Ron’s Ramblings

Hello Everyone,

If you didn’t get a chance to come to the Christmas Party, you missed a good time. As usual, the company was great, the food was good, the entertainment was better than other years, and everyone left with a little something to remember the day. I always want to mingle at this event, but it was pretty much like a meeting. I end up being pulled in all kinds of directions, and eating seems to be the only time I get to relax (as long as I hurry). Jack Zbiegien took high honor as “Woodworker of the Year,” a well deserved award for him. Jack knew more about the Guild than anyone I know. His knowledge on the “Constitution and By-Laws” was unreal. He always had an answer for me. He will be greatly missed.

I’d like to thank everyone who brought a giveaway gift. We had so many that we started going around twice on numbers - last year we were short! So, “Thank You,” everyone! And the gifts were unreal. You could tell many of the members took a lot of time to craft the gifts.

And last, but not least, Norm Lange and the people who put out the toys came through again to make us look good. It was nice to hear from one of the shelters and thank us for the toys. Thank you, Norm, for all your work and another thank you to Rich Manchester for taking over for Norm in the upcoming year. I’d also like to thank Eric Novak for helping me kick off the “Beads of Courage” program we want to be a part of. This is an excellent cause, and again, it’s for the kids!

Work safe and share your hobby!

RON REUTER
GUILD PRESIDENT

Next Meeting:
January 2nd
Membership Renewal Form Reminder

Here’s your LAST reminder that your dues for 2020 are due soon! You’ll once again find the renewal form in this newsletter. Bring your completed forms and payment to the January meeting to avoid the hassle of mailing it! Renewal applications and payment are due to Ron Pederson by February 1st, 2020.

Woodworker of the Year

Jack Zbiegien

High honors go to Jack Zbiegien this year, and it was well deserved. Jack held the position of “Treasure and Shop Director” and was our all-around Answer-Man when it came to our Guild Constitution and Bylaws. Jack knew these sections inside and out and always had an answer every time I had a question. Jack was the member who started as Workshop Director and designed the workbenches we have now. Jack will be missed, and I know I’m not alone when I say, “We wish Jack and his family best wishes on their new adventure!”

SUBMITTED BY RON REUTER

Jerry Claussen 1928-2019

Remembering Jerry

Jerry Claussen, one of the founding members of the Guild, passed away on November 17th, 2019, at the early age of 91.

He was very active in the Guild before I started in the Program Committee during the 90’s. He was a fixture of the Guild, very sharing and always had a big smile on his face when he talked to you. A True Gentleman.

Back to sharing: many of us were invited to his home for workshops to make things like clocks. Jerry also devised an addition for bandsaws that release the tension on the blade when not in use - I still use mine all the time.

Jerry was in the metal plating business and was always proud that he had taken his drill press apart and had the column chrome-plated - Jerry didn’t like rust! Why? Because he had a two car garage workshop on wheels, and when he worked, he’d back out the cars to have the full garage space. That’s the only chrome-plated drill press column I ever saw. Jerry used a router a lot, and had a special talent for devising jigs and fixtures for his particular needs.

See the next page for Jerry’s Celebration of Life biography.

SUBMITTED BY JAY PILLING IN COLLABORATION WITH WALT HADCOCK AND MATT BOHLMAN
Jerry Claussen 1928-2019

Of Menomonee Falls, WI. Born on January 1, 1928 and passed away on November 17, 2019. Jerry served in the U.S. Navy from 1946-1947 and was stationed at Great Lakes, Illinois in the 9th Naval District in the IBM Personnel Accounting Office. He was a 1951 graduate of the University of Miami. In 1957, he married his beloved Elizabeth ("Betty" Redmond), and they were happily married for 54 years until Betty's death in 2011. They were the loving parents of Cathy (the late Roger) Franklin and Ellie (Jim) Hughes of Bellingham, WA; the late Caroline Claussen; Dave Claussen (Naomi Waxman) of Chicago, IL; and father-in-law of Dr. Maureen McKnight of Shorewood, WI. Jerry was the proud and loving grandfather of Kevin (Dominique) Claussen, Jeff and Bryan Hughes, Chloe and Allegra Franklin, and Henry and Maggie Claussen.

He will be remembered fondly by many lifelong friends and family across the U.S. and by nieces, nephews and special friends Dan Dohrn, Louie Romell, Mary Ciocarelli, Chuck Burroughs, and Audrey Norris. He was preceded in death by his sister Elaine Claussen Dyer and by his parents Bessie (Eggert) and Detlef Claussen. Jerry made an impact on people whether he gave them advice, had a pleasant conversation with them, made them something for them in his woodworkers shop, or gave them a small business loan. Moss did not grow on him. He traveled the world and was industrious nearly every moment of his almost 92 years on this earth, starting a successful plating company at age 42 and remodeling his home (and others too) with his craftsman's eye and vast knowledge and skills. He had a to-do list every morning and faithfully checked off each item. He was meticulous in his methods and did not suffer fools. He was honest, generous and kind, and a man of his word. Jerry was a sweet talker who loved to laugh and through no fault of his own was occasionally overserved. Simply put, he was a hell of a guy. And we will miss him terribly.
Help Wanted!

I (Alex Leffelman, your faithful newsletter editor) do my best to get as much relevant and interesting information into each newsletter as I can. But some months there just isn’t much content, and the newsletter feels a little sparse. This is where you can help!

