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John's Jaunt

Welcome to the August edition of John's Jaunt. July's meeting was another successful Show & Tell. Thanks to all who presented. Saturday, July 14, Bill Smeaton invited the guild to meet at his place and lend a hand in his timber framing project.

As you may recall from the July meeting, Bill has been gathering materials and planning for many months. We helped cut and shape a number of knee braces and cleaned up some recycled beams that he will be using in the project. Thanks for sharing Bill!

This weekend I moved on to the next step in my table project that I showed at the July meeting. I have started cutting the pieces for the legs and rails. I have not had much previous experience cutting mortise and tenon joints so this will be another learning experience for me.



John Johnson, Guild President

We have one position open on the WWG board, the position of Publicity Chair. The primary task of this position is to coordinate our presence at the Woodworker's Show in February. One additional position that is currently open is the Facilities Chair. We have been working in an adhoc mode in that whoever comes early helps set up with me directing the efforts. It would be appreciated to have someone take this position and become versed in the set up details.

Just a reminder, I will be traveling for the August meeting, so Jerry Kashmerick will be coordinating the set up and Dick Yezek will be running the meeting. Please help them out to have a successful meeting.

Happy woodworking!

Reflections Reflections

At the July meeting we had show and tell. There were members who shared their interesting projects with us. Here is what happened at the meeting.

First up was Bill Godfrey. He built a mission style table from a woodworking magazine he had for a while. He

made it out of quarter sawn White Oak and veneer. He also made an armoire to hold a TV. and a dresser to hold a mirror. It was finished using Minwax golden oak polyurethane. He vacuum bagged the veneer on. On the

drawer he used Teflon slides. Bill was surprised that they worked really good. It took about a month to finish the first one.

Next came Jay Pilling. He made two foot stools that he would like to make for the women's shelters at Christmas. The prototypes were made out of pine. They have a long back on them with a hole cut out in the back so that you can hang them on the wall. They are very sturdy.

Vern Eilers brought two bowls that he made. The first one started out from a piece of Oak. There was a crack that he filled with coffee grounds mixed with C/A glue. For decoration he used a thin wire and burned some lines in the bowl at the top. The finish on the bowl is wax. The second bowl was made from an old crabapple burl. He also put some black walnut on the bottom. For anyone interested in using the coffee grounds to fill in 1/4 inch or smaller holes, here is how Vern did it. Take used coffee grounds and spread them on newspaper to dry. When dry, you can mash them finer and mix with medium C/A glue. Fill in the hole and when it dries, sand it smooth.

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Ed Cessna brought in a Work Sharp Sharpener tool that he recently purchased. He had heard that it got good reviews. There is a tool rest and a circular top with a tempered glass wheel that you put a sanding disk on both sides. You can sharpen up to a 2 inch plane or iron up against the bottom of the wheel. There is a heat sink in the product to cool the metal down. There is a slotted wheel that you can use to sharpen curved tools. With this machine you can actually see the surface that you are grinding. If you are interested, you can check this out at Worksharptools.com.

Harold Birkey made a small table for his cottage. It consisted of some 1x2's on the bottom. He used nails to join it together. He put Radius's on the two doors on the front. He has made two other end tables, a coffee table and a corner table in his spare time.

John Johnson is currently making a patio table after some big winds shattered his last table. He got the pattern from a Shop Notes magazine for an octagon table. The angles are not too hard to do. Gluing the angles is a challenge. He glued them up in pairs. He used a straight edge level and two smaller pieces of wood and clamped them together in three spots so that the angles would stay together while drying. He used a spiral cutter to cut out the circle around the edge. The face boards get screwed in from the bottom.

Corey Boulton made a rocking horse. It was a Christmas present for his three year old daughter. He used Purple Heart for the mane and other accents. It took him approximately nine months in his spare time to make. The ears are made of leather cut up work gloves. The original design has a riser but he didn't put it on because she has no problem getting up onto the horse. He sculpted the seat and finished the horse with the first coat of spar finish and 50/50 mineral spirits. The last two coats are full spar finish.

Jay McClellan brought in a Native American Flute he made. He used a lathe to make the body and then cut down the middle of the wood. He then routed out the two halves and glued them back together. He then makes holes in it. The hole placement is not critical, however the size of the holes is. The larger the hole, the higher the pitch. He will keep playing and adjusting the pitch until he gets it just right. Jay then played a little for our enjoyment.

Bill Smeaton brought in a rustic Bent Willow Chair that he made in a class he took in Mineral Point. It is a very artsy chair. Out of all the people in the class, not one chair was the same. Bill also took a Timber Framing class in Minnesota. He saw a Lee Valley picture for a small house that he liked. He found a guy in British Columbia who had the plans. He

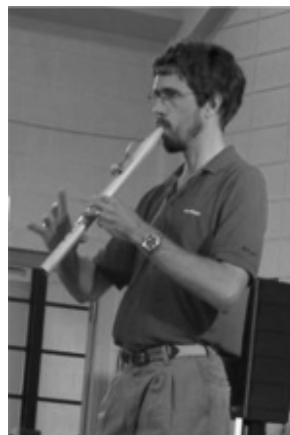
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found an Amish gentleman to help him find and get the logs. He is going to build a pool building that he will also put a wood boiler and a pizza oven in.

Thank you to everyone for bringing in their works of art. I for one enjoyed it.

