Spring is coming! The snow is melting, the rains have started and I have been able to get back in the shop again. My current project, and hopefully of short duration, is making a couple of cutting boards based on a recent ShopNotes article. Like most of my projects, there is always something new to learn. This one has doweled bread board ends. It also requires cutting a 3/8ths inch dado two inches deep into the ends. It has pointed out to me the importance of having an accurately adjusted blade so that multiple passes can be made to get through the hard maple.

One of the exciting parts of our meetings is the show and tell of member projects. It is a good time to show work in progress, completed work or something that you need help with. So I encourage you to bring something in regardless of what it is.

My last topic for this edition of John’s Jaunt is the needs for more participation to help the guild run. Mary Anderson will be stepping down as our Membership Chairperson by the end of the year. Ideally we will have the next person identified so that she can work with him or her during the membership renewals in the fall. The primary function is maintain the membership database and provide the mailing list for the monthly RIPSaw. Which brings me to our next need: Leila Crandall-Frink is in need of additional people to work on the Publications Committee. She will provide more information on what is needed at the April meeting. Give it some thought!

Thanks and happy woodworking!

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**John’s Jaunt**

John Johnson

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**Reflections**

Dick Butula

Not many of our fellow woodworkers have ever thought about building a boat before, but after watching and listening to our March presenter new ideas may arise. Ken Koscik, of Kenny’s Canoe and Kayak Shop in Monona Wisconsin, was our speaker this last meeting. He brought with him a 16 and one half-foot canoe. It is only one of the fifty that he has made.

Koscik told about how his daughter in Alexandria Virginia had called him and asked if he could build a canoe for an auction. He asked her for more details. She said that this was to be a fundraiser for a child in Hustiford Wisconsin that has leukemia. When asked about the cost of the material, she stated that she had gotten donations from a local vender for the wood and System 3 fiberglass from the supplier. Koscik built the canoe and anticipated about $20,000 being raised from ticket sales. To his surprise there was a $50,000 fund that was received.

The canoe he brought with him was a composite construction of individual boards assembled around a series of templates spaced about two feet apart that were upside down. The board along each side of the center was a special design that he made of composite pieces of cedar. He had samples of how they were made as well as other designs. Koscik then displayed a slide show that showed further construction. After the individual boards were attached, as it they got to the center of the canoe, they were cut even using a sharp knife. Then the other side was made up to match this straight line. When all of the wood was attached the next step was to plane and sand it to shape. The ends were then added and also finished to shape.

When the canoe was finally to the finished condition, the fiberglass was installed. The System 3 that he used was a 6-ounce material that was a white color. As the liquid was applied the color disappeared. Working in two-foot sections, the liquid was completely worked into the canoe before moving on to the next section. The final stoke were lengthwise along length of the canoe. When the first coat was dry another coat was added, followed by four more. The canoe was then turned over, the templates removed and the inside was also fiberglassed. The inside only has three coats of the liquid applied. The firming struts and seat were then added and coated.

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**Shelf Workshop**

Saturday March 15, guild members Ron Hinderman, Ed Cessna, and Tom Schuppe met at Jerry Tackes shop to begin building their shelves. Observer.helpers included Jay Piling, Vern Eilers, and Bill Godfrey. Jerry started the session with an outline of key features and techniques to be learned. Time was spent explaining the lock miter joint that was to be used to make the two end posts look like one piece of wood. This joint is made with a special router bit which is quite tricky to set up and almost always results in several trial and error cuts. Call it luck or skill, the joint fit perfectly on the first try. All builders cut their column pieces, mitered them and glued them together. During the course of the day, they all cut to final dimension the columns, shelves and the top and bottom end caps. The homework assignment was to final sand all cut parts. A next work session had been agreed upon where the decorative inlays, and the cutting of the cap bevels using geometry vs. the usual trial and error method will be demonstrated and completed. The shelves will be attached to the columns and the back will be cut and assembled in such a manner as to allow for seasonal wood movement. Oh yes, time was taken for lunch at North Prairie’s only dining place, Lucys.

**Raffle Column**

*Alan Clapp*

The winners of the March raffle prizes were Dick Butula, Ron Hinderman and George Henderson. The April raffle prize is a Hamilton clock kit, donated by John Cooper of Klockit. This is a very attractive oak mantel clock that plays Westminster.

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**Program Notes**

*Tom Schupp*

In February, I vacationed in Arizona. I golfed, went to Mexico, traveled to the Hoover Dam and went into the desert. In my travels, I found an Arizona pine log which I stuffed into my golf bag and shipped Midwest Express —no problem I’m not sure what to do with the log. By the way, the weather in Arizona dropped to 70 for a couple of days, that was tough.

