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## John's Jaunt

Welcome to the October RIPS AW and John's Jaunt. My table project is finally assembled!

As I suspected, it did present some challenges. For instance, not banging the bar clamps into the low hanging duct work too late at night, remembering the proper order for the fitted mortise and tenon leg joints, and the challenge of getting nice even spacing to the top boards when working from the bottom of the table. All in all, I am pretty pleased with how it turned out. Hopefully there will be a few nice weather and uncluttered days yet this year so that I can get a finish put on it.

It is the time of year for guild paperwork. You should receive with this RIPS AW your membership renewal as



John Johnson, Guild President

well as the form for nominating this year's Woodworker of the year. We will be taking nominations at the October meeting and voting at the November meeting. November is also when we are supposed to elect our officers for the coming year. If anyone is interested in learning more about the board positions feel free to ask me or another board member.

George Egenhoefer has graciously agreed to be our Exhibits/Publicity Director. As you know, this is an important role for coordinating our booth at the Woodworker's Show in February. Please help him out as he learns the ropes.

Thanks and happy woodworking!

## Reflections Reflections

On September 6, 2007 at the monthly meeting, we were joined by Paul Meisel of Meisel Woodworking. He came to share with us the way that he is trying to get kids interested in the hobby of woodworking. Paul started out as a teacher in Minnesota teaching woodworking to kids for 10 years. He got many compliments on the things the

kids were making, and many others asked for the plans that they were using. He started to sell them to people, then realizing that they were very popular, he put them into a magazine to sell. It was very

important to him that the plans be full sized and easy to read.

Paul feels that it is very important that we try to get kids interested in the hobby of woodworking. Most schools don't offer the classes anymore and the kids really have no way of finding out about the hobby. Paul volunteers at a school called Flagship and decided to start a class for kids. He studied the technology and technique for the plans and decided that the kids need to start with the fundamentals. He also realized that most people who have been doing the hobby for years have no idea where to start when trying to teach a child. The fundamentals would be the place to start. The first question that he asked himself was "Why start a kid in this hobby?". We do this because someone took the time to show us and got us interested in the hobby, and we want to pass this down to the next generation.

When Paul starts the class the first thing that he does is talk about shop safety. He makes the kids wear their safety goggles in the shop at all times. This develops a good

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## Reflections

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habit and eventually they do not realize that they are doing it.

The next thing that they will learn is an introduction to nailing. They will do a lot of nailing by writing their names on a board and nailing along the lines. They get really good at pounding the nails in after a while. Paul feels the best way to teach a child is to teach on a gradient, that is they are learning a little more as they go along.

The next project that they will make is a hanging basket. Paul will usually cut out the pieces that they will need and they will learn how to drill the holes. Before they can drill the holes, they will need to learn the parts of the drill press. The kids are then paired up and have a sheet to go over with the names of the drill press parts on them. They will then be quizzed by the other child until they know the parts of the drill press. Next they will use the drill press to drill out the holes for the hanging baskets.

After they are finished with the drilling, they will sand the pieces. They start out with 60 grit and work their way up to around 220. Next the kids will learn to mark out the length of the pieces that they will need to cut for the basket. After they have done this, they will learn how to cut the pieces using a miter hand saw. They will start by learning to cut a 90 degree and then a 45 degree angle. By this time the kids can make a small one piece truck or bus.

When they are finished with the class someone at the school finds out what color flowers they would like for their hanging baskets and buys them. Then they all get together and take a picture of them with thier creations. The kids are really impressed with the things that they made.

Thank you to Paul Meisel for coming and explaining to us a great way to make a difference in the life of a child. This truely inspires me to try to help a child learn to enjoy the things that inspire me, and to share them with a child.

*By Mary Anderson*

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## Year End Raffle Prizes

Woodcraft and Porter Cable have teamed up to donate the 2007 year-end raffle prize to be awarded at the Holiday Party. A Porter Cable C2002 Pancake style Compressor with a BN200A Brad Nailer will be the grand prize. The compressor is a 6 gallon, 150 PSI unit that includes a 25' air hose with accessories. The die-cast aluminum brad nailer uses 3/4" - 2" 18 gauge nails. A second BN200A nailer will be given away to another ticket holder and Chris Kraemer has donated a \$50 gift certificate and two \$25 gift certificates to further enhance your chances of winning.

Come to the October Guild meeting to learn more and have your first chance to purchase a year end raffle ticket. These tickets will be offered for \$5 each at the Fall Guild meetings and at the Holiday Party. Stay tuned for more details!



### HOW TO MAKE A PLAN AND PROCEED ON A NEW PROJECT.

On Wednesday September 19<sup>th</sup> 2007, Wisconsin Woodworkers Guild members met at Jerry Tackes' workshop at 7:00pm. The purpose was to learn Jerry's mode of operation when starting a new woodworking project.

First, Jerry talked about the selection process, how to pick and choose, and how to get the right amount of board feet for the project.

He then showed the different types of wood and how to choose the correct species for your specific project, i.e., white oak is good for wood that will hold liquid, red oak is

### Raffle Column:

Rockler Woodworking and Hardware has donated the October Raffle prizes. 12" through and half-blind dovetail jigs will be awarded to two lucky winners. These will be great for making boxes for your holiday gifts!

