Hello Everyone,

Matt Gatchell came through to show us another area of wood working. Some of the items he brought to show were unbelievable. This would probably be a good area of woodworking to show me patience. Don’t know if you know but Craig and Donna Baltz are avid scroll saw workers. They do some beautiful work.

I don’t know about you but this winter is flying by for me. I usually look forward to winter so I can get down to the basement and work in my shop. I have a list of things I wanted to get done during the cold season. At last count I had four pages of things to do, but I haven’t gotten through even half of the first page. I wouldn’t mind two more months of winter. Sick, isn’t it!

Work safe and share your hobby!

Ron Reuter

Reflections

Yours truly has been a WWG member for about four years. In that time, there has only been one bomb among presenters that Jay has scheduled for our meetings. In fact, since that bomb, they may have even improved. Our presenter for February was no exception.

Matt and Verla Gatchell are the owners of Gatchell’s Wood ‘N Crafts, LLC. As a way of an introduction, the following is taken directly from their online shop, GatchellsWoodnCrafts.etsy.com.

Matt is a long-time woodworker and Verla has been sewing since she joined 4-H at the age of 8. Their business was first established in El Paso, Texas in 1985. At that time the business focused on selling wood, wood toy parts, clock movements, and custom made clocks & furniture. In 1990, the business was closed down when the Gatchell’s moved to Wisconsin so Matt could pursue a new career. In 2005, Verla suggested to Matt that he start doing some wood working again. Because of space issues in the basement, Matt became frustrated with trying to do larger projects. Matt decided to try scroll sawing and found his niche in woodworking.

Matt had encouraged Verla to make time for her sewing. She saw some patterns for bags and other items using denim. Her denim items made such an impression on her family, friends, and coworkers that people were giving her orders and old jeans! In 2010, Gatchell’s Wood ‘N Crafts, LLC was re-established. This time the focus of the business is on handcrafted scroll saw and sewn items.

Matt’s presentation focused on doing things on the scroll saw which would be difficult to impossible to duplicate using any other tool. His square bowls are an excellent example. Try turning one of those on a lathe! He also brought a number of examples of why this is called ‘Scroll Saw Art’ with an emphasis on ‘Art’.

Matt has been scroll sawing for about eleven years. His doctor had told him that he needed to find a hobby to relieve his stress. The next time he checked in with the doctor, he brought in a sample of his scroll sawing. The doctor exclaimed, “That looks really good – keep it up!” So Matt can now say that he’s scroll sawing under doctor’s orders.

About five years ago, Matt started doing scroll saw demos and classes at Rockler Woodworking and Hardware in Milwaukee. About three years ago, he started Rockler Scrollers, which meets at Rockler on the 3rd Saturday each month except July and August from 9am to 11am.

Matt noted that the first thing many folks

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**Rockler Class Schedule - Tuition assessed**

- **Sat 3/4**: Desk Clock Class w/Matt Gatchell – 1PM
- **Sun 3/12**: Turning a Pizza Cutter & Bottle Opener w/Gary Datka - 11AM
- **Fri 3/17**: Turn an Acrylic Pen w/Gary Datka - 1PM
- **Sat 3/18**: Morrie the Moose Class w/Matt Gatchell - Noon
- **Sat 3/25**: Beginners Bowl Turning w/Gary Datka - 9:30PM
- **Sat 3/25**: Square Ribbon & Bow Box, Part 1 w/Matt Gatchell - 1PM; Part 2 on Sat 4/1

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**Woodcraft Class Schedule - Tuition assessed**

- **Fri 3/3**: Turn a Franklin Pen w/Marv Bollman – 10A-11A
- **Sun 3/5**: Spindle Turning w/Marv Bollman – 10:30A-3:30P
- **Mon 3/6**: Basic Router Techniques w/Dan McClanahan – 6:00P-9:00P
- **Thurs 3/16**: Woodworking for Women w/Dan McClanahan – 5:00P-9:00P
- **Mon 3/20**: Table Saw Fundamentals w/Dan McClanahan – 6:00P-9:00P
- **Tues 3/21**: Basic Cabinet Construction 1/7 w/Chris Craemer – 6:00P-9:00P
- **Sat 3/25**: Hand-Cut Dovetail Techniques w/Kevin Seigworth – 9:30A-3:30P
- **Sun 3/26**: Basic Bowl Turning w/Marv Bollman – 10:30A-4:00P
- **Tues 3/28**: Basic Cabinet Construction 2/7 w/Chris Craemer – 6:00P-9:00P
- **Thurs 3/30**: Band Saw Box w/Tom Yapundich – 6:00P-9:00P

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**Woodcraft Demonstrations**

- **Sat 3/11**: Hand Plane Tune-Up – 1PM
- **Sat 3/18**: CNC – 1PM

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Scroll saw - endless possibilities . . .

Thanks for the inspiration, Matt!

