Ron’s Ramblings

Hello Everyone,

Another Show-n-Tell has come and gone and I’d like to thank the members that participated. It was a little light as far as members showing their stuff, but there was no pressure in trying to get everyone through. The one comment I had to chuckle at was by Gary Shadley when he said, “if you can work with wood, you can work with metal.” I’m looking at his weld joints with envy; if he saw my welding skills, I think he would change his mind. I looked at his welds and you have to admit, they were pretty nice. Everything straight, not sloppy, and nicely painted - looked like a factory option. Please, look at your projects and think about bringing them in next year. They don’t have to be perfect, sometimes the problems you run into are more interesting than the actual finished product. Thanks to ALL the members who participated.

Work safe, and share your hobby!

Member Show and Tell

The Show-n-Tell this year featured everything from planer sleds to knife handles, from setup jigs to melee weapons, and from coffee tables to giant toilet-paper rolls from the master plumber himself! It was great to be able to take a little more time than usual having our members show us things they’ve made and things that make their lives easier. As a reminder: show and tell happens at every meeting, and we’d love to see what you’re working on! Without further ado, here are some highlights from the presentations:
Thanks again to everyone who presented their work!
(not all pictured, sorry!)
Upcoming Project Opportunities

Operation: STARBASE - Volunteers Needed!

On Wednesday, July 17th, Eric Novak and Ron Reuter had a meeting with Michelle Klos-Gonzales. Michelle is one of three people working with students at the US Army Reserve Center (Silver Spring location) trying to help them with Science Projects. The group at the Reserve Center is working with students from Bradley Tech High School and are interested in have members from our Guild help the students with some woodworking skills. They would like to take an entryway and turn it into a (simplified) space station module. They call this Operation: STARBASE! Guild members would come in and work with students to turn this entrance into a section of the space station. The room is approximately 10’-12’ wide and 20’-25’ in length. We were thinking of putting in a set of space doors, making the square room somewhat round in the corners, and maybe adding some port holes and piping to make it look authentic. Project materials will be provided. This is a great opportunity for our Guild to give back to the community and get our name out there along the way!

If you are interested in volunteering any of your time, please contact Eric Novak or Ron Reuter (contact information on page 5). At this time we are toying with the possibly of working on Saturdays, but it has to be approved by base officials. Let us know if you can help!

Giant Hand Plane Build

This project falls mostly under the “just for fun” category, but Ron Reuter would like to work with whomever is interested to build a giant wooden hand plane as a conversation-starter for our booth at public Guild appearances. This would be based on an existing design from Jackman Works, but would be simplified quite a bit to be purely decorative. You can check out a great write-up of Paul’s hand plane on his blog, along with a video of the build. The main idea would be for it to just look cool and catch people’s eye as they pass our booth at woodworking shows. It’s a great combination of flat work and turning and I think it’ll be a really fun process. If you’re interested in contributing, contact Ron Reuter for more details!

September Workshop Projects

Progress on getting the electrical work done downstairs in the workshop has been a little slower than we’d hoped, but the plan is to hire a professional electrician to get the work done (and get it done right) so that we can continue with the workshop sessions starting in September. We have one last workbench to finish assembling, and we have all the material we need to start on the lumber rack as well. Keep an eye out an email about when we’ll be getting together. These sessions are always a great time getting work done with fellow Guild members, and if you’re not careful, you might just learn something along the way. Get involved!
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!

“These are basket illusion boxes. The tall one has 3,000 painted squares and the small one has 1,350 painted squares with a spalted maple top.”

Jerry Anson
Facebook

“This basket illusion piece took 1st place in the ‘any wood item senior class’ and Best of Division.”

Jerry Anson
Facebook

“We delivered this desk to a client yesterday. Gorgeous curly maple.”

Eric Novak
Facebook

“Here’s the finished and mounted fireplace mantel I completed recently: Walnut, Arm-R-Seal”

Alex Leffelman
Facebook

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

WWG Programs & Events

September 5th  Carving with Bryan Berenson

Respectfully submitted by Jay Pilling, Program Director

Woodcraft Classes

August 5th - 19th  6PM Mondays - Woodworking Fundamentals  $95
August 13th & 15th  6PM - Turn a Whimsical Candle Stick  $95
August 18th & 25th  10AM - Segmented Bowl Turning  $190
August 22nd  6PM - Basic Router Techniques  $55
August 24th  9:30AM - Introduction to Wood Finishing  $95
September 13th - 27th  9:30AM Fridays - Woodworking Fundamentals (Pizza Peal)  $95
September 16th - 30th  6PM Mondays - Woodworking Fundamentals (Cutting Board)  $95

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

Rockler Classes and Demonstrations

September 4th  10AM - Scroll Saw Trivet  $75
September 8th  12PM - Tuning Your Hand Plane  $75
September 13th  1PM - Scroll Saw Desk Clock  $75
September 15th  10:30AM - Turn a Wooden Pen  $75
September 15th  1PM - Working with CNCs  $75
September 17th  9AM - Turn a Wooden Box  $85
September 18th  1PM - Scroll Saw Desk Clock  $75
September 21st  1PM - Scroll Saw Segmented Fish  $75
September 22nd  11AM - Turn a Wooden Handle  $85
September 27th  11AM - Scroll Saw Trivet  $75
September 28th  9AM - Turn a Wooden Bowl  $85

additional free demonstration times and more information at https://www.rockler.com/brookfield-store
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### Board Meeting Notes (August 1st, 2019)

**Attendees:** Ron Reuter, Jerry Anson, Eric Novak, Tom Masnica, Ro Jodat, Greg Waldo, Greg Wernish, Ron Pederson, Jay Pilling, Alex Leffelman, Rich Manchester, Jack Zbiegien, Jeff Grzeca, Mike and Robertson.

**Raffle:** Through July our raffle has generated $1,038 of income with expenses of $790, for a profit of $250 year-to-date.

**Notes:** This was the Guild’s annual board meeting held at Ron Reuter’s home. There was a lengthy discussion regarding our Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation. The bylaws mention that we are required to have workshops, so our workshop progress is important. A separate meeting may be set up so that all members of the board can more deeply familiarize themselves with our bylaws going forward. Jack Zbiegien confirmed that the Guild continues to have 501c(3) status and is working to ensure we have documentation of that in the future. Insurance bills are currently being delivered to Woodcraft, but they will be delivered to Greg Waldo going forward so that they are not lost in mixed mail. We discussed upcoming project opportunities, including assisting the students at Bradley Tech with their “Starbase” initiative - more information on page 3. After discussing progress on the workshop, the board has decided to hire an electrician to perform the work required to get our tools operational, instead of trying to do it ourselves.

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

Submitted by Greg Wernisch, edited by Alex Leffelman
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
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WWG Winners, July 2019
Congratulations to the winners of our door prizes and raffle items from our last meeting!

Door prize winners: Ro Jodat, Jay Pilling, Jon Johnson, Jerry Kashmerick, Chris Reuter, and Eric Novak
Raffle prize winners: David Lane, Rich Stefanowski, Steve Hall (x2!), Lyle Morrison, Gordon Vetting, Ron Pederson, Jay Pilling, and Steve Soltes

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http://wiscwoodworkersguild.org/ForSaleETC.html

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