Welcome to the November edition of John's Jaunt! It has been a busy month. In October I attended Jerry Tackes' seminar on using the tablesaw. As Jerry made very clear, you have to be comfortable with whatever operation you are attempting. If you aren't comfortable, don't do it! I also picked up some good ideas for jigs, in particular I liked his crosscut sled with all the embedded t-nuts.

The weather has been quite nice which gave me an opportunity to do some deck repairs. Some stringers on our 25 year old deck had rotted away at the base and were pulling away from the deck. Now I am not one to do a half-repair so the new steps will probably be still standing when the rest of the deck collapses!

I also made a couple of old tool finds. Now my wife would argue that I don't need to be bringing any more stuff into the house, but you know how it is. I like both old power tools and hand tools, not that I am an expert on either, but they are interesting. I recently found an early 1940’s Craftsman scrollsaw that is built like a tank. The throat is 24 inches, and it weighs over 100 pounds. With a bit of disassembly and cleaning it is running well.

Upcoming in November is our monthly meeting and workshops with Garrett Hack. Don't forget that the meeting will be on Friday! We will also be having our elections for the board and our Woodworker of the Year. Don't forget to turn in your membership renewals and holiday sign up forms.

Representatives Mr. Glenn Doering and Mr. Daniel Wozan from Delta/Porter Cable came to the Guild meeting on Wednesday October 1st to show us the latest and greatest tools that are either available now or soon to be released. They showed 4 different tools. The tools were the Omni jig by Porter Cable, the Sander by Porter Cable, a new Midi-Lathe by Delta, and a Track Saw by Porter Cable.

The Omni Jig for cutting dovetails was a nice jig and easy to use. Mr. Wozan cut 2 through dovetails on 2 pieces of wood to demonstrate how easy it was to set up and use. The instructions on setting up the variable spacing and height of the cuts are done with a visual template. The pod on the side of the jig sets the height of the template and it has a variable finger template also. Cuts are made with a router. There is a stabilizer bar that keeps the jig stable and allows for precision in the cuts. The types of dovetails that can be made are a through dovetail and a double or single pass half blind dovetail, and there are other templates available.

The new Porter Cable Random Orbit Sander was a sweet new tool. It has a brushless motor which made for a much shorter design. It is 1/3 shorter than most similar sanders. The sander also boasts a 5-10 times longer life with 7,000 to 12,000 RPM variable speed. The lower center of gravity gives more control with less vibration. An added electronics package manages load control while maintaining RPM’s and providing quicker shut off. It uses a standard 5 in. 8 hole sanding pad.

The next tool was the Delta midi-size Lathe. It is actually going to be available for
purchase later in the year. This lathe has the capability of a large lathe with the size closer to the mini-lathe. It is capable of producing a 12 in diameter project. It has an auto belt tensioning system with a wider, larger belt. It has an improved swing capacity. The 1 HP motor gives good power. The lathe has 17% more cast iron which provides more stability and less vibration. There are bed extensions so you can turn long projects and it is reversible.

The last tool is the DeWalt Track Saw/Plunge Saw. It provides the precision of a table saw with the portability of a circular saw. It looks like a circular saw to me, but has several interesting features. It can do a straight length plunge. It has a 12 amp motor for good power. It has a low blade guard for safety. It can be tilted to make bevel cuts. It can be operated form either side of the track. It has an opening to be set up to work with your dust collections system. It has a depth stop in standard inches rather than millimeters. Additional available accessories include: a router edge guide, a T-square guide, a miter gauge, 59 in and 102 in rail system for use with longer sheets of plywood or longer boards.

The tools were certainly interesting to see. At the break many people went up and tried the new sander. It was much quieter than expected. The presenters also had a few items that they handed out raffle tickets to and gave away after the break. They also had coupons for anyone who wanted one, for percentages off on purchase of some of the tools. It was an interesting evening. Thank you to Daniel and Glenn for their presentation of the tools.

Norman Lange has 6-10 boards of White Ash and Oak or combination free for the pick up. They have been racked outside for a few years. They are 4/4 6-10” wide and 8-12 feet long.

Program Notes:

New Hampshire Furniture Master is coming to our November meeting

Tom, the Turkey-man, Schuppe is reminding you that our November meeting is on Friday November 7th, at 7:00pm, at the Tommy Thompson Youth Center.

The reason, Furniture Master Garrett Hack will be coming to town to train Wisconsin Woodworker Guild members. He will be here for six days, starting Friday night doing a slide presentation… Saturday–Sunday, a Seminar making a scratch stock… and Monday through Wednesday doing a hands-on workshop where members will make a Splay leg table.