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think of when the subject of scroll sawing comes up is Christmas tree ornaments. He, of course, had a number of examples to show, in various wood types, mixed wood types, and even metal. However, he pointed out that scroll sawing goes much farther than ornaments. Multi-layer designs, clocks and wall plaques, to name a few. One beautiful example is a piece done jointly by Matt and Verla: a wall plaque of an eagle enhanced with beads and sawn feathers. This item won first place at the Midwest Scroll Saw & Woodworking Trade Show in 2015. The 2017 Show will be held Friday, August 18th and Saturday, August 19th at the Grand Ball Room at the Dubuque County Fairgrounds, 14569 Old Highway Road, Dubuque, Iowa. The show will be hosted by the Veterans Freedom Center in Dubuque and by Karen Boelman of the Art Factory in Platteville, WI.

Another type of scroll sawing is called bevel cutting. Bevel cutting allows you to add depth to your project. One of Matt’s specialties is using bevel cutting to create square, octagon, or heart-shaped bowls. Try cutting these on a lathe! Matt demonstrated this by cutting one layer of a square bowl for us. He cuts these layers at a 20-degree to 45-degree angle. He used a #9 blade and also noted that the blade needs to be under a large amount of tension. Once completed, he assembles the layers using the ‘medium’ CA glue because it bonds quickly and also creates a very strong bond. He prefers using the Rocker brand over Titebond. He then embarks on an extensive amount of sanding using an oscillating spindle sander with 150- to 180-grit sandpaper. He starts on the inside of the bowl and ends with the outside. He then finishes up to 320- and 400-grit using a ball or sleeve drum. One type Matt likes to use is an inflatable sanding drum which flexes as it rotates so it reduces the chance of burning the wood. He finishes the sanding with hand sanding. For the outside, Matt likes to use a belt sander to start and finishes with a palm sander. He then finishes his bowls with Deft Spray Lacquer with the bowl on a rotating table.

Matt readily acknowledges that he is not one who designs scroll saw patterns. He gets them from others including box and bowl designs by Carole Rothman. He also gets designs from Scroll Saw Magazine and Woodworkers Journal as well as many other online sources.

You can see an excellent example of bevel cutting by attending a class Matt is holding at Rockler on February 25th. Oops! Sorry, that date may have passed by the time you receive this!

Matt also showed a segmented bowl he made using the same technique he used on his other bowls but first assembled workpieces with segmentation. He also hit upon another aspect of segmentation called Intarsia woodworking. This is where segments are cut out and pieced together to form a picture. He suggested a book, Intarsia Woodworking for Beginners, by Kathy Wise, for those interested in more information on this technique. (I found another interesting book on the subject titled, Big Book of Intarsia Woodworking: 37 Projects and Expert Techniques for Segmentation and Intarsia, by the editors of Scroll Saw Woodworking & Crafts.)

Matt is continuing to increase his knowledge of the various uses of the scroll saw, including interacting this with wood carving. It’ll be interesting to watch him grow in this fascinating woodworking venture and I, for one, look forward to his returning to share these new-found talents. In the meantime, check out their website noted above – if Matt’s presentation didn’t encourage you to start scrolling, their website will surely get you hooked! Thanks, Matt, for a very engaging presentation!

Respectfully Submitted, Ron Reuter for Ken Ochs

Don Doss, RIPS A W 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 
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our members, WWG is not responsible for the accuracy of the listings or for the quality of the prod-
ucts. Caveat emptor - “Let the buyer beware”.

Dave Steingart, Webmaster

February Raffle & Door Prizes

Door Prize winners were: Jim Fenske, Justin Gasal, Lyle Morrison, Steve Soltes and Greg Waldo. 
Happy shopping to you all!

Raffle winners were numerous this month and included: Jim Fenske, Mark Figurski, Lyle Morrison 
(2), Jim Murphy, Dave Steingart, Larry Teufel and Andy Wagner (2). Congrats to all!

LOCAL WORKSHOP TOUR BEING ORGANIZED

Wisconsin Woodworkers Guild is currently working on putting a tour together of local woodworking 
shops. Every workshop is in a constant state of flux. Changes can be the result of taking our hobby 
in a new direction, making our shop more efficient, finding a need for additional storage space, 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, 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

REPORT FROM AMISH COUNTRY

At our February meeting, Jay provided an abbreviated report on the Amish tour attended by a number 
of our members. Reuben, the host, produced a rocker while the attendees looked on in awe. They 
also made additional stops of interest, one of which was at the Circus World Museum where they 
were privileged to tour the circus wagons up close and personal. Jay and those in attendance are 
planning to meet and generate an article for the RIPSAYW soon. Stay tuned!
Members Show & Tell

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Neu’s Woodworking Show

WWG occupying prominently located booth next to front door. Booth manned by Ron Reuter, Jay Pilling, Jim Schlarb & Andy Wagner. Here, they’re welcoming Norm Lange.

Table displaying sample of toys donated made by WWG Christmas Elves and donated to women’s shelters. Bowl available for donations toward the cause.

Mrs. Neu-Davis celebrating a gift from WWG.

Klaus Zunker admiring an item on display

Kreg & Duplainville Clock among MANY displays
Scroll Saw Extravaganza

Bob D’Addario

Ron Osvuscik

Donna Baltz

Craig Baltz
Regular meetings now start at 6:30pm. Depart no later than 9:00pm.

**Upcoming Programs & Events**

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*KKen Collins is Leila’s son!"