John's Jaunt

Welcome to the July edition of John's Jaunt. July is our annual Show & Tell meeting. We are counting on you, the members, to bring in your projects, jigs, cool tools and/or questions to make it a lively event. If time permits we may also solicit your inputs for future guild activities so come prepared!

Also, this is a reminder that there will not be a monthly meeting in August due to the State Fair. We will continue again in September with a member led carving demonstration.

As you may have noticed from previous editions of John's Jaunt, my projects can be pretty random and interrupt driven. A couple of weeks ago I got a text message from the person I sail with, “Do you have a lathe?” That sounded like a loaded question if I ever heard one. Well, his daughters' (twins) birthday party was coming up and had a Harry Potter theme and he needed some magic wands. Did I mention that the party was only four days away? So Thursday night we went down to the dungeon shop and cranked out a dozen wands. By the end it was down to a system and they didn't turn out half bad. The kids liked them.

And finally, I would like to introduce some new members John Galbaithe, Bill Wolfgram, Dan Cooley and Tony Hunter. Please introduce yourselves and welcome them to the group!

Happy woodworking!

Reflections

Learning Sessions News

By Kevin Seigworth

Approximately fifteen WWG members met at Jerry Tackes' shop on May 21 to talk about and demonstrate techniques and gadgets for measuring. The only thing that really matters is the end result. So measure after the cut and see how you did. Another observation was to creep up on a cut if one is fitting two pieces together. It will be more accurate than just making the cut to your measurement. All stock that is to be the same size or thickness should be machined at the same time with the same setup.

Walt Hadcock brought a murse (man purse) full of measuring gadgets. The most used item in the bag was the combination square. He also finds the new fractional digital calipers to be an outstanding value for $30. They are great for those of us with fading eyesight as the numbers are big and easy to read. They are very accurate as well.

Walt also discussed how to check your carpenter’s square for accuracy and to adjust it if necessary. Strike a mark off a straight edge, flip the square and strike another mark over the first. Any error will be doubled and show as a divergence of the lines. The adjustment is done with a center punch. A punch on the inside of the leg will spread them, for example increase the angle from 89 degrees to 90 degrees. A punch on the outside of the leg will push the tips together and decrease the angle.

A level can be checked by taking a reading, then spinning the level end for end and comparing the bubble placement.

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Kevin Seigworth displayed a wooden gage made to evenly space holes using a drill press. A dowel the same size as the hole is placed in the first hole drilled, then used to space the next hole and so on. Sometimes the best measurement is no measurement. He also talked about how he uses a Vernier caliper for measuring thickness both inside and outside as well as depth. He had no idea how to read the Vernier scale, but still found many uses for the tool. Later, Walt provided the advanced education on how to actually read it and interpret all the lines and scales.

Vern Eilers demonstrated a jig he made to find the center of a board. It is a screw in between two dowels inset in a board. He also displayed several antique measuring tools.

Jerry Kashmerick talked about the uses for automotive feeler gages to measure gaps.

Bob Hillman demonstrated his dial indicator and discussed how it can be used to move a fence by an increment in the thousandths.

Jerry Tackes then demonstrated and talked about the approximately forty measuring gadgets he has accumulated. The starting point for a woodworker should be a quality engraved, not printed ruler. He also emphasized that each woodworker should have a standard/accurate device for each measurement needed. One should have an accurate straight edge, ruler, angle gage, brass gage blocks etc. Cheap plastic drafting squares are very accurate. The Wixey electronic angle devise is also accurate and costs about $40. The Bridge City Toolworks bevel protractor is very accurate and comes with a personal recommendation from Andy Rooney from 60 minutes fame, also a fellow woodworker. The Veritas angle finder is not very accurate. Drill bits are not always accurately sized either.

A marking knife is the most accurate way to make a mark, followed by the .05 mm mechanical pencil. When placing your board to be cut, line the correct tooth (they alternate) on the blade to your mark. One can also set the tooth to the ruler, then a stop block to the other end of the ruler to get an accurate measure.

There was a lot of discussion about using templates, stop blocks or story sticks for repeat cuts. This will provide repeatable accuracy.

Some measures are more accurate by weight. An inexpensive food scale can be used to measure out precise quantities of epoxy or finish. American Science and Surplus on approximately 60th and Oklahoma is a good source for measuring containers for liquids.

