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Ron's Ramblings



Ron Reuter
Guild President

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Hello Everyone,

I hope Ron Zdroik sparked a new interest, for you, in a different direction or the possibility of trying something new in woodworking. I've seen Ron several times and I always walk away picking up something new. I've been interested in staining or dying different woods to see if I could come up with a newer look for a project. Between the piercing, staining, dying, and dipping, I should be able to come up with something. Not to mention, air brushing. I've never done air brushing, now I have to buy more equipment. That's a shame! Thanks Ron, for a very interesting program.

If you missed the "Woodworker' Show", in Franklin, you missed a fairly decent show.

Being the first year in a new place, it was a little small, but it still had quite a bit of distributors to see. Woodpecker, right next to our booth was not a good thing for me. I controlled myself and only bought one item, this time. It was nice to see the other clubs there and I know the producer of that event wants more groups to come in. I'm hoping more vendors will show up next year, considering parking spots where at a premium and went half way down to Ryan Rd. We signed up 15 new members, looking forward to next year.

Work safe and share your hobby!

Ron Reuter

REFLECTIONS

Filling in as a last minute replacement for Habitat for Humanity at our last meeting was the incomparable Bob Dickey. Yes, the same person who is now a television personality having appeared on the series *Handcrafted America*.

Bob is a former member of WWG and is a master at making jewelry boxes. He has shared his expertise with us in the past, most recently at our March, 2015 and our March, 2016 meetings. His work has not gone unnoticed by Woodcraft Magazine, having appeared on the cover of the Dec./Jan. 2012 issue, as well as being featured in the book "14 Wooden Boxes You Can Make" by Jim Harrold. The book is in the Home Woodworker series published by Schiffer Publishing.

Intertwined in Bob's presentation was the very plausible notion of satisfying your customer. He spoke about an experience where he made a jewelry box for a customer

which developed breaking at some seams. After studying the box, Bob realized that the problem was in the expansion and contraction of the wood.

He had always built his boxes with the grain of the wood used to make the sides running the same direction. On this box, which featured drawers and was thus taller, the wood in the sides was in another direction. He painstakingly rebuilt the box to the complete satisfaction (and amazement) of the client. The result was that the client shared his satisfaction which resulted in more sales for Bob. Customer satisfaction, as Bob has witnessed time after time, is a vital key to the success of his and any business.



To ensure that each box is 'perfect', Bob has established some very basic principles of which he shared a few. The first is to dry assemble to make sure everything fits. Only then is the product ready for final sanding, gluing and finishing.

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Woodcraft Demonstrations

Hand Sharpening, Saturday, May 12, 1 PM

Dust Collection, Saturday, May 19, 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.

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

Rockler Class Schedule - Tuition assessed

Mother's Day: Jewelry Tree Make & Take, Sat, May 5, 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM, 1:30 PM, 3:30 PM

Turn a Wooden Manhattan Pen, Th, May 10, 5 PM, Instructor: Gary Datka

Scroll Saw Wildlife Plaque, Sat, May 19, 1 PM, Instructor: Matt Gatchell

Scroll Saw Trivet, Th, May 24, 1:00 PM, Instructor: Matt Gatchell

Turn a Lidded Box, Sat, May 26, 9:00 AM, Instructor: Gary Datka

Scroll Saw Trivet, Tue, June 5, 1:00 PM, Instructor: Matt Gatchell

Father's Day: Bow Tie Make & Take, Sat, June 9, 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM, 1:30 PM, 3:30 PM

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Turning a Pen, Sat, May 12, 11 AM

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Woodcraft Class Schedule - Tuition assessed

Mortise & Tenon with Hand Tools, Sat, May 5, 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM, Instructor: Kevin Seigworth

Turning 101 - Bowl Turning, Sun, May 6, 10:30 AM - 3:30 PM, Instructor: Marv Bollman

Introduction To The Scroll Saw, Fri, May 11, 5 - 7 PM, Instructor: Dave Hansen

Nesting Trio of Snack Baskets w/Scroll Saw, Fri, May 25, 5 - 7 PM, Instructor: Dave Hansen

Introduction to Hand Planes, Sat, June 2, 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM, Instructor: Kevin Seigworth

Turning 101 - Spindle Turning, Sun, June 3, 10:30 AM - 3:30 PM, Instructor: Marv Bollman

Woodcraft, 14115 W. Greenfield Ave., New Berlin, WI 53151, Phone: (262) 785-6770

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Wisconsin Woodworkers' Guild Board Meeting Notes

March 29, 2018

Guild Meeting Room, Woodcraft Basement, 6:30 pm start.

