Ron’s Ramblings

Hello Everyone,

This last month’s meeting was exciting for me because I saw that big beautiful SAWSTOP that is now owned by the Guild. Eric Novak and Rich Manchester did a great job setting it up for the representative from SawStop Greg Tamm. Although we didn’t get a chance to turn it on, it still LOOKED nice. If you haven’t seen one of the demos from SawStop, you really need to get out and see one - it is very impressive. The safety factor is one of those things we, as woodworkers, can take lightly. It only takes one distracted moment and you’re short a finger or more. Also a “Thank you” to Chris Kraemer for his help in the demo and helping us buy the saw. Chris bends over backwards to help us in more ways than one. If it weren’t for him we might have to store the saw at my house! Thanks to everyone involved!

Work safe, and share your hobby!

We Bought a SawStop!

The big news of the month is the new SawStop that’s living in our downstairs workshop! This is a big step towards our mission of setting up a great shared workshop for our Guild members to use as a resource. A special thanks to Guild members Eric Novak and Rich Manchester for assembling and setting up the saw for us. Conveniently enough, this month we enjoyed a great presentation from Gregg Tamm of SawStop, along with Chris Kraemer of Woodcraft, giving us a ton of useful information about setting up and calibrating any new or well-used table saw (not just SawStops). Check out page 3 for more information on the status of our workshop and how you can get involved.
Meeting Video

In the past, video at the Wisconsin Woodworkers Guild meetings usually consisted of a Microsoft PowerPoint presentation with the use of a computer, projector, and movie screen. Since we now have two 55-inch TV monitors, the club is making more use of the video cameras that are available. Your Loony Toon video production staff “Tom and Jerry” strive to give you the best viewing angle available during a demonstration. If you would prefer a viewing angle that is currently not on the screen, please feel free to ask for that view. It is sometimes difficult trying to zoom into an object being held by the demonstrator and follow the demonstrator’s movements, but we try! If you want a good close-up shot of an object, it is more than acceptable to ask the demonstrator to pause and allow us to zoom in on the object. There is a side monitor that the demonstrator can look at, and they will see exactly what you are seeing.

For your reference: From time to time, we may also record the demonstration and add it to the club library. We will let the meeting know when this is happening. When this is being done, any sound in the room is picked up by the video camera microphones. If someone is even talking near the doorway, the video camera microphones will pick up that audio. Keep this in mind if you need to talk to someone during the recording of the demo.

Your Video Staff

SUBMITTED BY TOM HIPSAK
Workshop Update

April 13th Workshop Session

The name of the game at our last workshop session was finishing. We got two of the workbenches finish-sanded and we were able to apply a couple coats of General Finishes High Performance to them, and they are looking pretty and ready for work! The third bench needed a little extra love to get its reclaimed top ready to be attached to its base, but we’re just about over the finish line on that project, and the results are very nice.

We also spent some time clearing out and organizing the bank of cabinets on the far wall, deciding where to run the electrical panel, and planning for a couple of tool cabinets. The plans for a new lumber rack are being finalized to the point where we’ll be purchasing lumber for that soon as well. However, the priority at the moment is to get the electrical wiring done to power both the table saw and the dust collector, which we’ll need before we can start actually utilizing this space that we’re building!

As always, if you’re interested in attending one of these workshop sessions or wish to contribute in any way, keep an eye out for an email from Ron Pederson announcing the date of the next session. The goal is to meet roughly every two weeks once the electrical work is done.

ALEX LEFFELMAN

Tentative Lumber Rack Plan

Finished workbenches
Member Project Gallery

Post your completed or in-progress projects in our Wisconsin Woodworkers Guild Members group on Facebook or email them directly to Alex Leffelman for inclusion in the showcase!

Backlog
We were a little short on submissions for this month, but luckily Guild member Gary Emerich has been kind enough to share some of his past projects with me for just such an occasion! Check out this amazing family tree project:

If you have any recent projects, finished or in-progress, please share it with your fellow members!

