Ron’s Ramblings

Hello Everyone,

As I recall, this was the first month not going according to the original plan. And we lived through it, thanks to a fine presentation by Larry Johanson and a tour of Walt Hadcock’s shop. Larry gave us a pretty good idea of what we can do with some of the projects we put out. The work Larry does is pretty impressive.

The video of Walt Hadcock’s shop was also interesting. I always enjoy seeing how fellow members have their shops set up. I do think Walt has a little too much time on his hands if he can put his entire shop on a computer.

Have you adjusted your calendar for next month, yet? Because of the Independence Day on the 4th, our meeting date has been moved to the 12th. Also, next month is SHOW-N-TELL. Bring in your gigs, little tricks, and projects.

Work safe and share your hobby!

Ron Reuter

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Due to an insufficient number of members stepping up to the plate for our annual Roundtable, we were delighted to welcome Larry Johanson and Walt Hadcock as well-qualified replacements.

Larry, a WWG member of only seven months, provided us with an overview of his unique and bold move into entrepreneurship in woodworking. Just 2½ years ago, he started his own business, LG Creative Woodworks, located in West Allis near 81st & Lapham. Through hard work and the quest to more than satisfy the wishes of his clients, his business is thriving, a point which will be made more clear later in this article.

His main focus is in two areas. One is in laser engraving with a CNC machine and the other is in building fireplace mantels. Actually there is a cross-pollination between these two areas because he employs his CNC machine to enhance the fireplace mantels.

To add realism to the mantels, he has perfected a way to ‘burn’ a pattern into the workpiece to three levels of darkness. His CNC machine is a Shark HD-4, manufactured by New Wave Automation, which handles work up to 50” wide. He uses a Jet dust collection system attached to the CNC.

Larry has a library of designs, many of which were downloaded from the Internet. He walked us through a slide show of his work which included several small humidors and made it clear that he really knows what he’s doing.

Larry’s primary business is doing custom woodworking projects which he is commissioned to do by his clients. He has a problem, though. He is finding that he gets more calls than he can handle. He invited our members to sign up so they can be considered for doing projects Larry can’t handle. Those who are interested but didn’t sign up at the

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Workbench & Work Holding Solutions, Saturday July 21st, 1 PM

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Wisconsin Woodworkers' Guild
Board Meeting Notes
May 31, 2018
Guild Meeting Room, Woodcraft Basement, 6:30 pm start.
ATTENDEES: Ron Reuter, Greg Waldo, Andy Wagner, Ron Pederson, Don Doss, Jerry Anson, Tom Masnica, Jack Zbiegien, Sr., Justin Gasal
TREASURY: $8,162.05 balance as of 05-31-18.
MEMBERSHIP: There were 57 members present at the 05-03-18 meeting. Current membership stands at 121.
NOTES: The Board was updated on the meeting that took place May 26, 2018 between Guild, MAWT, and Saturday Wood Turners representatives. The meeting was positive and demonstrated willingness of the Boards of these groups to develop methods of communication and cooperation for future activities. The next meeting will be August 25, 2018. The Workbench project and status was reviewed and will proceed. Possible future ‘national speakers’ with related workshops were reviewed. 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.

You won’t want to miss this September’s presentation by Jerry Anson!

New RIPS-AW feature coming soon!
Since January 1st, Wisconsin Woodworkers Guild has welcomed 19 new members! It was suggested at the last Board meeting that we include a picture and a short bio on a few members each month in RIPS-AW. With over 120 members, one bio a month would take over 10 years! Let’s see if we can reduce that period by doing 3-4 each month. Pictures will be taken for future issues at the next few meetings. Bios can be either submitted by members, taken from member applications, or compiled by our editorial staff.

The shop is well-equipped with various power tools including a Shopsmith (which he uses primarily as a belt sander), an older 10” Craftsman tablesaw (built when Craftsman built tools to last), a 4” planer, and a sharpening station. For storage, he has re-purposed lateral file type drawers.

A most amazing organizational feature (and one which most woodworkers would be well-advised to do) is that he has created a grid of his shop floor plan on his computer. On the floor plan, he has located each of his shop’s tools and materials so that he and others can locate everything.

Thanks so much to both Larry and Walt for your entertaining and thought-provoking presentations.
Respectfully submitted, Greg Wernisch & Don Doss

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meeting are invited to contact him.

Larry also invited members with items they have made to enter into a consignment relationship with him. These items could be added to his website under ‘Products by Associates’. He handles the money and takes care of all communication with customers. If this is something you’re interested in, you’re encouraged to contact Larry at 414-443-5252. As his card (see page 9) says, ‘One Call… Can Start it All!’

After the break, we were treated to a video tour of Walt Hadcock’s shop. As past-President of WWG, Walt led a team that resulted in moving our meeting place to Woodcraft after the rent at State Fair Park went through the roof.

Walt’s shop is a 12’ x 24’ space in an 1860’s-vintage building in Mequon. He has separated his shop from the rest of the building with two tarps suspended from the ceiling and he heats the space so he can work in the shop year-round.
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 Schlab’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
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; fvwcc.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; maawt.com
- Northeast Wisconsin Woodturners, Neenah, WI; Second Saturday, Sept. thru June, 9am. NEWWoodturners.org
- Northeastern Wisconsin Woodturners 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.riverbendcrvclub.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 Turn (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!

