Hello Everyone,

September brought another topic that seemed to spark a different type of interest: metal work along with wood working. Laft Nelson did an excellent job of presenting not only the wood working aspect of knife making, but the metal end of making knives. Actually, the part I was really interested in was seeing that he makes his own tools. When I talked to Laft a couple months ago, I was really surprised when he told me “some of the tools I would like are so expensive, I decided to make my own.” I’ve been seeing more and more of this with other members. When I listened to him talk about the problems he ran into and how he corrected them, that to me, was even more interesting. Thank you, Laft, for a very interesting presentation. I have two blade blanks for my son-in-law and myself. Now all I have to do is get going. I only bought them two years ago, I don’t want to rush into it too fast.

Work safe and share your hobby!

Ron Reuter

Reflections

I can usually run a machine with proper instruction, and sometimes fix something that isn’t working right, but to build one that I can’t afford to buy would be daunting! Our speaker made it seem easy but I would have a hard time even running the machines he made, let alone making them. Laft Nelson of Barneveld, Wisconsin did a great job showing how he made a grinder to make a knife from a piece of steel.

He began his journey by seeing a Chef’s knife made by Chris Reed, that was selling for $2,300. He said it was plain. He said to himself, “I could make that for a LOT less.” I do the same thing many times when I see something I would like to buy. The difference is that Laft went about doing it! There is a lot of work and determination that goes into making an idea reality.

Laft did enough research that he knew he needed a good grinder to make a knife. He said the grinder that is used mostly in knife making is a 2 X 72 belt sender. That way the belt does not heat up too fast. He looked for one to buy and found out it cost $1,500. He didn’t have that kind of money so he decided he could make one a lot cheaper.

The parts of his grinder included a base, housing, bearings, a fly wheel, a boom arm and a tensioning bolt. He used ¾ in birch plywood to make most of the wooden parts of his grinder. He used ½ in mdf to make the grinding wheel. He purchased a used ½ hp DC motor on Craig’s list. He purchased items like bearings, steel and dye chemicals at Fastenal. But the most important thing is that he was able to make himself a professional grade grinder for approximately $250 and he was in business.

Laft decided to make camp knives to begin with and graduate to his chef’s knife after he perfected his process. He makes the blade of the knife first. He uses 01 Tool steel that has been heat treated for the blade. (Later in his talk he...
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Rockler Class Schedule - Tuition assessed

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Build Your Own Bag Toss Board  Make and Take Class, Oct. 20, 2017 at 11:00 AM
Build Your Own Step Stool  Make and Take Class, Oct. 22, 2017 at 11:00 AM

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BAND SAW BOX, Thu, Oct. 5, 6 PM - 9 PM, Tom Yapundich
WOODWORKING FOR WOMEN, Wed, Oct. 11, 5 PM - 9 PM, Dan McElhanan
SHARPENING WOODTURNING (LATHE) TOOLS, Thu, Oct. 12, 6 PM - 9 PM, Kevin Seigworth
DOMINO TENON JOINERY / ARTS & CRAFT STYLE TABLE, Part 1: Mon, Oct. 16, 6 PM - 9 PM, Part 2: Mon, Oct. 23, 6 PM - 9 PM, Chris Kraemer
HAND TOOL SHARPENING, Sat, Oct. 28, 9:30 AM - 1:30 PM, Instructor: Kevin Seigworth

Woodcraft Demonstrations

Saw Stop, Saturday, October 14, 1 PM
Small Projects for Gifts, Saturday October 21, 1 PM

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

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10/14/2017 Wood Finishing - 11AM
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Wisconsin Woodworkers' Guild
Board Meeting Briefs
August 31, 2017

ATTENDEES: Ron Reuter, Andy Wagner, Ron Pederson, Don Doss, Jim Schlarb, Jack Zbiegien, Sr.

Membership: Since May, 2012 the average attendance at the monthly Guild meetings is 54 members. In the year just finished (Sep 16 – Aug 17) the average attendance was 53 members.

Treasury: $6,038.14 balance as of 08-31-17.

Notes: The meeting was held in the lower level of Woodcraft, and started at 6:45 pm. The WWG workshop project was discussed and improved. Meeting with Chris Kramer was shared with the Board. Next step: set up a meeting with Board representatives from MAWt, Saturday Turners, AAW, and WWG to review the plan and present factual status updates. A final plan for sale of Sponsorship Spots in RIPSAG was presented and approved.