ATTENDEES: Ron Reuter, Andy Wagner, Greg Waldo, Ron Pederson, Leila Crandall-Frink, Don Doss, Jim Schlarb, Jack Zbiegien, Sr.

TREASURY: \$7,974.21 balance as of 03-29-18. Annual insurance premium and State-required Annual Report for the Corporation were paid in March, resulting in a sizeable hit to the treasury.

MEMBERSHIP: Current paid membership is 115 for 2018. There were 62 members present at the 03-01-18 meeting.

NOTES: All 2018 renewals (Raffle licenses, Corporate Insurance, and Corporation Annual Report) have been received and completed. Progress on the Workbench Workshop was reported to the Board. *The Woodworkers Show – Milwaukee* netted 16 new members. The next Officer and Director election was discussed, and revising the Constitution to allow a 2-year term was suggested.

A reminder that all items for publication in R.I.P.S.A.W. should be sent to both Leila Crandall-Frink (leila.frink@gmail.com) and Don Doss (FourPartHarmony@att.net).

Respectfully Submitted, Jack Zbiegien, Sr.

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As we have all discovered, making adjustments after gluing is difficult, time consuming and frustrating!

Another 'trick' Bob has discovered is based on the old adage, The more you do things the same way, the more likely you won't make a mess of it. The bottom line is, once you've found a method for doing something that works, adopt that method whenever faced with the same task in the future.

Bob also shared a finishing technique he employs to add pizzazz to his boxes. He demonstrated the use of flocking as well as the use of faux suede.

(A word here about faux suede. First, genuine suede is a leather product made from the undersides of animal skins. Faux suede, made entirely of synthetic polyester, is designed to mimic the look of genuine suede. In addition to the cost factor, faux suede wins at water resistance, aging and consistent performance. Of

course it also wins points with animal rights advocates.)

Bob obtains his faux suede from the upholstery department at Joann Fabrics. Although typically selling at about \$20/yd, Bob waits for sales which typically offer discounts in the 40-50% range.

You can see Bob's exquisite boxes and more about his work at his website, Wood'n It Be Nice (www.woodnonline.com), get free downloads and see a video of Bob using the Incra Gauge (which he describes as the best woodworking tool you can find under \$20) at www.artnabox.com, or call him at 262-378-9255.

Bob sells his boxes on Etsy at <http://www.etsy.com/shop/wibn>

Thanks, Bob, for another informative presentation. We were awed by your professionalism and your attention to detail.

Respectfully submitted, Don Doss

Of course I believe in fitness. Right now, I'm fittin' this pizza in my mouth!

Program Director Notes from Jay Pilling

April: A heavy snowstorm put a kibosh on our tour of Oshkosh Design in April. Never fear, though, it WILL be rescheduled.

June: ROUND TABLE MEETING We still need a few of our talented members to round out this event. Don't hide your talents under a bushel-basket - step up and share your knowledge! Have you been to one of our Round Table Meetings and know a better way to make a mousetrap (or sharpen a tool)? Let me know - SOON!!

July: SHOW N' TELL Start rounding up your jigs & fixtures, great projects & the not so projects, problems-you solved or problems you need some answers too. All ideas, solutions and TRICKS, you know will be of help to your fellow guild members.

About Tours: Every tour I've been on, whether a one-day affair or an overnigher, has had a profound effect on me and others. The upshot of going on these tours has brought many new ideas that we share as a guild. So lets have some FUN and get smart at the same time. I encourage every member to consider taking time to be a part in these tours. They're part of what makes being a Guild member special. And if you have an idea for a tour, please let me know!!

Editor's Corner

Your WWG Board is constantly looking for ways to enhance the value of our Guild for our members. Many of our endeavors are in direct response to input from our members. Our work toward having a workshop in our quarters at Woodcraft is a direct result of such inputs. In April of last year, I was putting together a list of clubs and guilds in our area to be included in our RIPS AW. I discovered a club in Madison who was working on a project that would have each member make a cutting gauge. The plan was to have these done in a series of 2-3 meetings. Jay Pilling and I attended one of these meetings, held at the local Woodcraft/Madison store. One of the members brought in wood pieces cut to size and the individual members then crafted the pieces to create a gauge of their own. Although there were some glitches in the planning of these meetings, it proved that this was a plausible direction that WWG should consider. The topic was brought up at the next WWG Board meeting and a number of concerns were raised, not the least being how Woodcraft/Milwaukee would react. As it turned out, that was the least of our concerns as Chris embraced the idea, wholeheartedly. To put the plan into action, it was determined that no matter how we eventually would create a workshop environment, benches would be an absolute necessity.

