Hello Everyone,

Another excellent program put on by two more of our well versed and knowledgeable members, Gary Emerich and Al Herwig. I was looking forward to this presentation for some time. I would really like to make several of these lockets for family members for Christmas. Although I’m not quite sure what Christmas it would be. Gary was nice enough to invite me up to his shop, but he has the same problem I have, our off time is usually in January or February. We’ve already missed those months for this year. If you missed their presentation, check out “Reflections” or take their booklet out of the library. Thank you Gary and Al for a great presentation!

On another note; I was informed by Jim Schlarb, that our first “Silent Auction”, raised $130.00. $110.00 at the meeting and Gary Emerich, the evenings presenter, bought the two slabs Jim was offering, in the parking lot after the meeting. THANK YOU, everyone for your support. Both, members who donated and members who purchased.

Work safe and share your hobby!

Ron Reuter

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**Reflections**

Al & Gary’s Illusionist Heart

I found out early in the presentation that I was not going to be able to keep up taking good enough notes to adequately explain the process of making the illusionist hearts. Al & Gary have put the entire presentation with pictures and explanations on the Kettle Karvers website. So I have included the address here and you can go the site and download the presentation and even print it for yourself if you want to. The address is: [http://www.kettlekarvers.org/](http://www.kettlekarvers.org/), and then look down the page until you see it listed.

The illusionist Heart is a beautiful little heart that doubles as a pendant and picture holder. It is small and finished beautifully. I can assure you if you made one for your wife, she would love it! Gary explained he had admired one that Al had made and he wanted to learn how. He worked many, many hours under Al’s expert guidance and has become proficient. In the process, they developed some helpful jigs and fixtures to help made a consistent product.

They make one of the hearts in 25 hours currently. It sounded like they are still going to continue to perfect the process so it takes less time. That is amazing to me. I admire their ability to figure out how to make them and then to make them consistently the same.

Don’t forget to go look at the online instructions found in their file at KettleKarvers.org. Following and on page 3 are pictures from the presentation thanks to Dave Drickhamer.

Respectfully submitted,
Leila Crandall-Frink
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**Woodcraft Class Schedule - Tuition assessed**

**Rockler Class Schedule - Tuition assessed**

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**Woodcraft Demonstrations**

06/03/2017 Tablesaw Techniques - 11AM
06/17/2017 Creative Box Making - 11AM
06/24/2017 Drawer Box Making & Slide Mounting - 11AM
07/01/2017 Miter Fold Construction - 11AM

**Rockler Demonstrations**

06/10/2017 Multi-Tools - 1 PM
06/10/2017 Turn a Bottle Stopper - 1 PM

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

**Friends of the Wisconsin Woodworkers Guild**

**Homestead Finishing Products,** Cleveland, OH
(216) 631-5309 www.homesteadfinishing.com

**Rockler’s (The Woodworker’s Store)** 1725 S 108th St, West Allis, (414) 774-1882

**Neu’s Hardware Tools Paint,** N95W16915 Falls Parkway, Menomonee Falls, WI 53051
Phone: 262-251-6550

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

**Woodline USA** (800) 472-6950
Wisconsin Woodworkers' Guild Board Meeting Briefs – April 27, 2017

Attendees: Ron Reuter; Greg Waldo, Andy Wagner, Ron Pederson, Jay Pilling, Don Doss, Jim Schlarb, Jack Zbiegien, Sr.

Membership: Sixty-two (62) members/guests attended the April Guild Meeting.

Treasury: $6,438.41 balance as of 04-26-17

Notes: The meeting was held in the lower level of Woodcraft, and started at 6:30 pm. Presentations and meeting topics for the remainder of the year were confirmed, and Bee House activities were reviewed. Much discussion centered around the Guild’s need for member input for “Ideas” – increasing Guild finances through various fund-raising activities, membership growth, skills and knowledge transfer to younger and new members, active participation in hands-on workshops, etc. The need for a facility for hosting member-led and Guest Speaker-led workshops was discussed and board members will do follow-up reviews. A new section in RIPSaw that promotes woodworking groups in Wisconsin was presented. The Board approved selling bottled water at the meetings.

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.

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
BEE HOUSES

An excellent article on Bee Houses was in April’s RIPSaw. You can go to our website and pull up that issue if you’ve mislaid your copy. See pictures on Show and Tell page of one members’ bee house.

If you’re new to this topic, you may be wondering why there is such an interest in providing housing for bees. The reason is that bees are a vital part of a third of our food supply. This supply requires pollination and bees are experts at pollination. Cue the mason bee. Mason bees are the premier pollinators. Just one mason bee pollinates as well as 75 honeybees! Interest in the gentle-natured, rarely stinging mason bee has been burgeoning as both farmers and homeowners turn to these pollination powerhouses for naturally bountiful bumper crops.

Okay so how do we encourage mason bees to pollinate where we live? By providing bee houses - houses made specifically for mason bees. Studies have already been done on what constitutes a house that is attractive to mason bees. What is necessary now is to determine how to make these houses that are compatible with our woodworking skills.

Lyle Husar has volunteered to collect names of those interested in pursuing this venture and then set up a meeting to collect thoughts and set up a plan of action. To express your interest, please contact Lyle by phone (262-542-0043) or e-mail (lylehusar@yahoo.com). All you’re committing yourself to do now is to learn more. So now, while its fresh on your mind, pick up the phone and make the call - one call, that’s all!!