The gadgets and advise on display were too numerous to all be included here. You had to be there. The next session at Jerry’s will be in September. He is going fishing.
This is an ad from Klaus Zunker for the Ripsaw
Jet 10" mini lathe, variable speed, w/extension, bed and stand.
Talon woodturning chuck plus most accessories, including mini jumbo jaws.
Custom made spindle steady
2 years old
Perfect Condition......$275
Ken ...414-727-0548 .......Klkingfisher@aol.com

Ripsaw by E-mail

At this time of rising cost, the Guild board has again addressed the issue of sending the Ripsaw news letter by e-mail to those members who have e-mail capabilities. The advantages include saving the printing and mailing costs so those savings can be used for other member benefits such as national speakers, and more library books and DVD's. The e-mail version will have pictures in color and may contain more pages and special features. It will be sent on a more timely basis because printing and mailing time will be eliminated. You can also print your own copy if a hard copy is desired.

Until now e-mail addresses have been optional and have not always been kept current. A recent e-mail test message has been sent to all those who have provided an e-mail address. If you received that message and responded, you need to do no more. On the other hand if you did not receive the test message and want to receive the Ripsaw by e-mail, please send a message to that affect to Jerry Tackes at brewwood@wi.rr.com.

Notice for woodworking newsletter from WOOD magazine:

Everyone likes free project plans especially when the plans are for items to make your shop better organized or for jigs to make your woodworking more accurate. The editors at WOOD Magazine recently rebuilt and added more free shop project plans to the Woodworking Plans <http://www.woodmagazine.com/woodworking-plans/> section at WOOD Online. The section is broken down by shop tools ranging from Bandsaws to Tablesaw Accessories. The Jigs section alone contains dozens of free plans to make you a better woodworker. The projects from these plans were all built in the WOOD magazine shop to assure your building success.

Wisconsin Woodworkers Guild
Jun 13, 2008 Board Meeting Notes

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

Membership: 122
Treasury Balance: $12,331.83 approx

Programs: All meeting programs through 2008 have been determined. Other board actions:
Corey Megal to notify Garrette Hack to purchase airline tickets based on membership response to his workshops
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.

Guild property at the Fair Grounds storage area now has identifying labels

Respectively Submitted
Jerry Tackes

Chris Kraemer of Woodcraft our June speaker.
Woodcraft is located at 1725 S. 108th St, West Allis, WI 414/607-6164

RAFFLE COLUMN

The winner of the 6" digital caliper donated by Rockler Woodworking and Hardware from the June raffle was Bill Wolfgram. The July raffle prizes will be 6" Quick Grip Vise Grip clamps and woodworking books. There will be several winners during our annual Show-n-Tell meeting including one lucky winner of the hand crafted rocking chair.
Rockler is located at 845 North Mayfair Road, 414-774-1882.

Alan
WWG: What’s going on
Submitted by Tom Schuppe

Come One, Come All
Wednesday, July 1st is “SHOW AND TELL”. It’s time to bring the goodies. It’s time to show your accomplishments. Bring big or small projects, it doesn’t matter. Whether you’ve designed/built a piece of furniture, turned a bowl, invented a gadget, or built a shop jig, all will be of interest to fellow woodworkers. More importantly, bring your mistakes, they’re fun and we learn from them. If you can, take digital pictures of your project(s) and put them on a computer disk to project at the meeting.

Also, time permitting; we will have an open meeting to get your ideas to improve our club.

Meeting Location
Please, take note, our July meeting will be in the lower level of the TTYC.

We want to thank the following:
* Gerald Claussen for his presentation on setting up a small workshop. He did a great job and offered many ideas.
* Dick Yezek for helping with the slide show.
* Chris Kraemer, the owner of WoodCraft, for bringing three different sized band saw machines to show us how to set them up and what options are available.
* Bill Smeaton, for doing his second Timber Framing workshop. He fabricated rafters using a template and chain saw and then installed one.
* Jerry Tackes, for setting up the new e-mail Rip Saw membership list. If you want to receive the newsletter via e-mail contact Jerry Tackes: <brewwood@wi.rr.com>

** You are reminded
No meeting in August, it’s State Fair Week.

Visit US Forestry Lab
Join us for a field trip to the US Forestry Lab in Madison, Wisconsin, August 18th between 1:00 -3:00pm, 20 person maximum limit.

Trainer Garrett Wade
He is coming to town November 6 - 12th 2008. He will do three different presentations, Friday night, free. Weekend seminar, $80.00 -twenty people max. Monday-Wednesday workshop, $225.00 -ten members max. Those who pay first, get priority. This opportunity is half of what it normally costs to attend a national trainers woodworkers workshop.

