John’s Jaunt

Happy Holidays! I am writing this the week before Christmas and, like many of you I'm sure, I have far more to get done in the next week than there are available hours to do it in. My three daughters all had projects due this week.

The twins had to make buildings to be shaken on an earthquake simulation table, and the oldest had to make a model of an atom (she chose Xenon). So I spent the weekend helping them by cutting Popsicle sticks to required length (hundreds of them), building a last minute atom stand because the Styrofoam wasn’t up to the task, and offering general words of encouragement. Saltine crackers and marshmallows aren’t usual construction materials but they worked none the less. In addition to this, I did succeed in creating a name sign for the horse that one of my daughters rides. I finally got to try out another toy, I mean tool, that I acquired for my router!

As you should all be aware by now, we are moving our meeting location to the Tommy Thompson Youth Center at State Fair Park. On December 7th, seven of us moved all of our stuff. Thanks to Jerry Tackes, Jay Pilling, George Egenhoefer, Bill Smeaton, Bill Godfrey, and Tom Schuppe for organizing and making the move happen. It wasn’t without its glitches but it is done. Once we arrived, we spent some time sorting and purging and in the process found a photo album with pictures dating back to the Guild's beginnings. We will bring it out for some of the upcoming meetings for your perusal.

Reflections

Dick Butula

The 2007 Guild Holiday Party was again held at Meyer’s Restaurant in Greenfield. The members and guests, 62 in all, seemed to enjoy the abundance of food and had a good time. Members brought in the toys they had built, which were proudly displayed. A table was set up for each of the seven charities that will be receiving the toys. This made it easier to pack them up for delivery at the end of the evening. The toys included cars, trucks, helicopters, cradles, rocking horses, puzzles, tops, doll chairs, tanks, tractors, pull/push toys and boxes. What a wonderful sight to see all the time, talent and effort that went into making so many different types of toys. They should surely bring mighty big smiles to many children’s faces this Christmas.

Many thanks go to the member’s wives and friends that contributed dolls and made the dolls clothes, blankets and pillows for the cradles. Some little girls should be made a little bit happier this Christmas.

For 2007 Woodcraft and Porter Cable combined their donation for this years party. The Grand Prize winner, Bill Godfrey, won a C2002 Pancake style compressor with a BN200A Brad Nailer. Si Farmer, was not in attendance but won the second prize of a $50 gift certificate. Dave Brittain, the third place winner, received a $25 gift certificate. The fourth place winner, Pat Kashmerick, won a Brad nailer. Walt Hadcock the fifth place winner received a $25 certificate.

All the members of the Board were given a well-deserved hand for their work all year. They all do a great job and contribute an immense amount of time to the Guilds...
activities.

At the end of the dinner the toys were gathered for each one of the women’s shelters that will be receiving them. As we have heard at previous meetings, these toys are so greatly appreciated. This should make for many warm hearts, theirs and ours.

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**Board Briefs**

**Jerry Tackes**

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

**Membership:** 125 approximately

**Treasury Balance:** $11,000 Approximately

**Programs:** Planned through April 2008

The board decided to eliminate the August meeting due to conflicts with States Fair and summer activities of guild members. Leila will work with Brian Halligan on the guild web site. Jerry Tackes will produce guild business cards per recommendations from the board. No new tri-folds will be produced this year. Liz Rohde and Mary Anderson will work on a letter to current and recent past members on the new location and upcoming events for 2008. George Egenhoefer has had contact with the wood workers show, and the guild will participate at the show February 22 thru 24.

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**January Raffle Column:**

**Alan Clapp**

Congratulations to the five year end raffle prize winners of the Porter Cable Air Tools and Woodcraft Gift Certificates: Dave Brittain, Si Farmer, Bill Godfrey, Walt Hadcock and Pat Kashmerick. The January raffle prize will be a set of Forstner bits.

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**Learning Session at Jerry Tackes Shop January 16**

**7:00 PM**

Join about 20 of your fellow guild members at a learning session dealing with various topics of woodworking with live demos by your fellow guild members. At the next session we will continue learning veneering and inlaying techniques. New topics will be added upon request. These sessions are held at a shop so that machine techniques can be demonstrated in an informal setting where you will literally rub elbows with fellow members. There is no fee or advance registration just show up. Maps are available at the regular meetings at the Tommy Thompson Youth Center.