_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.

From the library

Greg Waldo brought in a stack of books that were donated from the son of a woodworker who had passed away. They are called “The shop class series” and cover “operations and set up” of several different shop tools. He didn’t give Greg his name, but we do “thank him”, for donating them to the library.

We still have an over stock of magazines. Please look through them and take some home. Donations are always welcome but not required.

(Reflections continued)

said he now uses RWL23 Tool Steel). He showed us his first completed knife that looks like a knife and a couple others that he made that had fancier handles.

His process for making the blade is: he scribes the shape onto the steel, cuts the basic shape with a hacksaw, punches the holes for the handle, and grinds the shape. He said he used the corner of the platen to take off material faster. His final step is to flat grind the edge on the blade. He uses a jig that he made to make the bevel.

He then showed his process for making a handle for his knives. He used 3/8 in stock for the handle. At home he cuts the basic shape of the handle on a band saw. For his demonstration he showed how he can grind the shape on the same grinder he uses for the steel. He does grind the curves of the handles on the grinder at home. He can easily change the grit of the sanding surface to get it down to the final sanding stage. For the final sanding, (this is after the wood for the handle is attached to the steel, lining up the holes) he said to leave the wood slightly bigger than the steel. This is because the wood is softer and it sands away faster. He said to use a hard surface at the finest grit to do the final sanding. He finishes the wooden knife handle with “TruOil” (brand name) which is a food safe finishing product. He has found it online and at Cabella’s. Laft also told about Peters Heat Treat, a company in Ohio where he sends his steel for heat treating.

A huge “Thank you” to Laft Nelson for his interesting and informative presentation.

Respectfully submitted, Leila Crandall-Frink
BEE HOUSES
This is a reminder from Lyle Husar who is collecting 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!!

FREE! FREE! FREE!
We still have a number of older magazines that are worthless if they’re not in your own library (hint, hint!). Unlike the newer magazines in our library, these older magazines, while still filled with tons of useful information, are FREE to our members!

While you’re in the WWG library, check out our books, recordings, etc. Remember, you only get to use THIS library once a month.

Chris Reuter, Librarian

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. 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

My doctor took one look at my gut and refused to believe that I work out. So I listed the exercises I do every day: jump to conclusions, climb the walls, drag my heels, push my luck, make mountains out of molehills, bend over backward, run around in circles, put my foot in my mouth, go over the edge, and beat around the bush.

A man came to Mrs. Smith’s door and said, “There’s been an accident at the brewery. Your husband fell into a vat of beer and drowned.”

Mrs. Smith wails, “Oh, the poor man! He never had a chance!”

The man says, “I don’t know about that. He got out three times to go to the bathroom.”

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. capitalarea.carvers.of.wisconsin.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 note that the above information is provided for reference. If you would like to attend a meeting, be sure to contact the club for confirmation. Also, if you spot any errors or changes, please send corrections to Don Doss at FourPartHarmony@att.net. Thank you!

FREE! FREE! FREE!

September Raffle & Door Prize Winners

Door Prizes were won by: Dan Stege, Ron Hinderman, Larry Whitstone, Larry Teufel, and Tom Hipsak. Congratulations and Happy Shopping.

Raffle prizes were won by: Craig Baltz, Gary Emerich, Bruce Everard, Norm Lange, Jay Pilling, Mike Prebish (2), and Dave Steingart (2). Congratulations to you all!
LOCAL WORKSHOP TOURS CONTINUING

Wisconsin Woodworkers Guild is continuing to tour member’s woodworking shops. A trial run with video has taken place and the results were very encouraging. Thanks to Jim Matthew for stepping up to do the recording and to Jay Pilling for organizing everything. Currently, Jay has five of our members who have volunteered to have their shops included.

Once the shops have been toured, the recordings will be shown at an upcoming WWG meeting, probably early next year. While the format of these presentations has yet to be determined, it is likely that one shop will be shown at a time, followed by a Q&A session.

For security reasons, recordings 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!!

Touring of club-member workshops have been suggested by many members. Thanks to the number of members who have volunteered their shops for touring, it is conceivable that this may be an ongoing project. Tours of a few workshops might take place each year during the spring through fall timeframe and then shown at a January, February or March meeting. Although seeing a shop that is impeccably appointed will likely be of interest, the primary goal is to provide insight so that our members who may have limited space and/or limited resources can discover ways they can enjoy this wonderful hobby within their limitations.

