Hello Everyone:

Another very interesting speaker! I’ll bet Lyle only scratched the surface of what he knows on that subject. This was another one of those subjects where they pull you in after the first five minutes and hold your interest the entire presentation. I didn’t know Lyle was into Indian clubs, spears and knives, another interesting subject. I wouldn’t mind spending a day with Lyle just listening to him talk about these interests. The problem I have is that four letter word, no not diet, work! Thank you Lyle.

Keep in mind Neu’s is having their “Woodworking Show,” Saturday, Feb. 27 in Germantown, 9-4, hope to see some of you.

Ronald Reuter

Ron’s Ramblings

Reflections February Meeting

By Leila Crandall-Frink

What an interesting presentation by Lyle Morison at our February meeting. We have all seen Lyle using some of his canes and walking sticks at a regular meeting, but who knew the huge amount of carved items Lyle has made. I don’t know how long it took or how many people helped, but I do know it wasn’t easy getting all of the items down or up the stairs to the meeting space.

Lyle is a retired Biology teacher. He has been carving since at least 1964 when he started on a knife that he just finished 2 weeks ago. He also showed a carved cane that had a penny embedded in the end that was a 1928 penny. This cane was one his father or grandfather carved. He comes from a tradition of carving wood.

Lyle said he uses Diamond Willow to carve many of the items he showed. He harvests the willow from a swampy area near West Bend. He said the tree grows to about 12 feet tall. Because of the swamp it develops a fungus which grows and kills the tree. The tree has three colors of wood in it. The white wood is alive, the brown parts are sapwood and the red parts are dead wood. He carves into the tree to expose the various colors he wants to show. He uses a sanding disk to take off the bark. He got his sanding disk from Farm & Fleet.

Lyle showed how he carves some of his work. Although he and all of us have been taught to carve away from ourselves. He showed how he carved toward himself. He holds his work between where he is carving and his body. Then he was able to pull the knife toward himself without creating a huge hazard. (Even doing the carving that way, I imagine it would take a lot of practice to be truly safe.)

Lyle told how he made his bar stool tops stable from further cracking. He makes a solution of 1 gallon of alcohol and ½ pint of shellac. He soaks the stool top for two weeks in that solution and then sets it out to dry for two weeks. He said this made them stable with no further cracking. He said he finishes all

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of his work in 3 coats of polyurethane gloss.

In addition to the Diamond Willow, Lyle showed work he made from white cedar, black cherry with the bark left on and Suarao cactus. He said the cactus branches are harvested when they are 40 years old. He used many other items in some of his work. Some of the spears were covered in deer hide. He used a moose jaw, turkey feathers, turtle shell to make a rattle. He used whale bone, hip bone of a deer, the upper leg bone of a deer to make a knife handle, and railroad spikes to make weapons. He has attempted to make many items in the same fashion Native Americans did hundreds of years ago.

The following is only a partial list of items Lyle showed us that he made.

- A quilt rack.
- A floor lamp and a table lamp.
- Numerous canes and walking sticks.
- An old fashioned hoe.
- Ducks and a loon.
- Bar stools and a planter with branches inside to hold a pot.
- A wooden knife and some additional knives made from a broken cane.

Spars and arrows.
- An Atlatl, which is an old fashioned spear thrower.

Lyle was very interesting to listen to and so knowledgeable about his subject. We hope he is able and willing to lead a small group in harvesting some Diamond Willow later in the year. Thank you Lyle for your interesting talk and for carting your huge inventory to the meeting to show your work.

Wisconsin Woodworkers Guild Board Briefs
– February 4, 2016
Attendees: Ron Reuter, Greg Waldo, Jay Pilling, Leila Crandall-Frink, Don Doss, Kevin Seigworth, Andy Wagner, Rich Frink, and Ken Ochs

Treasury Balance: $7,137.57

Membership: Paid 2016 membership is at 78 members with renewals in progress

Secretary: Sixty-five (65) members/guests attended the February meeting. Raffle license renewals for 2016 have been received and the nonstock corporation annual report will be filed this month.

Other: The regular April Guild meeting will be on a Friday with a paid admission seminar on Saturday. The seminar is $50 for members and will be open to non-members for $75 which will include WWG membership for the remainder of the year. The seminar will also be opened to students for $20-25. Creating posters to advertise the Guild and to advertise the seminar was discussed. The posters would be useful at the Wisconsin Woodworkers Show being held March 11-13.

