John’s Jaunt

Welcome to the August edition of John’s Jaunt! By the time you read this, we will be well on our way on our annual camping adventure. This year we are headed all the way to San Francisco to visit some relatives. We are going to hit a number of sites along the way including the Grand Canyon, Yosemite and some big trees, the Sequoias and the Redwoods. These are all new places for our kids so it should be exciting. And a lot of quality car time!

July’s meeting had a number of interesting jigs and projects and a few questions for the group. I was particularly impressed by Corey’s workbench although I would have been even more impressed if he had brought it along! Thanks to everyone who brought something to share or contributed to the discussion. Now I have to finish that cutting board, no more excuses!

This month has been pretty light on project work. I am working on rebuilding the hatch covers for my friend’s sailboat: the plywood has seen too much sun and water and started delaminating. I have also been working on some little things for our trip west to keep the campsite better organized.

Don’t forget there will not be a meeting in August. Next month we will get to learn a bit about carving with a live demonstration by Klaus Zunker. See you then!

Program Notes

Tom Shuppe

What’s coming up?

Dog days of August and no meeting for Wisconsin Woodworker members. Instead, I’m going golfing, fishing, doing yard work, going to a few fairs and hanging out at my RV near East Troy. I won’t be doing too much woodworking. What will you do?

September 3rd, Klaus Zunker will demonstrate his skills in the art of carving. We can hardly wait. Bring in your own carvings for the meeting.

September 23 and 24 2008, at the Midwest Airlines Center. The Fine Furnishings Milwaukee Show. It is a two-day event which will feature nearly 150 exhibitors who make custom furniture in a wide variety of styles and materials, as well as handcrafted home accessories and fine art.

October 17 – 20th Baraboo - Fall Art Tour. You’re invited. Meet 54 area artists and watch them at work on this self-guided driving tour through Baraboo, Spring Green, Dodgeville and Mineral Point. Potters, weavers, glassblowers, woodworkers, painters, jewelers, quilters, photographers & sculptors

November 7 & 8, Garrett Wade’s weekend workshop still has a few openings. Please sign up as soon as possible. Garrett’s weekday workshop is full. A great response from our members

December, start thinking about making toys and signing up for our Christmas party. A group of our members already have made 35 child-size stools. What a great group we have in this club.
E-mail Ripsaw has been a great success. We’ve gotten excellent feed-back. Fifty percent of our members have gotten on board. Where are the rest of you? Please give it a try.

Show and Tell was a great success. Many members brought projects or jigs from home. The one that caught my eye was a two thousand pound work bench built by Corey Megal. I’m off a few pounds, but it’s massive and beautiful.

Have a good vacation.

Board Briefs

Jerry Tackes

Attendees: John Johnson, Dick Yezek, Tom Schuppe, Bill Smeaton, George Egenhoefer, Leila Crandall-Frink and Jerry Tackes

Membership: 122
Treasury Balance: $13,900 approximate
Programs: All meeting programs through 2008 have been determined. Other board actions:
  The Ripsaw will be published in August.
  Future program plans included: Build a canoe workshop, Log Fest in 2009, trip to the Forest Products Lab., trip to an Amish furniture factory, and build a Bow presentation/workshop.
  Discussions took place on inventory of items the board has in storage and use of aprons, t-shirts and caps, as well as discussion on fee guidelines for national speaker and non member local speakers. Also discussed the addition of member interests to be included in the directory.
  Board is working on reestablishing a plaque for non-member presenters and a certificate for guild member presenters.

A Note From Bill Smeaton

Just a reminder that the Fall Art Tour in Baraboo, Spring Green, and Mineral Point is coming up. It is October 17th through the 19th. We will again take a group up on October 17th. The woodworkers were great last year. Sign up will be in September.

Fine Furnishing Show at Midwest Express Center in Milwaukee will be held on September 27th and 28th. The woodworking there is phenomenal! If you have never been this is an experience you will enjoy.

August Raffle Column:

Thanks to Jack Grothaus and Walt Hadcock for hosting the July raffle. Winners of the woodworking books were Jim Fenske and Wes Keith. Congratulations to Jay Pilling, the winner of the bent chair rocker. I’ll look forward to seeing you at the September meeting.
September Program
Wednesday, September 3, 2008, 6:15 till 9:30 PM
Tommy G. Thompson Youth Center
624 S 84th Street
Milwaukee, WI 53225

Hand Craving
Presented by
Klaus Zunker
First Time Guest are Welcome

Due to the Wisconsin State Fair, there will be no August meeting.