husar, Justin Gasal, Greg Waldo, Jay Pilling, and Dave Steingart. Congrats to all!

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**AMISH TOUR & WORKSHOP**

Reuben Miller is again opening his woodshop doors to our Guild to see him make his infamous steam-bent chair - from the ground up! This is a 3-day tour that starts on a Thursday. We arrive at Brush Creek Inn, a great bed & breakfast spot, for a 2-night stay. Friday is an all-day workshop at Reuben’s VERY unique woodshop. Reuben finishes the chair Saturday morning and we head for home Saturday afternoon with stops at some Amish shops and a super fast bandsaw mill. Dates being considered are January 26-27-28 and February 9-10-11. Check your calendars and get back to Jay ASAP!

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Offered by Bob Lewis who is downsizing his shop.

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Without the volunteer efforts of our members, Wisconsin Woodworkers Guild would not exist. You can increase the value of your membership by working with us in the day-to-day operations of our organization. If you have skills, knowledge or experience to share, please don’t hesitate to offer your services. Here are a few areas to consider:

[ ] Publications (tri-fold, etc.)  [ ] Publicity
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Regular meetings now start at 6:30pm. Depart no later than 9:00pm.

Upcoming Programs & Events

February 2, 2017   Matt Gatchell - making bowls on the scroll saw
March 2, 2017      Ken Collins - Amazon selling

Ken Collins is Leila’s son!
Jay is working with Gary Rogowski for a return engagement (he spoke to us on routers in 2001).