Rip Saw on your computer
How do you like receiving the Rip Saw on your computer? The colored pictures are a great addition. If you choose the newsletter via e-mail, we’d save a ton of wood chips to help save the environment, and we’d save hundreds of dollars out of our club’s treasury.

Upcoming event: September Meeting Klaus Zunker: Carving Demonstration.

To all members that have volunteered behind the scenes to bring guests to our meetings, thanks. Your help is appreciated.

Garrett Hack to visit WWG!
The Guild is very excited to announce that Garrett Hack will be here for the November meeting. The last time Garrett was with us was May of 2002, those of you with online access can look up the reports of that meeting and workshop in the June and July 2002 RipSaw. He is a Contributing Editor for Fine Woodworking Magazine, the author of The Handplane Book (Taunton Press, 1997) and Classic Hand Tools (Taunton Press, 1999) and teaches at a number of woodworking schools throughout the country. He will be with us for a Friday night slideshow and discussion of his work, followed by a two day hand tools and details workshop AND a three day splay legged table workshop. For those of you that haven’t had a chance to see Garrett’s work, this is a rare treat. If you appreciate well made, truly fine furniture, you should not miss this guild event.

Saturday: Details
Garrett will spend 3/5 of the time demonstrating, and the rest of the time we can make scratchstocks, try inlay, and do some beads. Participants will need to bring a flat mill file, sharpening stones (if they have them), and wood for scratchstocks. Scratchstock blanks are best about 1" X 1" X 3 or 4" long, but anything close to this is fine.

Sunday: Hand Tools
Many techniques will be discussed and demonstrated, sharpening, tuning, which tools to own. This will be an open discussion and Garrett will demonstrate as much as he can and have materials for.

Monday – Wednesday: Build a splay legged table
We will explore proportion, design (we’ll draw the table we’ll build), splayed legs and angled joints, making a set of tapered legs efficiently, height of top, width and depth, under bevel on edge of top or other edge details, beads on apron, a drawer if some are so adventurous (or at least how to go about it and make the necessary structure), toes, finish, details such as inlay on legs. Garrett has done this table many times and still finds ways to make each one different and fun. The one pictured has Garrett’s Morse Code signature on the right leg.

Costs for guild members:
The weekend workshop (2 days) $80 (Max of 20 participants)
The three day Splay legged table workshop: $225 (max of 10 participants)
Woodcraft Class Schedule

Basic Router Techniques, w. Jason Swanson, Mon, July 07, 6 – 9 PM

Turning 101: Intro to Lathe Work, w. Hank Bardenhagen, Thu, July 10, 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM

Wood Preparation Using the Planer, Jointer & Table, w. Jason Swanson, Thu, July 17, 6-9 PM

Raised Panel Doors on A Router Table, w. Jason Swanson, Sun, July 20, 9:30 AM - 5 PM

Pen Basics - WALL STREET II, W. Melanie Wegner, Class Times: Sun, July 27, 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM

WWG Regular Monthly Meetings:

July Meeting, Wednesday 2nd, Show & Tell, meeting, Presenters: Members
August, No Meeting
September Meeting, Wednesday 3rd, Carving Demonstration, Presenter: Klaus M. Zunker

Workshops:
August 18th, US Forestry Lab field trip, 1 -3 pm plus time for travel to Madison and back.

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
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Rockler’s (The Woodworker’s Store) 845 N. Mayfair Rd, Wauwatosa, 414/774-1882
Woodcraft, 1725 S. 108th St, West Allis, 414/607-6164
Woodline USA can be reached at 800-472-6950
Six retired Guild members, a pile of donated lumber, and four Mondays resulted in 35 step stools for seven women's shelters. Jay Pilling found out that the women's shelters for whom we make toys have a need for small stools for their little clients to get to the sink to wash their hands. He contacted Burmeister Woodwork Co. for a donation of wood, then drew up plans for two models and then contacted Vern Eilers, Ron Hinderman, Bill Godfrey, George Egenhoefer, and Jerry Tackes. The results, 35 step stools, good nature, ribbing, plenty of hard work, and the satisfaction in being able to help those less fortunate.

By Jerry Tackes
Pictures from Bill Godfrey's timber framing workshop.
This rocking chair is available for raffle at the July meeting provided we sell enough tickets. Only a few left to sell. Tickets are $5.00 each. This chair is Amish made and a very nice piece.

Regular Monthly Meeting

Show & Tell Meeting

Wednesday, July 2nd, 2008

Meeting in the **lower level** of the Tommy Thompson Youth Center of State Fair Park

South 84th Street

Gathering at 6:30 PM

Meeting from 7 to 9:30 PM