Ron’s Ramblings

Hello Everyone,

Our February meeting seemed to go off fairly well. It had been a while since we have had a meeting that was just set up for Guild business. I feel too much time was set aside for changing the Bylaws, but it was brought up to the board, and our laws say it had to be brought up to the members. I would have rather spent more time on what you members would like to see moving forward. Maybe an idea for a workshop, maybe someone opening up their shop and letting us use it. I would like to fill the Treasurer, Secretary, and Sponsorship Director positions. This is a little more important to me. I was told many members thought the meeting went in a positive direction, I’m hoping. Keep in mind, all board members are open to any suggestions you might have. Let’s keep moving FORWARD!

Work safe and share your hobby!

Next Meeting:
March 5th

The Woodworking Shows Recap

A huge Thank You to everyone who helped at the Woodworking Shows, and thanks to everyone who brought something in to display. We had quite a variety of items - we aren’t just a one-trick pony! The Giant Plane was really a success. A number of people took pictures with it, and everyone had to touch it. Great job for the members who worked on it, especially Jerry Anson for all the extra time you spent organizing the build. He says he wasn’t in charge but I don’t think it would have gone as smoothly without Jerry. We also signed up 11 new members, so I am really looking forward to the March meeting. Thank you all!
Making New Friends at the Show

While waiting for the drawing for the bandsaw, I met a woodworker from Korea. We struck up a conversation, albeit very taxing due to neither of us were able to easily understand what the other was saying! Finally hit on what he wanted - a bus to get him downtown to the Greyhound station for his trip to Chicago. I provided my 'bus' for the purpose so he was able to enjoy a leisurely ride and take some video on the way. He shared the video he took of that journey as well as of the show. Here's the link to his video: https://youtu.be/C6qNafQlq8s

Attached is a picture I took of WWG’s booth at the show.

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Meet April Wilkerson at Rockler

More info at https://www.rockler.com/brookfield-store

MEET WOODWORKING EXPERT APRIL WILKERSON!

SATURDAY, APRIL 4TH

9 – 11 A.M.   Meet & Greet with Youtuber April Wilkerson

Born and raised in Texas, April Wilkerson picked up her first power tool just a few years ago. As she became confident in the shop, April made it her mission to share what she’s learned with other DIYers on the Web. You’ll find inspiration in April’s easy-to-understand project plans and video tutorials at wilkerdos.com.

SPECIAL IN-STORE COUPON FOR ATTENDEES!
Greg Waldo: Treasurer

Thank you, Greg! Greg has offered to take over the Treasurer position that Eric Novak had occupied. Eric will turn everything over to the board on Thursday, March 5th, at our meeting. Eric has been a valuable member of the Guild and our board - he will be missed! Greg is familiar with the QuickBooks system we have, and we feel he won’t have any problem with the takeover. Thank you Greg for stepping up, and thank you Eric for the time you took and the position you filled.

RON REUTER

Neu’s Show Recap

Saturday, February 29th, was the annual Neu’s Woodworking Show, and another good time for us. Jay Pilling, Justin Gasal, Ron Pederson, and myself (Ron Reuter) occupied the table for the event. The Giant Plane was a big success again! People were taking pictures with it and touching it, and almost everyone that stopped at the table had to say something about it. The most frequent joke was that we set it up “in plane sight!” We handed out a lot of applications - let’s hope we get some new members. At least 5-6 people seemed very interested, so I’m optimistic! Neu’s gave us a $50 gift card for attending, which we appreciate greatly. Thanks again to the members that sat with me at the table, the day goes faster with good company!

RON REUTER

Membership Cards

I would like to thank everyone for their patience and support during my recent absence. This year I thought I would hold off on doing the membership cards until after the due date, so I hope this hasn’t caused any inconveniences. As usual, we will not mail your membership card to you unless requested. Membership cards will be available at the table for all meetings so don’t forget to pick yours up.

RON PEDERSON

Tip of the Month!

Ron Reuter - I use a pair of drill gauges to make it easy to size up the proper drill bit for the dowel I’m using.
Project Submission - Band Saw Dust Port

JAY PILLING

Bandsaw Dust Port

1. Dust Port Ring;
   suit to your bandsaw, every saw will be different, 
   I used 3 rare earth magnets to hold the ring in place

2. a. slip tubing 1” dia. PVC #40 tubing 7” lg.
   b. 1 1/2’ PVC drain tail — this is best suited to your vacuum.
   c. one small pc. of 5/8” PVC x1-1/4” lg. this depends on your saw

3. 2” rad. hose clamp/ with rare earth magnet epoxied to clamp, used to hold up the slip tube, and
   a short bungee cord held in place around the bolt in the split table.

   1” slip tube is plugged one end, and is drilled for the vertical tube with a Forestner bit, makes
   for a nice tight fit, then is glued in place with hot melt glue.
   After a few trials I glued on a piece of Mouse Pad, on bottom, that made a difference to seal up
   openings.
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!
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!

Gary Emerich
“I’ve been helping a friend build a cedar canoe. Considering it started out as old cedar siding, it’s turning out pretty nice. We’ve been working on it since March of 2018. I also turned 13 mills. 6 maple salt, 6 cherry pepper, and 1 zebra wood pepper. The kitchen utensils I made out of black walnut.”

Email

Justin Gasal
“Photos of the giant plane in progress…”

Facebook

Alex Leffelman
“Finished assembling my new Incra router table package. Very pleased with the quality of the fence and how effective the dust collection is.”

Facebook
# Upcoming Classes and Events

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Respectfully submitted by Jay Pilling, Program Director

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more information at [https://www.woodcraft.com/stores/milwaukee/classes](https://www.woodcraft.com/stores/milwaukee/classes)

## Rockler Classes and Demonstrations

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## Board Meeting Notes (January 30th, 2020)

**Attendees:** Tom Masnica, Alex Leffelman, Ron Reuter, Jerry Anson, Rich Manchester, Eric Novak, Mike Robertson

**Treasury Update:** We neglected to get a new treasury balance while discussing the Treasurer transition. We will share the balance at the membership meeting.

**Notes:** Greg Waldo will be taking over Treasurer duties until/unless we find a new board member to be Treasurer. Other regional guilds contacted us regarding exchanging speakers/presenters, we will be in contact. We discussed Ron Pederson putting together a workshop series for his wrist watch project; this would require several additional machines in the shop and would accommodate at most 10 participants. A smaller, simpler workshop was also discussed to get us going sooner, possibly Beads of Courage boxes. Ron P advocated that we aggressively try to acquire tools for the workshop; there are several lightly used machines available for cheap that we will likely move on purchasing. Neu's woodworking show is this weekend; we will have a table there manned by Ron R and others around 9AM. Membership is currently at 95 after picking up 11 new members at the Woodworking Shows. Ron P reminded people not to maintain their own email lists of members, since they are likely out of date; contact Ron if you need to get in touch with other members. Our web hosting service is expiring and we will likely move to a better service instead of renewing, Mike Roberston to investigate. The future management of the toy group was discussed.

A reminder that Board Meetings are held monthly, and member input and participation are encouraged!
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; fwwc.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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WWG Winners, January 2020
Congratulations to the winners of our door prizes and raffle items from our last meeting!
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Raffle prize winners: Joe Eberle (x2), Tom Masnica, Ron Reuter, Jerry Anson, and Ken Stoller

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