John’s Jaunt

Wow, what a Winter we are having! As I write this, the temperature has dropped back below zero and we just got through a bit of a rain/ice storm with flooding. We have also had lots of snow which, for the first time since I have been a member, caused us to cancel the February meeting. Jerry Claussen will give his presentation when it is a bit warmer and easier for people to get to the meeting. In the future, in case of bad weather please check the major TV stations, the website and your emails as they are the most expedient ways for us to get the word out. Thanks to Dick Yezek and Mary Anderson for helping to call all the members.

By the time you read this, the Woodworker Show will have come and gone. I am confident that we will have a good showing of projects as usual. This year the format changed a bit in that the organizers have asked us to provide brief demonstrations twice a day. So we will have a top turning demonstration and a scroll sawing demonstration.

I am looking forward to Spring and nicer weather so I can spend some more time in the shop!

Happy Woodworking!

Reflections

Since we did not have a meeting because of the snow storm, we are putting in the space pictures from the woodworking show at State Fair Park. Thanks to everyone who helped set up and take care of the booth for the show. We signed up several new members. Lets all greet them at the next regular meeting.

The pictures on the next pages were taken by Jerry Smaglik and Leila Frink.

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NOTICE Submitted by Walt Hadcock
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2008 Dates Announced for Fine Furnishings & Fine Craft Shows

KL Communications has announced the dates for their two Fine Furnishings & Fine Craft shows set to take place in Milwaukee, Wisconsin and Providence, Rhode Island this autumn. Homeowners, art lovers, fine craft collectors, interior designers and architects should all plan to attend at least one of the shows as they present an incredible resource for the finest in handcrafted furniture, decorative accessories, fine craft and original art.

Talented artisans from all across North America display and sell their wares at each venue. Goods may be purchased at the show and special commissions and custom orders are always welcome. The Third Annual Fine Furnishings Milwaukee Show returns to the Midwest Airlines Center on September 27 & 28, 2008. The Thirteenth Annual Fine Furnishings Providence Show will again occur at the Rhode Island Convention Center on October 24 – 26, 2008. Visit FineFurnishingsShows.com to learn more and sign-up for the informative monthly enewsletter.
**Sharpening and Hand Tools Workshop**

Date: March 22, 2005, Saturday 8:30 - Noon +
Presented by Walt Hadcock at Bill Godfrey’s Shop
Contacts: Walt Hadcock (262)241-3763
           Rhykenology@wi.rr.com
Fee: Members only, Maximum 20 participants
     $20

It may seem contradictory, but a sharp tool is easier to use and therefore safer to use than a dull tool. It requires less force, so it is more easily controlled, and therefore less likely to slip. It also results in better work.

Many of us continue to use dull planes, chisels, and scrapers — perhaps because we have not yet learned simple, inexpensive, and effective techniques to make our tools sharp.

This workshop is one that we try to offer every year or so. It provides an excellent opportunity to acquire a few basic skills and to interact with other members of the Guild.

We will describe sharpening in general, but we will only practice with tools having straight edges (no gouges, travisters, or other tools with a curved cutting edge). Bring at least one chisel, plane, or scraper you feel needs sharpening so you may practice each of the demonstrated techniques.

Those choosing to bring a plane may enter the competition to create the longest single shaving. One tradition states an apprentice should be able to create a single shaving at least six-feet long.

You will leave this workshop with a truly sharp tool, a packet of notes, and the equipment and skills to sharpen other tools. We will demonstrate a “low budget” approach to sharpening based upon using a variety of emery paper and a sheet of glass. This method has become known as the “scary sharp” technique. It is a first step towards a significant improvement in your woodworking skills.

The “presentation” and practice will occupy most of the morning. The workshop will continue as long as needed to answer your questions and to allow each participant to try out each technique.

We will hold some spaces in this workshop for new members arising from our participation in the annual Woodworking Show at State Fair Park February 22-24. The hope is that any visitors to our early March meeting might find this workshop of interest, join, and become active members in the future. The last five spaces in the workshop will be held open until the end of the break at the March meeting.

Bill’s shop is south of Waukesha. A map will be provided when you register.

