Ron’s Ramblings

Hello Everyone,

WHERE’S WALDO?

Up in front of the group giving us an unbelievable presentation. Greg is usually so quiet, but it seems someone lit a fire under him when it comes to laminating. I knew Greg was very knowledgeable when it came to woodworking, but I never sat down with him and discussed it much with him, and that needs to change. After all, Rockler keeps him on for a reason! It makes me wonder: how many other members have skills I’m not aware of because I haven’t talked to them? Maybe we should have some sort of “jam session” where we can talk with other members. Excellent job Greg, and now you’ve sparked an idea!

Work safe, and share your hobby!

Next Meeting:
November 7th

Reflections: Vacuum Press Veneering with Greg Waldo

Greg Waldo starts his projects by first drawing the project out for design, clamp location, and whether or not he needs cauls. He plans his caul locations to allow for an overlapping of the downward pressure; Greg wants all the veneer to be as flat as possible. He uses a “softener solution” to help loosen up the fibers and allows the softener to soak for at least 15-20 minutes, followed by 6 hours of dry time. Greg buys blank newspaper from a hobby store to place down under the veneer to absorb any excess moisture. Every piece of veneer has to be completely flat. Greg has found that newspaper works much better than paper towel. The newspaper comes off easier than paper towel. You should allow at least two days for drying time when pressing and change the paper after the first day. Do not prepare the veneer unless you plan on using it in a short time, and don’t stockpile it because it won’t stay as flat as you think. Be sure to mark the corners of your veneer when you remove them from the package, especially if they are sequentially cut - a white pencil works best. The veneer will flex differently from side to side. One side will flex easier than the other. One side will also feel smoother than the other. Greg will use a mirror to check out book-matching or the pattern he wants. To cut the edges, Greg will layer the pieces at the edge of his press and cut them, giving them a straight, matching edge. (continued next page)
Reflections (continued)

He also has a steel rule that he uses with sand paper on one side to prevent it from slipping. Do not use utility knives! They tear the fibers at the end of the cut. Veneer cutters or even fabric cutters work well. Keep in mind that veneer thicknesses may vary. Make light cuts and don’t force it. Touch up your cut ends with 100 grit sand paper. Keep in mind, veneer saws may need to be sharpened right out of the box. Check them out on a scrap piece of veneer first.

Contact Cement

Follow the directions on the contact cement package - it’s fairly simple. Make sure you allow it to dry to a tacky state, and keep in mind: once you join the two pieces together, they are together forever. Use a small roller to push any small air bubbles out if you can. The small roller gives you better pressure than a large one. Your piece of veneer should be over hanging on all edges. After it dries, you can cut off the excess and lightly sand the edges.

Vacuum Pump

Another way of applying veneer is with a vacuum pump and bag. A vacuum board will need to be used with this application. You start by butting your pieces of veneer together and taping the back side with tape (you can use painter’s tape for this). When you turn it over, use veneer tape on the front, since it is a thinner tape and is easier to remove at the end. Wet your tape in the beginning. Greg uses a glue that gives you a longer set up time. You don’t want to rush this! He uses Cold Press Veneer Glue from Titebond. Greg lays out the veneers on the board and slides them into the bag. Sealing the end of the bag is the most important part. If the seal isn’t a good one, you may have a problem keeping your seal. The pump will run all night. Vacuum pumping gives you a better bond than contact cement. After you take it out you are ready to finish your project.

Thanks for a great presentation, Greg!

Submitted by Ron Reuter

Workshop WiFi

Quick notice: Eric came through and we now have WiFi access in our workshop space. We’ll share the password at the next meeting so you no longer have to attend our meetings in a dead zone. Thanks, Eric!
**USDA Forest Products Laboratory Tour**
Our membership has been granted the opportunity to tour the USDA Forest Products Laboratory facility in Madison. The FPL is the nation’s only federally funded wood utilization laboratory and currently employs 60 scientists. They are primarily or partly responsible for many of today's wood-based technologies, including wood preservatives, glulam beams, oriented strandboard, and fiber-based packaging.

