Hello Everyone,

Was that another excellent party or what? I always enjoy the “Christmas/Holiday Party”. We get to mingle with everyone, enjoy good food and good entertainment and the members went out of their way to bring in great door prizes. I couldn’t believe all the gifts our members brought in. The quality of the gifts has surpassed anything I could have imagined. I think I’m going to start now on making some gifts for next year. It might take me that long. If you’re one of those who couldn’t make it to the party, you really missed a great time. It was a typical Christmas event: you wait all year for it and it’s over within a few hours.

Thanks to everyone who helped to make this a memorable party. Have a Happy and SAFE New Year. Hope to see you at the January meeting!

Work safe and share your hobby!

Ron Reuter

Reflections

Thanks to our honorable President for suggesting having a ventriloquist for this year’s Holiday Party! His request sent me scouring everywhere I could think of and, lo and behold, I found the perfect answer right in our own back yard!

The show with Mike Robinson and Woody began with Mike demonstrating his superb mastery of the harmonica while Woody waited in the wings. Mike made a game out of it, pitting the guys against the gals in the audience to identify songs he played with only the first phrase. He also showed his mastery of playing two harmonicas at once as he held them with one on top if the other.

It was then time for Woody to make his appearance. After forty years of working together, Mike sometimes is led to believe that Woody has miraculously changed into human form. With that thought in mind, Mike called for Woody to come out of hiding. Of course, Woody doesn’t do anything without Mike in complete control. So when reality finally set in, Mike went out to get his beloved playmate.

Mike wheeled Woody on stage sitting atop a chair that Mike had designed and built using PVC pipe. The chair had three levels: the top was where Woody sat, complete with a backrest and armrests; then there was a middle level where Mike’s PA system sat along with other props; and then a bottom level for stability. Mike

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Woodcraft Class Schedule - Tuition assessed

Woodworking for Women with Dan McClanahan, January 4, 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Introduction to the Scroll Saw with Dave Hansen, January 5, 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Basic Router Techniques with Dan McClanahan, January 11, 6 PM - 9 PM
Turning 101 - Spindle Turning with Marv Bollman, January 14, 10:30 AM - 3:30 PM
Basics of Stack Cutting on the Scroll Saw with Dave Hansen, January 19, 5 PM - 7 PM
Table Saw Fundamentals with Dan McClanahan, January 25, 6 PM - 9 PM
Hand Planes with Kevin Seigworth, January 27, 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM

Woodcraft Demonstrations

January 13: Dovetail Jigs - 1 PM
January 20: Bandsaw Tune-Up - 1 PM

All Woodcraft classes and demos are held at Woodcraft of Milwaukee: 14115 W. Greenfield Ave., New Berlin. For further details, call them at 262-765-6770.

Special THANK YOU to Woodline who donated $150 worth of router bits to our Raffle Prize fundraising!!

Friends of the Wisconsin Woodworkers Guild

Homestead Finishing Products, Cleveland, OH(216) 631-5309 www.homesteadfinishing.com
Rockler’s (The Woodworker’s Store) 1725 S 108th St, West Allis, (414) 774-1882
Neu’s Hardware Tools Paint, N95W16915 Falls Parkway, Menomonee Falls, WI 53051, Phone: 262-251-6550

Woodcraft, 14115 W. Greenfield Ave., New Berlin, WI 53151, Phone: (262) 785-6770
Woodline USA (800) 472-6950

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Rockler Class Schedule - Tuition assessed

Compound Cut Snowman, Beginner Class with Matt Gatchell, January 6, 2018 at 1:00 PM
Rockler Compact Router Accessories with Matt Gatchell, January 8, 2018 at 4:00 PM
Turn a Wooden Bowl with Gary Datka, January 12, 2018 at 12:00 PM
Wood Lathe for Beginners with Gary Datka, January 14, 2018 at 11:00 AM
Turn a Wood Pen for Beginners with Gary Datka, January 17, 2018 at 5:00 PM
Bowl Making, Advanced Class, Parts 1 & 2 with Matt Gatchell, January 20, 2018 at 1:00 PM
Lathe Tool Sharpening with Gary Datka, January 28, 2018 at 11:00 AM

Rockler Demonstrations

January 6: Table Saw Techniques - 11AM
January 13: Build it with Rockler - 11AM
January 20: Building Drawers & Doors - 11AM
January 27: Finishing Wood - 11AM.