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**Year End Raffle Winners**

**Toy Thank you Article December 12, 2007**

Dear Jerry and the Wisconsin Woodworkers Guild:

Thank you so much for your generous donation of the adorable wooden toys. Our client's children will be so excited when they open up their wooden toy this Christmas.

Thank you again for thinking of our agency and donating some wonderful toys. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. It is a great feeling to know that because of your donation our clients will have an excellent holiday season.

Sincerely,

Gen Krahn-Reed

Executive Director - Association for the Prevention of Family Violence - Elkhorn, WI
Interested in the building of a Rocking Chair?

For the past few years, I, Bill Smeaton, have had the opportunity to get to know the Amish Community in Ontario, Wisconsin. One person I have had the privilege to befriend builds steam bent oak rocking chairs. He has graciously volunteered to teach our club his craft at a two day seminar in his woodworking shop in Ontario.

Although we will assist in building, the seminar it not to build a chair to take home, but it is to learn the techniques to build our own. In respect of Amish customs, pictures cannot be taken. I hope we can return home to each build our own chair at a seminar with the club sometime in the near future. Or, if you would rather, one can be ordered and purchased at the seminar.

The Amish woodworker hopes to learn new wood working techniques from us too, so bring some of your crafts to share or gift.

The seminar will take place during the day on Friday and Saturday January 25 and 26. It will repeat for a second group February 15 and 16. Car pools will be arranged, or you can drive yourself. The seminar begins at 8am Friday, so we will be leaving Thursday mid day since Ontario is a three hour drive. Upon arriving Thursday, we will visit other Amish interests. We will be returning home Saturday evening.

Sign up is first come first serve with Bill Smeaton at the January 2, 2008 meeting. There is a maximum of six people each seminar due to the limited space in the woodworking shop. Please let me know if you can attend only one of the dates. If you can attend both, I ask for your flexibility so I can even out the numbers between both dates.

Please bring your check book along for sign up. The approximate cost of the trip will be $125.00. I will be confirming this cost before the meeting. The $125.00 will include the two night stay, meals as well as a donation to the woodworker for taking time from this work to provide the seminar.

Feel free to contact me, Bill Smeaton, with questions. 262 548 9746

Program News

Tom Schuppe

Christmas music is still in the air as I clean my workshop, rake the snow off my roof, watch water from ice-jams run down my family room wall, and at the same time I try to plan for Wisconsin Wood Workers meeting for the next four months- help….

In January, we will meet for the first time at our new meeting location, the Tommy G. Thompson Youth Center 624 S 84th St., State Fair Park-gate 5. Mark Bronkalla will show us how to make joints on a musical instrument carrying case. Also in January, six woodworkers will follow Bill Smeaton up north to an Amish woodworker’s shop to learn how to build a rocking chair.

In February, Jerry Claussen will do a slide presentation, “How to set up a small shop”. He’s hoping for a lot of input from other members. Another group of W.W.G. members will take a trip with Bill Smeaton to the Amish. Also, on February 22, 23 & 24, the W.W.G. will work at a booth at the woodworkers annual show at State Fair Park.

In March, Our Guest, Ken Cooper will present a slide show about building a canoe from start to finish. Also, on March 15th Walt will do a workshop on sharpening your chisels, you need to sign up for this so that we can determine the size of our group for a meeting place.

Finally, in April, Stanton Peters will show us how to build an organ, and will discuss how trees’ growth has changed over time.

Hope to see you at our new location.
Some of the 2007 Holiday Party Attendees

Some of the Toys for 2007
Friends of the Wisconsin Woodworkers Guild

A. Fillinger, Inc. 6750 N. 43rd ST, Milwaukee 414/353-8433
Alpine Plywood 12210 W. Silver Spring Road, Milwaukee, 414/438-8400
Custom Service Hardware 1170 Wauwatosa Rd, Cedarburg, 262/375-7960 or 800/882-0009
Neu’s Building Center, Inc. River Court, Hwy 41 & Q, Germantown, 262/251-6550
Rockler’s (The Woodworker’s Store) 845 N. Mayfair Road, Wauwatosa, 414/774-1882
WoodCraft, 1725 So. 108th St., West Allis, 414/607-6164
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January Program
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Musical Instrument Carrying Case
Presented by
Mark Bronkalla
First Time Guest are Welcome

New Meeting Location

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