In February, 13 Guild members traveled to Ontario, Wisconsin and stayed two nights at a bed and breakfast. Our purpose was to experience an Amish wood worker build a rocking chair. We considered building a chair, instead many of us bought one. The Guild also obtained two rockers from our Amish friend, which will be raffled off, one at our July Show and Tell meeting, and the other at our Christmas Party—a limited number of tickets will be sold. Finally, another trip is being planned for next year.

Bill Godfrey has successfully built two Adirondack lawn chairs from patterns out of a national magazine. Bill and Ron Hinderman started this project with the idea of offering a workshop, which is now set for: Saturday May 3rd, 2008. Register with Dick Yezek, get a cut list and to pay your $20.00—the cost of screws. Bring 150 bf of White Oak, or your desire type of wood to the workshop. If you want to use patterns ahead of time contact Bill Godfrey.

Jerry Tackes has been holding workshops in his shop usually the 2nd Wednesday of the month—you need to contact him for the exact date and time. We hopefully, have one more day of fabrication before our final finishing.
This canoe has a sliding seat, which can be adjusted to keep the trim level when carrying any kind of cargo. The final weight was about 53 pounds. The finished canoe was very attractive and has been used for Koscik’s trips to Minnesota.

After our break he showed another slide show of a birch bark canoe that was made at a school that he and others attended in the east coast. Finding the correct bark alone took the instructor two weeks. This was a 56-inch birch tree that was a stand alone, not in a group of birch. The outside of the bark was placed on the inside of the frame. It was attached with spruce roots. By applying heat to the bark it is easier to bend it into shape. The inside was then lined with cedar strips. When completed, this canoe weighed about 60 pounds.

After answering several questions, Koscik mentioned that he also made his own paddle and told how he uses it. This was a very informative presentation and may incite some members to build their own canoe. If any one has any questions, Ken can be contacted at <kencanoe@sbcglobal.net>.

Learning Sessions News
Contributor??

On March 19, eighteen guild members met at Jerry Tackes’ shop to discuss and share woodworking problems and solutions. Here is a sample of what was covered. Jay Pilling showed a drill chuck key that had a wooden handle extension and a magnet to attach it the drill press. He also showed us how he replaced a chair spindle without taking the chair apart. Jay showed us how he repaired a shovel handle, which led to a discussion of using a grocery bag in a glue joint so that it could be taken apart latter, as well as lubricant and rust protection. Walt Hadcock showed us how to hold an item to the drill press table when clamps are not long enough. Several solutions were offered to easily find the OFF button on our machines. They included gluing a large block of wood to the button, to painting the button, to adding a glue pimple for tactile identification.

Kevin Seigworth showed several planes that he restored but left without answers to several problems he was having with them. (Note: because it did not have a motor most of the audience didn’t know much about the tool). Bill Godfrey showed and had a handout on the use of electrolysis to remove rust. He also showed a fixture for routing accurate dados. Ron Hinderman told how he reduces vibration while turning a bowl inside by adding rubber bands around the outside. He also showed and demonstrated a thickness gauge that he made.

John Duffy told us of his woodwork on the schooner Dennis Sullivan and the full size model of the ship in the Discovery Center at the lakefront. Jerry Tackes showed two glues he uses that have extended open time needed for complex assembly. He also showed how he relocated a mortise that was placed in the wrong place.

The next learning session will be April 16 7:00PM at Jerry Tackes shop (maps are available at the Guild meetings). The subject will be Intarsia, the art of making a 3-D picture using shaped pieces of many species of wood. Jerry will demonstrate the techniques he uses and go through all steps. He uses several techniques that are different from those found in published sources. Even if you never intend to do Intarsia, techniques will be demonstrated that apply to all phases of woodworking.

Board Briefs

March 13, 2008
Jerry Tackes

MEMBERSHIP: 103
TREASURY BALANCE: $12,538.16
PROGRAMS: All meeting programs through 2008 have been determined!! Confirmation on Oct and Nov programs need yet to be completed.

ACTIONS TAKEN
1. The board approved bringing Marc Adams in for a program on February 6, 7, and 8th of 2009. These programs will be members only and free.
2. The board approved bringing in one vendor to the July meeting to inform the guild members of a new product. The vendor will be strictly limited on time allowed so as not to detract from the main program. John Johnson to coordinate.
3. Jerry Tackes has been authorized to purchase 1,000 guild business cards.
4. The guild has purchased two hand crafted rocking chairs for $135 each. At the July meeting 27 raffle tickets will be available and sold for $5 each. Whenever all 27 tickets are sold, one ticket will be drawn for one chair. The other chair will be offered at the December Holiday party at $5 per ticket. In order to give all attendees a chance, there will be no limit on the number of tickets available for the December raffle. If more than 27 tickets are sold at the party, one will be drawn that evening. If less than 27 tickets are sold, the raffle will not be held until 27 tickets are sold. This purchase was not intended to be a money making event but rather to give all members an opportunity to own a finely crafted piece of furniture.

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