All Rockler classes and demos are held at Rockler Woodworking & Hardware, 1725 S 108th St., West Allis. For further details, call them at 414-774-1882.

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Wisconsin Woodworkers' Guild
Board Meeting Briefs
November 30, 2017

ATTENDEES:  Ron Reuter, Jerry Anson, Don Doss, Leila Crandall-Frink, Ron Pederson, Jay Pilling, Dave Steingart, Andy Wagner, Greg Waldo, Jack Zbiegien, Sr.

TREASURY:  $8,440.45 balance as of 11-30-17.

MEMBERSHIP:  Current membership is 108.  56 members have paid their 2018 dues as of 11-30-2017.  There were 59 members present at the 11-02-17 meeting.

NOTES:  Woodline donated quality router bits for Guild fundraising.  Changes to RIPSaw and the website were requested and discussed.  Follow-up for sponsorships sold but not finalized was reviewed.  Additional family membership dues wording was reviewed and clarified.  Dues are clarified as $35 for the first member and $15 for each additional member residing in the same household. A chairlift for the steps was donated to the Guild and is being reviewed.

Respectfully Submitted, Jack Zbiegien, Sr.

2018 DUES ARE DUE JANUARY 1, 2018
A grace period of 30 days gives you until February 1, 2018 (the date of the February meeting). Dues paid after that date will be in arrears and renewal will cost you an extra $5! Save five bucks and spend it on something useful - like some wood or a new tool! Why the push? The membership roster is published in February. If you’re not paid up, you won’t be listed! (And you won’t be able to take advantage of the 10% discounts offered to members at Rockler, Woodcraft and Woodline!)

CALLING ALL WOULD-BE JOURNALISTS
Your R.I.P.S.A.W. editors are ALWAYS looking for articles that will inform and/or entertain our members - especially if you’re the author! If you have anything for publication in R.I.P.S.A.W. please send to both Leila Crandall-Frink (leila.frink@gmail.com) and Don Doss (FourPartHarmony@att.net). E-mail is preferred. However you can also submit your printed or hand-written copy to either of us at a meeting. And if you have Microsoft Publisher and you’d like to try your hand at publishing our newsletter for a month, please let us know!

Respectfully submitted, Don Doss

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Woodworking Clubs in Wisconsin and Northern Illinois

- Badger Woodturners Club, Madison; First Tuesday of each month, 6:30pm. badgerwoodturners.org
- 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; 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@yahoo.com
- Mid-Wisconsin Chippers, Neenah, WI. First Sunday each month 1:30pm; mwchippertrimail.com
- Milwaukee Area Woodturners (MAWt), metro-Milwaukee, WI. First Monday each month 6:30pm, Woodcraft of Milwaukee; mawworkers.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.
- 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 Senior Center Woodcarvers, Milwaukee, Wednesdays, 8:30am - Noon 282-5566
- Wisconsin Valley Woodturners, Wausau, WI; First Thursday of each month, 7pm. wisconsinvalleywoodturners.org
- Wisconsin Wood Turner (WWT), AAW Member, Eric Meigs, President, wisconsinwoodturner.com, First Saturday each month, 9am, Woodcraft of Milwaukee, Lower Level.

The above information is provided for reference. If you would like to attend a meeting, be sure to contact the club for confirmation. Also, if you spot any errors or changes, please send corrections to Don Doss at FourPartHarmony@att.net.

Thank you!

FROM THE LIBRARY

With Ron’s help, I hope to finish the new book cataloging system this winter. Stay tuned!

We still have a number of older magazines that are worthless if they’re not in your own library. Unlike the newer magazines in our library, these older magazines, while still filled with tons of useful information, are FREE to our members!

Our cabinets are getting full and the extra weight is starting to cause them to show their age. Ron hopes to present a new cabinet design to the board. Once approved, he’ll be looking for help to build them (hint, hint!).

Chris Reuter, Librarian

December Raffle Winner

And the winner of the four dies with a $50.00 donation is Jerry Anson!!!

Congratulations Jerry - and thanks for your donation as well as those from the other bidders!
LOCAL WORKSHOP TOURS CONTINUING

Wisconsin Woodworkers Guild is continuing to tour member’s woodworking shops. Thanks to Jim Matthew for stepping up to do the video recording and to Jay Pilling for organizing everything. Currently, Jay has five of our members who have already had their shops toured.