Woodworking Clubs in Wisconsin and Northern Illinois

- Badger Woodturners Club, Madison; First Tuesday of each month, 6:30pm. badgerwoodturners.org
- 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; fvwwc.org
- Kettle Karvers Club, Plymouth, WI; First Wednesday each month, 6:30pm; kettlekarvers.org
- MAD Woodworkers, Monona, WI; Third Wednesday of each month, 6:30pm; madwoodworkers@yahoogroup.com
- Mid-Wisconsin Chippers, Neenah, WI. First Sunday each month 1:30pm; mwchippers@gmail.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
- 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
- Wisconsin Valley Woodturners, Wausau, WI; First Thursday of each month, 7pm. wisconsinvalleywoodturners.org

Please send corrections/additions to this listing to Don Doss at FourPartHarmony@att.net. Thank you!

LIBRARY UPDATE

We are justifiably proud of our Guild library which contains reference material on just about any woodworking subject you might have an interest in, in both written and video formats. Members are encouraged to take advantage of this valuable members-only benefit. There is no charge for borrowing anything in the library. Simply sign out an item or two at one meeting and return at the next meeting. Past issues of magazines are also available. If you take a magazine, please drop a dollar into the “bucket”.

May Raffle & Door Prize Winners

Door prizes were won by: Mark Enderle, Ron Pederson, Carl Szopinski, Jack Zbiegler Sr., and Gary Emerich.

Raffle prizes were won by: Lyle Husar, Bob Hillman, Gary Emerich, Lyle Morrison, Al Herwig, Ron Rueter, Larry Teufel, Jim Murray, and Andy Wagner (2).

Congratulations to all the winners!
LOCAL WORKSHOP TOUR BEING ORGANIZED

Your Wisconsin Woodworkers Guild is currently working on putting a tour together of local woodworking shops. Every workshop is a candidate for this tour because every shop is in a constant state of flux. Change can be the result of taking your hobby in a new direction, making your shop more efficient, finding a need for additional storage space, economizing, etc. What have you done in your shop to meet your needs?

The tour will be videotaped so that the result can be presented at an upcoming meeting. Planning the tour at each location is essential. Rest assured that the video will NOT be made part of anything that goes outside the Guild. That limitation is specifically directed at any possibility of it going on the Internet. It won’t!!

If you would be willing to have your shop on this tour, please see Jay. Although seeing a shop that is impeccably appointed may be of interest, that is not the primary goal. Many of our members have limited space and equally limited resources. They’re looking for ways they can enjoy this wonderful hobby within their limitations.

What might be very interesting and educational to our members would be hearing about changes you made in your shop when you either changed woodworking directions or how you expanded as more resources became available.

Are you a budding woodworker? Talk to Jay and let him know what you’d like to see in such a tour.

We’re also going to need a camera person. If you have a video camera and would like to participate in this adventure, please see Jay.

Thanks for you interest!

Sincerely,

Your Board of Directors

TOY COMMITTEE

The Toy Committee kicked off their first meeting of 2017 on March 27th. Among items that were discussed were adjusting the number of shelters, the quantity of toys to each shelter, and discussing a few new toys. New toys being considered include a ring toss game, a modified Semi, rocking horses, and a 3-in-1 chair. The Toy Committee met again on April 24th. Discussions continued on toy selections which included a push-pull noise-maker toy brought in by Bob Merner. The committee then reviewed current stock of wheels and other items and began itemizing items that would need to be procured.

Plans for toys in the Committee’s possession which are no longer being made will be converted to digital format. These plans will then be made available to our members, possibly through our library.

SILENT RAFFLE

WWG has embarked on a mission to establish a Silent Auction. Items in the auction will be donated by the members, but bidding on auction items will be open to members and non-members. Any donated item that doesn’t receive bids by break-time of the second meeting will either be moved to the monthly raffle program or returned to the donor. Smaller items can be brought in; items too large to bring in will have a picture and detailed description. Proceeds from the auction will go directly to the Guild to help cover the cost of educational activities such as workshops, seminars, lectures and exhibits. For more information, see page 6 as well as the rules posted at the Silent Raffle table. Let’s have some fun with this!
Wisconsin Woodworkers Guild

SILENT AUCTION

(QUIET, PLEASE!!!)

DONATED ITEMS ACCEPTED FROM GENEROUS MEMBERS, SPONSORS, FRIENDS, FAMILY, ETC.

ITEMS WILL BE AWARDED TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER. THEY MAY ALSO BE PURCHASED AT ANY GUILD MEMBERSHIP MEETING FOR THE 'BUY IT NOW AT' PRICE AS LISTED FOR EACH ITEM.

ALL MONIES WILL BE HANDLED BY OUR TREASURER

PROCEEDS WILL BE EARMARKED FOR USE BY THE GUILD TO PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES SUCH AS WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS, LECTURES AND EXHIBITS.
Show & Tell
Upcoming Programs & Events. Regular meetings now start at 6:30pm and end by 8:30pm. Please depart Woodcraft no later than 9:00pm.

June 1, 2017  Guild Round Table - Jay will again be doing sharpening - bring your dull twist drill bits, Forstner bits, lathe tools, etc. and let Jay show you how to sharpen them; Kevin Seigworth will be demonstrating the use of hand tools such as planes, chisels and saws; Jerry Anson will be doing a lattice panel; Greg Waldo will show painting small pieces. Please see or call Jay if you want to demo something!

July 6, 2017  SHOW & TELL - our annual meeting devoted to show & tell - get your favorite project ready!

Aug. 3, 2017  NO MEETING - Board’s Annual Planning Meeting

For the September 7th, October 5th, and November 2nd meetings, Jay is working with Tom Sveum who does buggy and wagon restoration demonstrations at the Historical Museum in Milton, Michael Doerr who teaches a 5-day intensive contemporary chair construction class at his studio in Sturgeon Bay, and Laft Nelson of Slinger, WI who specializes in making custom knives and sheaths.

Dec. 7, 2017  Partytime!