Tom Petkovsek reminds us that Rockler offers a 15% discount on many non-power tool items with your Guild membership card.

Rockler Woodworking and Hardware is located at 845 North Mayfair Road, 414-774-1882.

*Submitted by Alan Clapp*

porous to the point that you can actually see through a thin piece.

He took a piece of white oak to prepare for construction. He used the jointer, table saw, drum sander, and bandsaw to work the wood. He requested input from fellow woodworkers and they had no trouble adding their experiences to the mix.

Jerry also had 39 sample species of wood taken from his stock. We tried to name each type. Collectively we scored about a D-.

At the end of the evening it was decided it was a fun night and worth continuing.

### 2nd Woodworking Learning Session

Jerry offered to do another learning session on Wednesday October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2007. This time he will demonstrate:

**Several tools and techniques for making mortise and tendon joinery.**

If you're interested join us and be a part of the learning process.

Tom Schuppe



# WWG Upcoming Programs & Workshops Upcoming Programs

Wednesday October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2007

## **Bending Wood**

Presented by Dave Gillis

Wednesday November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2007

## **Health Issues for the Woodworker**

Presented by Scott Stanwick

Wednesday December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2007

## **Annual Holiday Party**

## **Upcoming Workshops**

Mondays in October 2007

### **Making Toys for Women's Shelters**

Held at Woodcraft

Wednesday October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2007

Topic to be determined by Participants

### **2<sup>nd</sup> 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

### **Program/Workshop committee meeting -**

**Thursday, October 11, 7pm on in the church library**

### **Board meeting**

**Thursday, October 11, 8 pm in the church library**

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## **LEARN TO BEND WOOD AT OUR NEXT REGULAR MEETING.**

On October 3, 2007, at our regular meeting Dave Gillis will show us how to bend wood, perhaps to make a wagon wheel or anything with a curve. Dave asked that you please come prepared to offer your wood bending experiences. He promises an interesting evening. Weather permitting, he will use heating torches in the parking lot. Please bring repellent and a chair.

**Start planning for our annual Holiday Party on Wednesday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, "Toys for Tots".**

Have you started making toys to donate at the Holiday Party?

A group of woodworkers are meeting at Woodcraft on Mondays making toys. You can come and join us.

## Friends of the Wisconsin Woodworkers Guild

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353-8433

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45)

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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

**Basic Cabinet Construction 6 Week Session**, w. Chris Kraemer, Wed, Sept 26, 6 PM - 9 PM, Thur, Oct 04, 6 PM - 9 PM

**Carve a Red Bellied Woodpecker**, w. Roger Wilson, Tues, Sept 25, Oct 02, & 09, 6PM - 9PM

**Basic Router Techniques**, w. Jason Swanson, Wed, Oct 03, 6 PM - 9 PM

**Turn A Hollow Vessel**, w. Ron Nelson, Sun, Oct 07, 9:30 AM - 5 PM

**Building An Acoustic Guitar**, w. Chris Kraemer, Monday, Oct 08, 15, 22, 29, & Nov 12, 19, 6 PM - 9 PM

**Turn a Roller Ball Pen**, w. Melanie Wegner, Thur, Oct 11, 6 PM - 9 PM

**Introduction to Segmented Turning**, w. Jason Swanson, Sun, Oct 14, 10 AM - 3 PM & Wed, Oct 17, 6 PM - 9 PM

**Power Carve a Harris Hawk 1/4 Life Size (pattern by Lonnie Dyg)**, w. Roger Wilson, Tuesdays, Oct 16, 23, 30 & Nov 06, 13, 20, 27, & Dec 04, 6 PM - 9 PM

**Turn a Natural Edge Bowl**, w. Hank Bardenhagen, Thur, Oct 18, 6 PM - 9 PM

**Turning 101: Intro To Lathe Work**, w. Hank Bardenhagen, Sat, Oct 20, 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM

**Wood Burn - Chipmunk on Baltic Birch**, w. Kevin Wolff, Sun, Oct 21, 9:30 AM - 5 PM

**Raised Panel Doors On A Router Table**, w. Jason Swanson, Wed, Oct 24, 6 PM - 9 PM & Thur, Oct 25, 6 PM - 9 PM

**Picture Framing Start to Finish**, w. Chris Kraemer, Sat, Oct 27, 10 AM - 4:30 PM

**Carve a Cypress Knee Santa**, w. Kevin Wolff, Sun, Oct 28, 9:30 AM - 5 PM

**Woodworking For Women**, w. Jason Swanson, Wed, Oct 31, 6 PM - 9 PM

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## Toys Being Made

On September 9 the following guild members met at the Woodcraft store to make toys for women's shelters. Jay Pilling, Jerry Smaglik, Ed Cessna, Rom Hinderman, Bill Godfrey, George Egenhoefer, Pete Sapienza, and Jerry Tackes. Toy lawn Mowers, Heart shaped Boxes and Steam Rollers were the projects of the day. Future sessions will include educational toys along with more fun toys. If you have a project idea or want help on a project bring it any Monday between 9AM and 3PM or just join the group to work on whatever.

# **WISCONSIN WOODWORKERS GUILD**

## **Regular Monthly Meeting** Wednesday October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2007

6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Faith United Church of Christ

4240 North 78th Street

Milwaukee

**Presenter: Guild member: Dave Gillis**

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