Thanks for your support of this project.

Respectfully, Your Board of Directors

TOY COMMITTEE
Norm Lange reported that the assembly of toys began on September 11th at Woodcraft. Anyone interested in helping can come on Mondays at 9:30 AM to lend their hands. He also reported that Burmeister donated 2 truckloads of wood to be used in making toys. Thanks! Pictures are from last year.

SILENT AUCTION

Our Silent Auction got started with a big bang a few months ago, adding $130 to WWG’s coffers and delighting winning bidders! Be sure to check out all the new treasures that Jim has put out for September. Going, going, GONE!!

Items in the auction are donated by the members. Smaller items can be brought in; items too large to bring in will have a picture and detailed description.

Bidding is open to members and non-members. Items will be awarded to the highest bidder. They may also be purchased at any Guild membership meeting for the ‘BUY IT NOW’ price. 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. Proceeds from the auction go directly to the Guild to help cover the cost of educational activities such as workshops, seminars, lectures and exhibits.
According to Matt Howard, Vice President of Marketing at SawStop, the Tualatin, OR power-tool company is being purchased by TTS Tooltechnic Systems, the owners of Festool.

“We are proud to join a company with a shared passion for customer safety, product quality and meticulous engineering,” said SawStop’s President, Dr. Stephen Gass. “Speaking for our entire team in Tualatin, Oregon and across North America, we are excited to join with TTS to bring safer woodworking to more people through new tools and in new markets around the world. With a family like TTS at our side, I can’t wait to see what we will accomplish together.”

Has this ever happened to you? My wife and I went to a dinner-playhouse about two months ago. We were seated at a table for eight for dinner and then remained at the same table to see the play. Jim Johnson and his wife, whom we hadn’t met before, were seated with us. Over dinner, we learned that Jim had retired a few years before and has been enjoying woodworking projects around their house. He kindly sent these photos to show some of his handiwork. Hopefully, he’ll attend a WWG meeting in the near future and do the ‘Tell’ part of this ‘Show and Tell’. Enjoy!

FREE LISTING!

Does your club have a special event coming up in Wisconsin or northern Illinois? If so, let us know! Send the announcement by e-mail to both Leila Crandall-Frink at leila.frink@gmail.com and Don Doss at fourpartharmony@att.net. We’ll try our best to get it listed here. Of course, we reserve the right to edit what you send but we’ll likely clear it with you before going to ‘press’.

PSST!!!

Hope you have December 7th on your calendar for our Holiday Party at Meyer’s Restaurant in Greenfield, WI - plan now to attend! This year’s entertainment will be ventriloquist Mike Robinson with his sidekick Woody - that’s right, WOODY!
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Justin Gasal showed Spindle Sanders he made. He said it cost $25 to make 3 of them.

Dick Garbe showed a bowl he turned.

George Henderson showed Shaker Boxes he made and won a blue ribbon at the Racine County Fair.

Lyle Morrison showed a Saw Blade tool, a Cane he made from Diamond Willow, and a piece of Ash that was from a tree that had ash borer in it.

Bob Hillman showed a mini workbench he made from plans found in Fine Woodworking.

Jim Schlarb showed a jewelry box he made and a beads of courage box he made that he sanded to get the color.

Dave Drickhamer shows a Beads of Courage box he made.
Pictures from the September Presentation

Thanks to Dave Drickhamer for the pictures!
Upcoming Programs & Events. Regular meetings now start at 6:30pm and end by 8:30pm. Please depart Woodcraft no later than 9:00pm.

Oct. 1, 2017    WWG October Board Meeting, Woodcraft, Lower Level
Oct. 5, 2017    Tom Sveum, who does buggy and wagon restoration at the Historical Museum in Milton, WI, will be sharing information learned through years of restoration work at the Museum. Tom was our tour guide when a group of WWG members toured the Museum. He is a wealth of information!
Nov. 2, 2017    Jim Andresen will be showing us how he creates a bowl having a ‘Basket Weave Illusion’. He turns the bowl first and then, using turning techniques, pyrography and India ink, creates his masterpiece. You won’t want to miss this!
Dec. 7, 2017    Partytime at Meyer’s Restaurant, 4260 S. 76th St., Greenfield, WI - plan now to attend! This year’s entertainment will be ventriloquist Mike Robinson with his sidekick Woody - that’s right, WOODY!