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**Use the Internet to do Woodworking**

I went on the internet to check out what you could find to do for free. First I typed Woodworking in my Google search bar. This came up with a list of things I could look at related to woodworking. One first choice I had was free woodworking plans. That got me interested so I clicked on the first listing and that took me to a Rockler Woodworking site that had a lot of free Woodworking plans. Yeah Rockler!!

The list of free plans was long and at least for the ones I investigate further, the plans were complete with tools and materials needed, as well as written out plans with pictures to guide you along the way.

Another choice I had in my list of woodworking possibilities was classes. Top of the list was Woodcraft classes. Another of our supporters! Yeah Woodcraft!! There were also listings of many woodworking schools and others where you could take classes.

Other choices included woodworking books and videos. Interesting to me was that many woodworking videos could be found on DIY network.com with instructions of projects with David Marks and others for free. Just find them and print them.

Obvious other choices that you could find included hardware and tools, and of course woodworking shows. You can see where and when they are being held, the classes that are being held there, and a coupon for money off on the tickets.

I thought it would be interesting to see what all was available to us woodworkers. There is much more that I haven’t even told. Even if you don’t have a computer at home, your local library has them free for use and a librarian will help you get started. Give it a try.

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**Raffle Column** February items will be raffled in March because of the meeting cancellation.

Submitted by Alan Clapp

Joe Cina and Ron Hinderman were the winners of the January raffle. The February prizes have been donated by Rockler Woodworking and Hardware and will complement Jerry’s small shop presentation. A dust collection starter kit complete with blast gates, elbows, wyes and clamps will be given away along with the book “Woodshop Dust Control” by Sandor Nagyszalanczy. Rockler Woodworking and Hardware is located at 845 North Mayfair Road, 414-774-1882.
Upcoming Guild Programs

Wednesday, March 5th, 2008
**Build a Canoe**
a slide presentation by a gentleman named Ken (sorry we don’t have the last name at time of publication, but he is confirmed)

Wednesday, April 2nd, 2008
**How wood has changed and How to Build an Organ** a presentation by Stanton Peters Peters & Weiland

Wednesday, May 7th, 2008
**Ideas to set up a Small Shop** presented by Jerry Claussen

Wednesday, June 4th, 2008
**Band Saw Set-up** presented by Chris Kramer of Woodcraft

Wednesday, July 2nd, 2008
**Annual Show and Tell Meeting** presented by our own members

August - No meeting this year

Wednesday, September 3rd, 2008
**Carving Demonstration** by Klaus Zunker

These are the confirmed programs at this point.

Upcoming Guild Workshops

Sharpening Workshop with Walt Hadcock in March

Build a Flute with Jay McClellan planned for July

The program/workshop committee would like your help in planning and presenting further workshops. Please talk to Tom Shuppe, Bill Godfrey, Bill Smeaton or any board member at a meeting and let us know what you want a workshop on or if you would like to present a workshop. The guild is here to serve its member and can always use your help.
Woodcraft Class Schedule

Burn a Moose on Baltic Birch, W. Kevin Wolff, Sun, March 2, 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM
Create a Jewelry Box, W. Bob Dickey, Thu, March 06, 13 & 20, 6 - 9 PM
Turn a Wall Street II, W. Melanie Wegner, Sat, March 08, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Introduction To The Scroll Saw, W. Dena Kraemer, Sat, March 08, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Raised Panel Doors On A Router Table, W. Jason Swanson, Sun, March 09, 9:30 AM - 5:00 PM
Stain & Topcoat with General Finish, W. Jason Swanson, Mon, March 10, 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Power Carve a Red Tail Hawk, W. Roger Wilson, Tue March 18, 25, April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, & May 6, 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Woodworking For Women, W. Jason Swanson, Wed, March 19, 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Turning 101: Intro To Lathe Work, W. Hank Bardenhagen, Sat, March 29, 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM
Introduction to Segmented Turning, W. Jason Swanson, Sun, March 30, 9:30 AM - 3:00 PM Mon, March 31, 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

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Neu’s Building Center, Inc. N95W16915 Richfield Way, Menomonee Falls, WI 262/251-6550 (located near SW corner of Co. Q and Hwy 41/45)
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