Dave Steingart, Webmaster
Have you ever found yourself being frustrated by the dust collection on your bandsaw? Dave McBride decided enough is enough. He has a 25-year-old Delta 14” bandsaw with an enclosed base. It came with what Delta thought was a workable dust collection chute under the table. It never caught much dust and its size required a hose to be attached with duct tape. If you’re experiencing this dilemma, go to Rob Cosman’s video on YouTube, [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ut_tqngRyw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ut_tqngRyw). Dave followed the easy directions, connected it to his Dust Deputy and his dust collection problem is history!

Jim Schlarb got a new toy! He procured a metal lathe and proceeded to use it to create a wooden vise. Yep, a wooden vise! Seems his new lathe can’t tell the difference between cutting wood or cutting metal! Actually, having witnessed machinists cutting threads on a metal lathe, its a walk in the park compared with doing it on a wood lathe. Nice design on the front, too, Jim!

Lyle Morrison again demonstrated his ability to come up with the most unusual. His latest was Sound Boards. Ok, they didn’t make a sound until they were spun at very high speed.

New members since January 1, 2018

| George Cassidy | Tery Heidmann | Steve Miszewski |
| Darren & Jennifer Cooksey | Michael Holmes | Kris Nesbit |
| Joe Eberle | Joe Keehan | Tim Reidy |
| Colton Grebe | Gerald Koenig | Mark Scott |
| Theodore Hahn | Randall Kopplin | Josie Studebaker |
| | Peter Laing | Gordon Vetting |

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!!”

The above appeared in last month’s RIPS A.W. and bears repeating. WWG provides good fellowship, opportunities to learn something new, and a whole lot more. Most of this ‘more’ comes from our leadership listening and reacting to ideas, comments and criticisms from the membership. I’m proud to be a member of WWG.

Don Doss, Editor

FROM THE LIBRARY

Members are reminded that there is a due date on books borrowed from the library. Some of our 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.

A new design is being considered for storing our library inventory. Once approved, we’ll be looking for help to build them (hint, hint!).

Chris Reuter, Librarian
**R.I.P.S.A.W.** 7 July, 2018

**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. 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.

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**THANKS . . .**

Jay Pilling, Andy Wagner and Jack Zbiegien, Sr., extend their appreciation for the thoughts and prayers of our members as each of them have been battling through medical issues. If you or another member have medical issues, please inform the editorial staff.  

*Ron Reuter*

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**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 Zbiegien, 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, contact either Leila Crandall-Frink (leila.frink@gmail.com) or 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.

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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. While admission to Maker Faire Milwaukee is **FREE**, wristbands are required for entrance.

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 and innovation.

**Call for Makers is now open!** It closes August 1st so get your applications in **NOW!** The Call for Makers application includes information for individuals and groups who want to exhibit, present a topic or workshop, or participate in one of our many events.

Exhibitors with business goals are asked to help defray the costs of producing the Faire. Exhibit fees are based on the exhibitors’ marketing and sales plans, the size and tax status of the organization, space needed and other information. We offer special opportunities for non-profits, small companies, start-ups, and work with all organizations on a case-by-case basis to help bring projects to the Faire.

Makers who attend only to share their work – DIY projects, skills, demonstrations – are not asked to pay an exhibit fee. You will be provided with exhibit space, one table, two chairs and power, if needed. Marketing a product or service is prohibited. Makerspaces and hackerspaces will also receive **FREE** exhibit space at Maker Faire Milwaukee.

For all the details, go to https://milwaukee.makerfaire.com/call-for-makers/.
WORKBENCH WORKSHOP #2

On Saturday, June 23rd, nine WWG members participated in Workbench Workshop #2: Bruce Everard, Jim Kees, Tom Masnica, Ron Pederson, Mike Prebish, Paul Prondzinski, Ron Reuter, Greg Wernisch and Jack Zbiegien, Sr.

The objective of the day was to laminate boards to create the benchtops. To prepare the boards for laminating, they needed to be sized using the tablesaw, the miter saw and finally the jointer-planer. To prepare the team, the attendees were given a lesson and demonstration on the correct and safe operation of the power equipment to be used. They then applied the lessons learned with guidance from the teaching team. The teaching team had Jack Zbiegien, Sr. on the miter saw, Ron Reuter on the tablesaw, and Ron Pederson on the jointer-planer. The team was also briefed on glue selection, proper application, open and working time, and clamping pressure.

Then it was off to work. Ron Pederson led the process of laying out the rough stock out to get maximum usable wood, and then the boards were sized using the miter and table saws. The boards were then run through the jointer-planer to remove imperfections and get them down to the right thickness. They were then brought down to the lower level where everyone pitched in to the laminating process.

In the next Workshop, we’ll be milling the benchtops to dimension, and then attaching them to the elm slabs with T&G and hidden M&T joints. Its not too late to join the fun! Check in with Jack Zbiegien, Sr. or Ron Pederson by phone or e-mail - see page 2 for contact info.

Finally, a special thanks to Chris Kraemer/Woodcraft for allowing us to use the tools in the classroom. We couldn’t have done this without you!
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July 12, 2018  NOTE THE DATE CHANGE—Annual SHOW-N-TELL by members: jigs, fixtures, projects, problems solved or not. Always a favorite meeting.

August, 2018  There is no regular meeting in August. Enjoy your summer activities!

September 6, 2018  Jerry Anson, member - weed pot - see page 3

October 4, 2018  To be announced

November 1, 2018  To be announced

December 8, 2018  Annual Holiday Party at Meyers Restaurant

Respectfully submitted by Jay Pilling, Program Director