Newsletter Notice

Newsletter Mailing to Stop
If you’re one of the few members who still receive this newsletter in the mail, we regret to inform you that that process is being discontinued in favor of simpler (and free) digital delivery. If you have an email address we can send the newsletter to, please provide it to Ron Pederson. Otherwise this newsletter is always made available on our website and our Facebook page around the time of our monthly meeting. We apologize for any inconvenience, but we must press onward into the 21st century!
Upcoming Classes and Events

WWG Programs & Events

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Respectfully submitted by Jay Pilling, Program Director

Woodcraft Classes

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more information at https://www.woodcraft.com/stores/milwaukee/classes

Rockler Classes and Demonstrations

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additional free demonstration times and more information at https://www.rockler.com/brookfield-store
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Board Meeting Notes (March 28th, 2019)

Attendees: Ron Reuter, Greg Waldo, Ron Pederson, Eric Novak, Jay Pilling, Tom Masnica, Alex Leffelman, Jerry Anson, Mike Robertson, Tom Hipsack, Jack Zbiegien, Sr.

Treasury: Balance of $7,711.44 as of 04/25/19. Total Income was $401, consisting of $276 from monthly meeting activities (raffle, auction and water), and $125 from membership dues. Expenses were $330.45, consisting of $105.45 for workshop expenses and $225 to Woodcraft and Rockler for door prize and raffle prize gift cards. Complete monthly P&L and detail statements for FY 2019 YTD were presented and reviewed.

Membership: There were 68 members and guests present at the April 4th Membership Meeting and presentation by Gregg Tamm (SawStop) and Chris Kraemer (Woodcraft). Current membership is at 97.

Notes: The January Annual Meeting and 2019 Business Review was confirmed. It will take place January 2, 2020, and will include the proposed 2020 Budget. Toy Committee support and appreciation, a proposed fund raising opportunity, internet / wifi access in the meeting area, and entertainment for the Annual Christmas Party were discussed. June 6 Roundtable, July 11 Show-and-Tell, August 1 Annual Board Meeting, and September 5 presentation by Bryan Berenson were all confirmed. **NOTE THE JULY MEETING DATE** – the change is necessary because the first Thursday in July is the Fourth. **ALSO NOTE** – Woodcraft retail hours have changed, so future Board Meetings will remain the last Thursday of the month, but will begin at 5:30 pm.

A reminder that Board Meetings are held monthly, and member input and participation are encouraged.

Respectfully submitted by Jack Zbiegien, Sr.
Wisconsin / Northern IL Woodworking Clubs

- Badger Woodturners Club, Madison; First Tuesday of each month, 6:30pm. badgerwoodturners.org
- Blackhawk Carving Club, Wednesdays, 8:30 - 11am, Ken-Rock Community Center, 3218 11th St., Rockford, IL http://blackhawkcarving.com
- 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, Generations, 1500 Douglas Dr., in the Masters Gallery Foods room, Plymouth, WI. See website for other dates and times. kettlekarvers.org
- Lake Country Carvers, Oconomowoc, WI; monthly, second Thurs. 5:30pm; Ray Burow, 920-474-4075
- 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
- Milwaukee Area Woodturners (MAWt), metro-Milwaukee, WI. First Monday each month 6:30pm, Woodcraft of Milwaukee; mawturners.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
- River Bend Carving Club, Racine, WI. First & third Saturdays of the month, 9:30 - 11:30 am. $3/ student, 3600 N. Green Bay Rd., Racine. www.riverbendracine.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
- International Association of Penturners (IAP), Wisconsin Chapter, meets as needed at Woodcraft of Milwaukee, Lower Level; penturners.org
- Wilson Park Woodcarvers & Woodburners, Milwaukee, Wednesdays, 8:30am - Noon, Wilson Park Senior Center, 2601 W. Howard Ave., Ed Thomas, 414-427-8256
- Wisconsin River Woodcarvers, Stevens Point, 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of each month, 6pm - 9pm, The Lincoln Center, 1519 Water St. www.wisconsinriverwoodcarvers.org
- Wisconsin River Woodcarvers, Wisconsin Rapids, Wednesdays, 6pm - 9pm, First Congregational Church, 311 2nd St. South www.wisconsinriverwoodcarvers.org
- Wisconsin Valley Woodturners, Wausau, WI; First Thursday of each month, 7pm.
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**Raffle prize winners:** Walter Troester, Gary Emerich, Ro Jodat, Steve Hall (x2!), Steve Soltes, Tom Masnica, Steve Wollner (Visiting guest!), Joe Buechel, Lyle Husar, and Jeff Grezeca

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http://wiscwoodworkersguild.org/ForSaleETC.html

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