This is also a good time for members to get a piece of wood identified. You are encouraged to read about their identification process on their website (link) to make sure you come prepared to have your piece identified.

The tour will be Wednesday, November 13th at 1pm; a sign-up sheet and more information will be available at the next meeting for those interested.

**October Workshop Session**
We finally got back into the workshop in October! We were able to get our last workbench fully assembled, and even added another small torsion-box assembly table to our collection. We also kicked off work on a large lumber rack for the shop, getting as far as constructing the base, installing casters, and adding some initial structure attached to the base. I think I even caught Ron P doing some actual work instead of just “supervising!” Ron R continues his journey towards getting a dedicated electrical panel installed for the workshop. Last I heard we had received two bids for the work and he was pursuing a third - keep your fingers crossed! The next workshop session will be held on Saturday, November 16th, at 9:30am, and we will continue working on the lumber rack. As always, breakfast for those interested will be at 8:30am next door at George Webb’s.
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!

Mike Prebish
“I recently finished the attached piece by the request of my niece. The bench is made of white oak and stained with an Ebony stain to match the current woodwork. The finish is Arm-R-Seal Satin. The side panel is aluminum.

EMAIL SUBMISSION

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

Christmas Party/Renewal Form Reminder

It’s November, and that means you’re actually responsible for doing something soon! Included in this newsletter you’ll find registration forms for both the Christmas Party next month as well as the 2020 membership renewal form. Christmas Party forms are due by November 21st, and renewal applications and payment are due to Ron Pederson by February 1st, 2020.
**CHRISTMAS PARTY and Toy Distribution**

Thursday, December 5th, 2019

**Meyers Family Restaurant**
4200 South 76th Street
Greenfield, WI 53220
(414) 321-4400

Cocktails: 5:30pm  
Dinner: 6:30pm

**RSVP by November 21st**

Make checks payable to:  
Wisconsin Woodworkers Guild  
(Please make out a separate check for dues)

Mail checks to:  
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**Total Enclosed:**

If you have made toys, please bring them along with any gifts for door prizes. Thanks!
MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL
Wisconsin Woodworkers Guild

Meetings (except August & December)
First Thursday of each month. 6:30 – 8:30 PM
Woodcraft of Milwaukee – lower level
14115 W. Greenfield Ave.
New Berlin, WI 53151

Renewal dues for individuals: $45.00/yr.
Renewal dues for add’l household members: $20.00/ea.
Renewals submitted after Feb 1st, add $5.00

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Signature ________________________________

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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 (October 31st, 2019)**

**Attendees:** Ron Reuter, Ron Pederson, Rich Manchester, Tom Masnica, Eric Novak, Jay Pilling, Tom Hipsak, Mike Robertson, and Jeff Nebel.

**Treasury Update:** As of October 31st, 2019 our treasury balance is $7,088.40.

**Membership:** There were 53 attendees at the October membership meeting. Total membership is 100.

**Notes:** We discussed Rockler perhaps having a discount night for guild members. We haven’t heard back from our contact at Beads of Courage yet; the possibility was raised that any boxes must feature a bead or say Beads of Courage on them, no confirmation on that yet. Nominations for Woodworker of the Year were discussed, as well as providing plaques to various partners expressing our thanks for their support. It was suggested that we should check in with our insurance provider regarding the workshop and other potential liabilities; we also discussed future training and certification for members using the workshop and training/certifying others. The Woodworking Shows will be the weekend of February 21st; we discussed a discounted show-rate for new members who sign up at the show. The possibility of eliminating or shortening the normal break in the middle of our meetings in order to give presenters more time was discussed briefly. To work around the upcoming holidays, the next board meetings will be on November 21st and December 19th.

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

Submitted 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

• Wisconsin Valley Woodturners, Wausau, WI; First Thursday of each month, 7pm.
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Raffle prize winners: George Eggenhifer, Mark Figurski (x2), Lyle Husar (x2), Mike Trokan, Don Marshall, Jim Murphy, Ro Jodat, and Steve Soltes

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