Jack Zbiegien, Sr., in his capacity as Secretary of our Guild, compiled all the inputs from the board members and created a working plan of attack. We currently have four benchtops and will soon be putting bases under at least two of these. These benches won't be Sjoberg benches. However, they will be functional and adaptable. If you'd like to know more, and would consider helping with the bases and getting these benches done, please see President Ron Reuter.

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.

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 meetings. The first recording was of Jim Schlarb's shop which was shown at our January meeting. These presentations 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 will 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

WWG Winners, April 5, 2018 Meeting

Door prize winners :

Lewis Enderle, Bruce
Everod, Jerry Kashmerick,
Norm Lange & Jim Murphy.
Happy Shopping folks!

Raffle prizes winners:

Brucee Everard, Rich
Henderson, Lyle Husar,
Larry Johnson, Norm Lange,
Tom Masnica (2), Steve
Soltes, and Jack Whitstone.
Congratulations to all the
winners!

For sale items are now on WWG Website

Please check out our 'For Sale' page(s) on the WWG Website which is updated regularly. Go to <http://wiscwoodworkersguild.org/ForSaleETC.html>. Listings are screened for interest to our members. However, WWG is not responsible for the accuracy of the listings or for the quality of the products. Caveat emptor - "Let the buyer beware".

Dave Steingart, Webmaster

Woodworking Clubs in Wisconsin and Northern Illinois

- 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@yahoo.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. wisconsinvalleywoodturners.org
- Wisconsin Wood Turner (WWT), AAW Member, Eric Meigs, President, wisconsinwoodturner.com, First Saturday each month, 9am, Woodcraft of Milwaukee, Lower Level.

The accuracy of the above information is not guaranteed. If you would like to attend a meeting, be sure to use the contact information and get confirmation. Also, if you spot any errors or changes, please send corrections to Don Doss at FourPartHarmony@att.net. Thank you!

APRIL SHOW AND TELL PICTURES



Go for the guild

In last month's "News & Views" column, Tim Snyder's advice to Erasmo Calderon about getting started in woodworking was dead on, but I believe he overlooked a valuable resource: local woodworking guilds. Despite what the name suggests, "guild" is usually synonymous with "club". Most of these groups accept woodworkers regardless of skill level.

I've found the exchange of information and guidance to be invaluable, and I enjoy the camaraderie. If you can't find a group online, check with your Woodcraft store. Many stores invite a local guild to meet in the building; some even offer discounts for guild members.

-Andy, via e-mail

Consulting editor Tim Snyder replies:

Thanks for providing this additional advice and encouragement, Andy. Getting together with other woodworkers is especially gratifying because you don't just enjoy the good fellowship. There's always the opportunity to learn something new.

-Woodcraft Magazine, April/May 2018

And all the WWG members stood and said, "AMEN!!!"

FROM THE LIBRARY

I've noticed some of our library books have been out for several months. If you are still reading them, just stop by and let me know you still want them. If you're not sure you have one out, check with me. Keep in mind, someone else may be looking for that book.

Our cabinets are getting full and the extra weight is starting to cause them to sag. 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



MEET & GREET

On April 12, WWG held what we believe to be the first Meet & Greet. The purpose was to allow new members to get a better handle on the workings of the Guild and how to get the most out of their membership. There were about 20 members, both new and old, in attendance. The skill levels of the new members varied between relative newbies to seasoned woodworkers. There were also a few that were nearing retirement and looking forward to spending more time in the shop. Some of the new members appear to have joined the Guild because they figured it was a good catch-all of many different facets of woodworking. Their concern, however, was how to find a member who may be able to answer a question about something they're working on or have an interest in. One solution may be to have a cork board with member's pictures and their area of expertise. The other may be to have a short period at the end of each meeting so that members having questions can connect with those who might have the answers. What do you think?

Thanks to all who attended!