The planned speaker for the March meeting has cancelled. Some possible substitutes were 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
**Woodcraft Class Schedule - Tuition assessed**

Turn a Pepper Mill, Sun, March 06, 10:30 AM - 3:30 PM

Basic Router Techniques, Mon, March 07, 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Turn an Emperor Pen in Acrylic, Thu, March 10, 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Woodworking For Women, Sun, March 13, 10:30 AM - 3:30 PM

Laminated "domino" cutting board, Thu, March 17 & 24, 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Hand Cut Dove Tail Techniques, Sat, March 19, 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM

*For further details, call Woodcraft: 262-765-6770. Woodcraft is located at 14115 W. Greenfield Ave., New Berlin*

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**Raffle & Door Prize Winners**

Raffle winners were Lyle Husar (2 times), Ron Pederson (2 times), Jay Pilling, Don Marshall, Gary Emerich, Carl Brust, Norm Lange, Larry Teufel, Rich Henderson, and Frank Schmidt. Congratulations to all.

Door prize winners were George Egenhoefer, Jim Schlarb, Mike Ellis, Dave Barber, and Jerry Claussen. Congratulations and happy shopping to all the winners.

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**For Sale**

I have 60-80 burls of all sizes and different species for sale small - med - large and a couple of jumbos, you have to come and see them to what you desire. HM!! HM!! Good Thank you kindly. Ron Hinderman 262-549-9614 or r_hinderman@sbcglobal.net

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**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**

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

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

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**Rockler Class Schedule - Tuition assessed**

Jewelry Making on the Lathe with Gary Datka, March 5, 12pm - 3pm

Basic Scroll Saw with Matt, March 7, 3pm - 7pm

Cheese Slicer & Pie Server with Gary Datka, March 16, 5pm - 7pm

Beginner Bowl Turning with Gary Datka, March 19, 9:30am - 1pm

Basic Scroll Saw with Matt, March 19, 1pm - 5pm

Intermediate Scroll Saw with Matt, April 2, 1pm - 6pm

**Rockler Demonstrations**

3/1 What is a Scroll Saw: 5PM -7PM

3/5 Raised Panel Door Construction - 11AM

3/12 Table Saw Techniques - 11AM

3/15 Intermediate Scroll Saw Techniques: 5PM - 7PM

3/19 Full Spectrum Laser Demo - 11AM

3/26 Weekend Woodturning Projects - 11AM

*For further details, call Rockler: 414-774-1882. Location: 1725 S 108th St, West Allis*
The 2016 Wisconsin Woodworking Show is being held in Milwaukee. Our Guild will have a booth all three days. We will be sending around a sign-up sheet for workers at the meeting on the 4th of February. Anyone who volunteers will receive free admission the day they are working. It is a fun way to promote our club and to get to know some of your fellow members a bit better. The shifts are usually 3-4 hours.

March 11-13, 2016  
Friday 12-6; Saturday 10-6; Sunday 10-3  
Wisconsin Expo Center Hall C  
8200 West Greenfield Avenue  
West Allis, WI 53214

You can go online and check out the information for the show. There is information on particular speakers and the products that will be featured.  
http://www.thewoodworkingshows.com/

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**Notice:**  
I have attached a photo with information on our upcoming Kettle Karvers Klub's annual show. Please include this information in the newsletters of our guild for February, March, and April. Anyone who would like to participate should contact Bob Lawrence 920 - 458 - 4947 for information on tables. I believe the cost per table is $20. We are also looking for people who wish to demonstrate their wood related skills, again contact Bob. Thanks.  
Gary A Emerich

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Woodworkers Gym (an announcement)  

Guild member Dan Meissner announced at the last meeting that his new public-access woodworking shop, The Woodworker’s Gym is now open. He is looking for part time shop monitors and to tap into the vast experience of other guild members. Please find some time to stop by, tour the facility and chat. Dan is offering a 10% discount on memberships and classes to any guild member, just call 262.373.9411 for more information.

Need more space or better equipment to complete your projects? Do you prefer to work alongside fellow woodworkers or just don't want to deal with the mess? The Woodworker’s Gym is the place for you.

With over $80,000 in professional-grade equipment from respected manufacturers like SawStop, Powermatic, JET, Grizzly, Kreg and Milwaukee Tool, The Woodworker’s Gym is fully-equipped to serve both the hobbyist and professional woodworker.

Project-specific classes for woodworkers of all skill levels are also available, taught by professional furniture makers and craftsmen.

The Woodworker’s Gym is located at 3220 N. 126th St. in Brookfield, just a half-mile west on Burleigh Rd. from I-41/US 45 and open Tuesday-Sunday beginning at 11 a.m.

