Ron’s Ramblings

Hello Everyone,

As the Brooks and Dunn song says, “Getting Better Every Time!” That’s what I thought about the August meeting. We still have a few bugs to work on, but it wasn’t too bad. Ron Zdroik did an excellent job with his demo. I think he covered several different ways to make rings. With Ron Z. being our turning demo for the year, I watch him and wonder how we could set this up if you don’t have a lathe. I look at a drill press or even a handheld drill in some sort of clamp setup positioned horizontally. If you’re thinking of maybe one or two rings, a lathe is a big investment. This is where some engineering would have to come into play. In any event, Ron Z. gave us a number of ways to put out a nice heirloom. Being able to purchase the different blanks also helps. If you try any of Ron’s methods, let us know so we can put them in the newsletter.

Work safe and share your hobby!

RON REUTER
GUILD PRESIDENT

Next Meeting:
September 3rd
Reflections - September Zoom & Ron Zdroik Demo

Ron Zdroik did an excellent presentation on ring making for us last month. Ron Z. is an artist and a bit of a perfectionist in his work. He covered several different ways to make rings, from a simple wooden ring to the complex blanks where you add different minerals to accent the finished product. He also showed us the different tools he uses to produce his rings. From ring gauges and mandrels to crushed minerals and CA glues. He showed us how to make our own expanding mandrels from a scrap of wood for easy finishing. The sanding of the rings, with mineral spirits and CA glue, adds a sparkle to the finished product. The products to fill the blanks are endless - crushed turquoise, copper wire, copper or brass filings, or almost anything you could come up with that would fit. At the end, the buffing of the ring to make it pop makes it look like an heirloom someone could cherish for years. Hope you try one of those rings.

WWG on YouTube

Our second recorded meeting has better speaker-view management, but the handoff to Jerry for the presentation viewing proved more than we could overcome, so we have two links for you this month. Here’s the first part with Ron’s general Guild announcements:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RTcpU2r00rQ

And here you can find the full ring demonstration from Ron Zdroik:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c_mnn-hVEaQ

Facebook Group

A persistent reminder about staying connected: don’t forget we have a members-only Facebook group to share your work and post questions: https://www.facebook.com/groups/518977035179247/
September Meeting

The September 3rd meeting will have Matt Bohemian, a former member of the Guild. Matt has been a self-employed furniture maker for a number of years. He will be bringing his expertise in installing crown molding. Not only is crown molding used where walls meet ceilings, but also as a fancy border under the tops of coffee tables, end tables, or even the top of a fine cabinet. We will have a mock-up of different angles you might run into in installing crown molding. The meeting will be a Zoom meeting from the lower level of Woodcraft, starting at 6:30 (normal time), announcements first, followed by Matt’s presentation. Hope to see you on the Zoom!

https://remind.zoom.us/j/98323734204?pwd=TXJYZE1lYmE2RTkxajNITmZoSy9FUT09

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!

David McBride made these beautiful boxes for the women’s shelters.
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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
- Wisconsin Valley Woodturners, Wausau, WI; First Thursday of each month, 7pm.
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New Berlin, WI 53151
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Neu’s Hardware Tools
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Menomonee Falls, WI 53051
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Woodline USA:
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The guild is regularly asked if it accepts donations of tools or equipment from estates or from woodworkers who are leaving the craft for one reason or another. The answer is YES. As a 501(c)(3), we are permitted to accept such donations and will provide appropriate receipts for tax purposes. We will not provide appraisal services or selling advice. A donation is an excellent way to honor the memory of the woodworker while supporting the Mission of the Guild. If you are considering such a gift or know someone who might be, please contact an officer listed above in this issue of RIPSAW.