Respectfully submitted, Ron Reuter

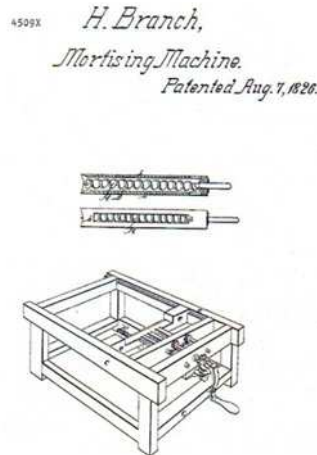
New members 1/1 thru 4/5:

George Cassidy
Darren & Jennifer Cooksey
Joe Eberle
Colton Grebe
Theodore Hahn
Tery Heidmann
Michael Holmes
Joe Keehan
Gerald Koenig

Randall Kopplin
Peter Laing
Clifford Mitchell
Steve Miszewski
Kris Nesbit
Tim Reidy
Mark Scott
Josie Studebaker
Gordon Vetting

U.S. PATENT OFFICE FIRE

On December 15, 1836, a fire in the U.S. Patent Office destroyed many records, including the 1826 patent for the first hollow-chisel mortise (the drawings were recreated from a model). All patents from prior to that fire are now listed as X-Patents. (Ironically, the Patent Office was the only Washington, D.C. government building not burned by British troops during the War of 1812.)



From Woodworker's Journal, June 2018, p. 74, "Did you know . . .". Reprinted by permission from Joanna Takes, Editor.

The following was received from Dover Healing House, Dover, WI, a program of Women's Resource Center.

Dear Friends of Wisconsin Woodworkers Guild Toy Group

Thanks so much for thinking of us at Dover Healing House, and for the beautiful hand made wooden toys. They are enjoyed by children and adults alike!

Your kindness and generosity are appreciated more than words can express.

Many thanks,
Peace,
Sherry
Dover Healing House

Also, see the letter on page 8 from Women and Children's Horizons, Kenosha, WI. Thank you, Norm & WWG Elves!

CALLING ALL WOULD-BE JOURNALISTS

Leila and I continue to be amazed at the talented journalists in our Guild, including Ron & Chris Reuter, Jay Pilling, Greg Wernisch, Jack Zibegien, Sr. and Dave Steingart. Do you have something you'd like to share with your fellow members, or

would you like to do the Reflections and/or the Show 'n Tell articles for a month? If so, 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.

Maker Faire Milwaukee



Maker Faire is a gathering of fascinating, curious people who enjoy learning and who love sharing what they can do. From engineers to artists to scientists to crafters, Maker Faire is a venue for these "makers" to show hobbies, experiments, projects. We call it the Greatest Show (& Tell) on Earth - a family-friendly showcase of invention, creativity, and resourcefulness. Glimpse the future and get inspired!

Maker Faire showcases the "maker movement," a growing global community of do-it-yourselfers that is pushing the boundaries of creativity, product development and manufacturing through technology, innovation and entrepreneurship.

Maker Faire Milwaukee will take place at State Fair Park's Exposition Center on Saturday, September 29th, 10am-7pm and on Sunday, September 30th, 10am-5pm.



WOMEN AND CHILDREN'S HORIZONS

Advocating for Victims of Domestic and Sexual Violence

January 24, 2018

Dear Mr. Lange:

Once again, let us say how much we appreciate what you and your fellow wood workers do for the children and mothers of Women and Children's Horizons (WCH). They are so thrilled to be able to have gifts for their children.

Our Executive Director has asked that I respond to your letter requesting additional ideas for wooden toys. I am the shelter manager at WCH and this is where we set up our "Santa's Workshop for mothers to pick the children's Christmas gifts.

The strollers and cradles are always a big hit and we most likely would use more. The boys seem to like the trains and trucks. I might also suggest some games for the older children such as tic tack toe or puzzles. Yes, Chinese checkers would be appropriate. I also saw a wooden fishing set. It consisted of a pole – with string and magnet – and then fish with magnets they could actually "catch." Instead of fish, the game could consist of numbers or letters or almost anything.

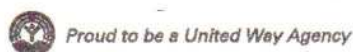
Hope this gives you a few more ideas. We welcome all that has been donated. You all are so talented and we are thankful that you are sharing those talents with us.

Any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Best, Penny

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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.

Apr 5, 2018 Bob Dickey, an accomplished box maker, is doing the April presentation on boxes. He will include a demo of how he makes ring bars. A difficult but beautiful addition to a jewelry box. He will also demo how he uses AquaCoat waterbased filler. We have had Bob do a presentation in the past and always are awed by his work, and learn something new every time. Bob Dickey's websites are: www.woodnonline.com and www.artnabox.com

May 3, 2018 Gary Shadley, electrical work shop wiring/importance of true grounding your dust system.

June 7, 2018 Annual Round Table of Demonstrations from Members, still looking for a few extra people to Demonstrate.

July 5, 2018 Annual SHOW-N-TELL by Members, Jigs & Fixtures, Projects, Problems solved or Not. Always a favorite meeting.

Respectfully submitted by Jay Pilling, Program Director