Stop by for a tour. For membership information, visit us online at TheWoodworkersGym.com or contact Dan Meissner at 262.373.9411.
Upcoming WWG Programs

March 3, 2016  Bob Dickey - Making a Jewelry Box. Bob will also be providing a box making class at a future date to be announced.

March 11-13, 2016  Milwaukee Woodworking Show, Wisconsin Expo Center West Allis

April 8 & 9, 2016  Mitch Kohanek - wood finishing workshop. Friday night regular guild meeting; Saturday program has a fee of $50

April 16, 2016  Kettle Karvers Klub Show

May 5, 2016  Peter Straub - Bamboo Cutting Boards

May 14, 2016  Kettle Moraine Hardwoods Tour

April Program Speaker Notes

Mitch Kohanek will be our program speaker and demonstrator on Friday April 8 and Saturday April 9. Mitch is the preeminent wood finishing teacher in the country. He taught at and led the National Institute for Wood Finishing program at Dakota County Technical College (DCTC) in Minnesota for 35 years. His graduates have become the best professional finishers and restoration artists in the country. They include former WWG speakers Audrey Vincent and Bill Robillard. Mitch teaches several finishing classes at Marc Adams school of woodworking.

Here is what Mitch said about what he does: "When I am teaching about finishing wood, I use the analogy that wood finishing is like playing chess. You can't really play the game of chess unless you understand the power of the pieces. If you lose a piece, you learn to play the game without it. All of the materials you have on the shelf at the store are the wood finishers chess pieces. Most of the information they need to learn is on the back side of the container and not the label in the front. I enjoy taking some of the fear out of finishing."

On Friday night Mitch will present pictures of the classes and projects accomplished at DCTC. He will also present the "Six Steps to a Fine Finish".

The Saturday workshop will run from 9:15 to 4:45 at Woodcraft. The store opens at 9 and closes at 5. The cost of the workshop for members is $50. Mitch will be demonstrating with finishing products and will cover the following topics:
- Wood Finishing Terminology
- Establishing a Finishing System
- Wood Nomenclature
- Surface Prep
- Coloring Agents
- Sanding Sealers/sealers
- Topcoats
- Tools for applying coatings: rags, brushes, spraying
- Glazes and Toners
- Grain Pore Fillers
- Rubbing out the Finish

News flash:

The tour to Kettle Moraine Hardwood Mill is set now. We have a date now for Sat. May 14, 2016 at 9 AM, tour length will be anywhere from 2 - to - 3 hrs. long, depending on how many questions are asked. The saw may or may not be working as their work schedule dictates.

The tour will consist of touring the sawing area, stacking and sorting, plus the drying kiln, and warehouse, also the show room. How many of you have seen a 52" circular blade. Also very important the PPG required you know what that is.

We will start with the next meeting, a sign-up sheet, we need to know approximately the group size.
Show and Tell - February 2016
Show and Tell from February

- Lew Enderle showed his Intarsia Badger made from Aspen. The color is from red dye, white milk paint and black dye. He said he had to be so careful that the dyes did not bleed.
- Jim Schlarb showed a Band Saw Box he made from cedar. He used some turquoise to fill cracks and then covered the inside drawers with turquoise fabric. He also showed some puzzles made on a scroll saw.
- Vern Eilers showed a vase he made by gluing up 6 different woods. He turned it on his lathe. He used a forstner bit to drill the inside. He inserted a rosette design in the base.
- Dennis Motl showed a table made by attaching a piece of Bacote wood onto a welded steel base. It is finished with gloss polyurethane varnish. A few of us were admiring it during the break and wondering what kind of wood the top was.
- Jerry Tackes showed some Christmas tree ornaments he made on the CNC machine. He also showed a small stool with inlaid stringing in the top. He uses the stool to help himself get out of a chair.
- Jay Pilling showed two magnets he turned on his lathe. He inserted a small frame for a picture in the top. They are a nice addition to a refrigerator and protect the picture.

See pictures on page 7.

Notice: For sale items on WWG Website.
There is a new section on our WWG Website, updated regularly by Dave Steingart our webmaster, with items for sale that you can check any day. Check it out at [http://wiscwoodworkersguild.org/ForSaleETC.html](http://wiscwoodworkersguild.org/ForSaleETC.html). You will find items there that are sent to us by members and by the general public. We do not check out the items or know much about those who are nonmembers selling items.

Thank you Dave.