Recordings of the tours will be shown at upcoming WWG meeting. The first recording to be shown will be of Jim Schlarb’s shop which will happen at our January meeting. This presentation will be using a format that will allow questions from the audience during the playback. If necessary, the playback will be stopped to address questions.

For security reasons, recordings will NOT be made part of anything that goes outside the Guild. That limitation is specifically directed at any possibility of it going on the Internet. It won’t!!

Touring of club-member workshops have been suggested by many members. Thanks to the number of members who have volunteered their shops for touring, it is conceivable that this may be an ongoing project. Tours of a few workshops might take place each year during the spring through fall timeframe and then shown at a January, February or March meeting. Although seeing a shop that is impeccably appointed will likely be of interest, the primary goal is to provide insight so that our members who may have limited space and/or limited resources can discover ways they can enjoy this wonderful hobby within their limitations. If you have any suggestions, please talk to Jay.

Respectfully, Your Board of Directors

R.I.P.S.A.W. 5 January, 2018

SILENT AUCTION

Be sure to check out all the new treasures Jim has put out for January. Going, going, GONE!!

Items in the auction are donated by members and friends of the Guild. Smaller items can be brought in; items too large to bring in will have a picture and detailed description.

Bidding is open to members and non-members. Items will be awarded to the highest bidder. Any donated item that doesn’t receive bids by break-time of the second meeting will either be moved to the monthly raffle program or returned to the donor.

Proceeds from the auction go directly to the Guild to help cover the cost of educational activities such as workshops, seminars, lectures and exhibits.

The Christmas Elves surprised Chief Toy Maker, Norm Lange, with a ‘Thank You’ Party! Here’s a picture from Larry Teufel to commemorate the event, as well as some he took of this year’s amazing production.
FREE LISTING!

Does your club have a special event coming up in Wisconsin or northern Illinois? If so, let us know! Send the announcement by e-mail to both Leila Crandall-Frink at leila.frink@gmail.com and Don Doss at fourpartharmony@att.net. Or give us a type-written or hand-written note with all the details at a meeting.

Of course, we reserve the right to edit what you provide but we’ll clear it with you before going to ‘press’ to be sure it includes all pertinent details.

Woodworking Show
March 9-11, 2018

NEW LOCATION & FREE PARKING at:
Milwaukee County Sports Complex
6000 W Ryan Road
Franklin, WI 53132

Ticket Price is $14 General Admission at the door, cash only or $12 General Admission if purchased online ($2 discount) *One ticket is valid for all three days of the show. Paid Education Seminar tickets include general admission. Tickets will be available online about 30 days before the show.

Show Hours:
Friday - 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM
Saturday - 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Sunday - 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

You can check it out at: http://www.thewoodworkingshows.com/milwaukee.html

Submitted by Tom Hipsak

PSST!!!

For those who may have connections with other groups who might enjoy having Mike and Woody perform for them, here’s Mike’s contact information:

Mike Robinson
Ventriloquist

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Name: ___________________________ Date: ___________________________

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PLEASE SHARE YOUR SKILLS, KNOWLEDGE & EXPERIENCE!
Without the volunteer efforts of our members, Wisconsin Woodworkers Guild would not exist. You can increase the value of your membership by working with us in the day-to-day operations of our organization. If you have skills, knowledge or experience to share, please don’t hesitate to offer your services. Here are a few areas to consider:

[ ] Publications (RIPS A W, tri-fold, etc.) [ ] Publicity
[ ] Exhibits [ ] Newsletter material (photography, articles)
[ ] Workshop [ ] Library
[ ] Woodworking Show Booth [ ] Audio-Visual
[ ] Woodworking Show Registration [ ] Benefits
[ ] Website [ ] Christmas Toys

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Upcoming Programs & Events. Regular meetings start at 6:30pm and end by 8:30pm. Please depart Woodcraft no later than 9:00pm.

Jan 4, 2018  Video presentation of Jim Schlarb’s shop. We are indebted to Jim for allowing us to videotape his shop and also to Jim Matthew for doing the video recording and editing.

Feb 1, 2018  Dying and wood finishing techniques by Ron Zdroik. More details in next month’s R.I.P.S.A.W. Stay tuned!