We’d like to get our members more involved in generating content for the newsletter. If that sounds like a lot of work, we’re prepared to sweeten the pot (beyond just helping out your fellow members, especially me)!

**Any content submission for the newsletter will be rewarded with 2 tickets for the raffle at the next meeting.**

Here are some ways you can contribute in the future:

- We’d like to spin up a “Tip of the Month” section. If there’s a jig or a technique that you’ve discovered recently or have found indispensable for years, we want to hear about it.
- Project photos / write-ups. I include any and all project photos that are shared on our Facebook page or sent to me via email. I personally love to see what other members are creating, so I would again encourage you to submit what you’re working on. **Note:** Requires detailed build write-up to qualify for the raffle tickets.
- Interesting content referrals. Did you find something interesting on the internet recently (related to woodworking)? Send it to me, and we’ll get it in the newsletter so you can discuss it with other members at the next meeting.
- Shop tours. This is an off-shoot of project photos. What kind of space are you working in? What tools do you have at your disposal? How do you utilize the space you have available for tools and storage solutions? Everyone can learn something from everyone else’s shop, so snap some photos of your shop and tell us about it and we’ll put it in the newsletter.

So help us (me) out and get involved!

**Tip of the Month!**

By complete fortunate coincidence, member David McBride shared something in our Facebook group that serves as a great example for what we hope “Tip of the month” will bring to our membership going forward.

**David McBride**

“This tool was shown by someone at a meeting several years ago and I have found it to be very useful. This allows you to accurately move your fence on a table saw, bandsaw, router table, drill press, and other tools. You can put it in position and move the fence a small and accurate amount. Often when you release the fence it can move an unknown amount and you totally lose your original placement. With this simply move your fence back to the original setting. It’s nothing more than a dial indicator, a block of wood with a slot cut in it and a super magnet epoxied into a recess. If your table is not steel use it with double-sided tape, the plunger moves so easily not much tape is needed.”
Workshop Update

Our December workshop was taken up by a generous demonstration from Chris Kramer on our SawStop in order to get a group of us certified to operate the saw for our workshops. We’ll continue work on our lumber rack, thankfully now aided by a table saw, at our next workshop on January 11th at 9:30am. Contact Rich Manchester with any questions.

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!

The name of the game this time of year is TOYS. Big thanks to Larry Teufel for sharing these great photos of our toy contributions this year.
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Upcoming Classes and Events

WWG Programs & Events

January 2nd Using Epoxy as Glue with Mark Bronkalla
February 6th General Guild/Financial Meeting
March 5th Everything Your Mother Never Told You About Blast Gates, with Ron Reuter

Respectfully submitted by Jay Pilling, Program Director

Woodcraft Classes

February 1st 9:30AM - Introduction to Hand Planes $95
February 2nd 10AM - Introduction to Woodturning $95
February 6th - 20th 6PM Thursdays - Woodworking Fundamentals $95
February 9th - 16th 10AM Sundays - Segmented Bowl Turning $190
February 10th 6PM - Turn a Slim Line Ball Point Pen $55
February 19th 5PM - Woodworking for Women $95
February 22nd 9AM - Turning a Lidded Box $100
February 24th 6PM - Basic Router Techniques $55
February 27th 6PM - Table Saw Fundamentals $55

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

Rockler Classes and Demonstrations

February 1st 11AM - Bandsaw Techniques Free
February 2nd 9AM - Turn a Wooden Bowl $85
February 5th 2PM - Woodworking 101 $75
February 9th 11AM - Sharpening Lathe Tools $75
February 11th 9AM - Turn an Acrylic Pen $75
February 15th 2:30PM - Cutting Dovetails on the Rockler Complete Dovetail Jig $75
February 16th 1PM - Woodworking 101 $75
February 18th 9AM - Turn a Wooden Pen $75
February 22nd 11AM - Decorative Accents Free
February 23rd 11:30AM - Introduction to Hand Tools $75
February 27th 11AM - Mortise and Tenon Joinery $75

additional free demonstration times and more information at https://www.rockler.com/brookfield-store

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## Board Meeting Notes (December 19th, 2019)

**Attendees:** Ron Reuter, Ron Pederson, Jack Zbiegien, Jay Pilling, Mike Robertson, Tom Masnica, Rich Manchester, Jerry Anson, Ro Zodat, Tom Hipsak, Alex Leffelman

**Treasury Update:** As of December 19th, 2019 our treasury balance is $4,849.67. The raffle brought in $1,961 in total revenue, of which $417 was profit.

**Notes:** Construction has started on the large hand plane we intend to display at our woodworking shows; those interested in helping with this build should contact Jerry Anson. 51 people attended the Christmas party, down from 75 last year. Jerry Claussen’s passing and celebration of life announcement was discussed. A lot was discussed regarding the workshop: how to authorize use of equipment and how to record that authorization; instructional materials to supplement manufacturer instructions; maintenance schedules and responsibilities for machines; Rich Manchester to be decision-maker on most issues. The next workshop will be January 11th at 9:30am. Ron Reuter continues to pursue storage cabinets to be donated by Sam’s Club. Jerry Anson will be purchasing a lapel microphone for our presenters to use. How we determine what each presenter is paid was discussed. “Tip of the month” for the newsletter was proposed in addition to other ways to solicit content from more members, including awarding raffle tickets for submissions. In addition to a new Secretary, we will require a new Treasurer soon as well.

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

Submitted by Alex Leffelman
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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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