By Mary Anderson



Board Breifs

July 19, 2007 Board Meeting Minutes

Attendees: John Johnson, Dick Yezek, Liz Rohde, Mary Anderson, Jay Pilling, Tom Schuppe, Bill Smeaton, and Jerry Tackes

Membership: 128

Treasury Balance: \$13,241.46

Open Committee Position: Publicity mainly with responsibility for the February Woodworkers Show

Meeting Schedules: All meetings thru January 2008 are planned

Respectfully submitted
Jerry Tackes



Raffle Column:

The winners of the July raffle prizes were Corey Megal, Ken Rasch and Larry Whitstone. The August 1st raffle prize has been donated by Woodcraft. The prize is a Freud Box Joint Cutter Set. The two 8" blades can be installed in your table saw to make clean 1/4" and 3/8" joints. You can visit Woodcraft at 1725 South 108th Street in West Allis, 414-607-6164.

Submitted by Alan Clapp

Woodworking Learning Sessions

Our current meeting facility does not allow us to operate machinery or to make any dust. Thus I would like to offer a learning session to be held at my shop on Wednesday of September 19 from 7 to 9:00-9:30 PM. If successful, following sessions will be held on the third Wednesday of each month at my shop.

I envision a session covering a single topic of woodworking such as router use, lathe use, the making of various joints, machine setup, and veneering techniques. The possibilities go on and on, with the topic for the next session to be chosen by the attendees. Actual machine operations will be performed, and as time and interest permit, hands on tryouts will be encouraged. Questions, opinions, alternate techniques are encouraged and will make these sessions worthwhile for all attendees. Plan to participate!

I have chosen the selection and preparation of stock for this session. We will discuss what to look for at the store, necessary preparation before cutting, steps in milling stock, using both the jointer and planer as well as using hand held tools, part layout on stock considering grain match and board defects, as well as other related topics.

My shop has limits as to how many people it can hold, so please don't signup if uncertain of attending. If you must cancel, please call or e-mail. If interest is greater than what we can handle at one session, I will consider a second session, but please understand if I need to modify the attending group. I have only 2 shop stools, so if you must sit, bring a small stool for yourself.

There will be no charge for this session. Signup sheets and maps will be available at the August and September meetings.

Jerry Tackes 414-431-4242 brewwood@wi.rr.com

WWG Upcoming Programs & Workshops

Upcoming Programs

Wednesday August 1st, 2007

Noise Levels in your Workshop

Presented by Mike Miller

Wednesday September 5th, 2007

Hardware Specialties

Presented by Paul Meisel

Wednesday October 3rd, 2007

Bending Wood

Presented by Dave Gillis

Wednesday November 7th, 2007

Health Issues for the Woodworker

Presented by Scott Stanwick

Wednesday December 5th, 2007

Annual Holiday Party

Upcoming Workshops

Wednesday September 19th, 2007

Stock Preparation

Presented by Jerry Tackes

Mondays Oct 19th & 26th, 2007

Making Toys for Women's Shelters

Held at Woodcraft

Wednesday October 17th, 2007

Topic to be determined by Participants

2nd in a Series of Woodworking Learning Sessions

Presented by Jerry Tackes

November, 2007

Hands on Spraying

Pick a date for spraying demonstration

Presented by Matt Bohlmann

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Thank YOU!

A special THANK YOU to Jerry Smaglik for volunteering to take pictures at the July Show and Tell Meeting of the guild.

It is always helpful when guild members volunteer for any of the tasks that need to be done to make our meetings and workshops happen. All of the officers and committee members are volunteers also. And we would not have a meeting space set up, a raffle, a library or any refreshments for the meetings without our volunteers.

Take time to thank all those who help make the guild possible and tell them how it helps you to be part the guild. That would help make the volunteers know how much they are appreciated.

While you are at it take time to thank all those who have put on programs or workshops, so we can increase our knowledge and skills in this art/craft of woodworking. And a special thanks for all those who take time to participate in the programs and workshops. It takes a lot of effort to prepare for these and without YOU, the participant, nothing at all would happen.

I am smiling as I think of all the Thanks that will be seen at the next meeting. A great image!

(The editor)

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Woodcraft, 1725 S. 108th St, West Allis, 414/607-6164

Woodline USA can be reached at 800-472-6950,

Woodcraft Class Schedule

Stain & Topcoat Application with General Finish, w. Jason Swanson, Thur, Aug 02, 6 PM - 9 PM

Fundamental project for kids 10-13, w. Chris & Dena Kraemer, Sat, Aug 04, 9:30 AM - 4:30 PM

Woodworking For Women, w. Jason Swanson, Sun, Aug 05, 10 AM - 1 PM

Table Saw Fundamentals, w. Jason Swanson, Thur, Aug 09, 6 PM - 9 PM

Framing a Picture, w. Chris Kraemer, Tues, Aug 14, PM - 9 PM

Basic Router Techniques, w. Jason Swanson, Thur, Aug 16, 6 PM - 9 PM

Raised Panel Doors On A Router Table, w. Jason Swanson, Wed, Aug 22, 6 PM - 9 PM Thur, Aug 23, 6 PM - 9 PM

Turn A Euro Pen, w. Melanie Wegner, Sun, Aug 26, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Wood Preparation Using the Planer, Jointer & Table, w. Jason Swanson, Tues, Aug 28, 6 PM - 9 PM

Basic Cabinet Construction 6 Week Session, w. Chris Kraemer, Wednesdays, Aug 29 thru Oct 3, 6 PM - 9 PM

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This space is waiting for something to fill it. Do you have any ideas? The Publications committee is always looking for items that would be of interest to the Guild members. If you have any ideas that would be helpful or anything you want to submit for publication, we are often left with some space that needs something. I would even like to see a few pictures of items that you have made and maybe a little description of the materials and time involved in making it.

Contact Leila at 414-453-4118 or Lfrink@wi.rr.com with your ideas.

WISCONSIN WOODWORKERS GUILD

Regular Monthly Meeting

Wednesday August 1st, 2007

Noise Levels in your Workshop

Presented by Mike Miller

Mike has done a presentation for us before on metal working and making tools. He does a great job with his presentation.

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