November is also important because you can vote for woodworker of the year and elect 2009 board members. It is also important because it is time to get busy building toys –If you’re interested, members meet on Mondays at Woodcraft.

A reminder, it’s time to pay your 2009 membership dues and sign up for our December Christmas party.

With 2008 celebrations over, our January meeting starts a new year with member Vern Eilers doing a live presentation on woodturning. We will zero in on Vern and his lathe with a live action camera. We promised Vern not to pay too much attention to his bald spot.

Also, don’t forget to sign up to help at the January woodworkers show. You get to enjoy interacting with fellow club members, show off one of your projects and you get into the show free.

Our meeting in February has moved to the first Friday of the month. Trainer Marc Adams will be in town Friday evening to begin a 3 day seminar ending Sunday afternoon. Members will be able to come free of charge. The only hitch you have to pre-register and have your 2009 dues paid in advance.

Don’t forget to bring your projects and stories to the meeting for show and tell.

Board Briefs

Attendees: John Johnson, Dick Yezek, Ton Schuppe, Leila Crandall-Frink, Liz Rohde, Ed Cessna Corey Megal and Jay Pilling

Membership: 125
Treasury Balance: $16,009.10
Programs: All meeting programs through March 2009 have been determined.

Guild Officers: A slate of candidates for 2009 officers was approved. The election will take place at the November meeting.

Woodworker of the Year: Five members have been nominated for the 2008 award. The winner will be elected at the November meeting.

Toys: Jay Pilling reported that 6-9 members have been making toys at Woodcraft every Monday. So far 42 trucks and 7 ducks have been completed.

Other Board Actions: Out-of-town speakers will be pre-
sented with a Guild baseball cap.

Tentative plans were made to make poster for display in our booth at the Woodworkers Show. The poster will list 2008 and 2009 meeting topics and workshops.

The Board will review the companies listed as “Friends of the Wisconsin Woodworkers Guild.”

**Help Wanted!**

As you all have seen at the monthly meetings, I do a fair amount of setup of microphones, the projector and the video camera if necessary. We are looking for someone to learn the ropes to do the setup in the event that I can’t be at the meeting on time. Please contact me if this is something you would like to take on.

Thanks! - John Johnson

November And Year End Raffle

The winner of the mat cutting tool at the October raffle was **Ron Kozlosky**. The November raffle prizes will be 6" Quick Grip Vise Grip clamps and woodworking books. The year end raffle tickets will also be available at the November meeting and at the holiday party December 3rd. An Amish made hand crafted rocking chair will be given away.

Notice of the Woodworking Show

Friday, January 9, 2009 / Noon - 7pm
Saturday, January 10, 2009 / 10am - 6pm
Sunday, January 11, 2009 / 10am - 4pm
Wisconsin Exposition Center, Hall A
Sign up at the WWG meeting on Friday Nov. 5th.

Volunteers to man the booth during the show to promote the Wisconsin Woodworking Guild. For volunteering your time in 2 to 3 hour shifts. You will receive free admission to the show. Call George Egenhoefer at 262-786-6814 to reserve your time slot or sign up at the Nov. 5th meeting.

Guild Projects to be displayed during the Wood Working Show. We are looking for any or all kinds of projects that our members have made to display. Bring them to the Feb. 6th meeting or bring them to the show with you. If you bring them to the Feb. 6th meeting we will store them in our secured storage space at the Tommy Thompson Center until the show

Looking for FREE shop-tested woodworking plans? The editors of WOOD Magazine have recently offered several free plans at woodmagazine.com/freeprojectplans We currently have plans for a tambour bookcase, lumber storage racks, fence planter, child’s toy, salt and pepper shakers, and turned project. The projects from these plans were all built in the WOOD magazine shop to assure your building success.

In the August issue of the RIPSaw I put in a picture of a gentleman holding a cutting board he made. I incorrectly identified him as **Melvin Stein**. Wrong person! The correct person who made the cutting board and showed it at the July Show & Tell is **Joe Kretchmar, MD**. Joe is a retired Plastic and Hand Surgeon. My apologies to Joe and do enjoy seeing his handwork all over again in the picture. He is obviously an accomplished woodworker too.

Workshop: Chair making workshop with Jeff Miller
Sponsor: Kevin Seigworth
Workshop Date: Saturday, May 9, 2009
Time: 9:00 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Maximum enrollment: 25 members
Fee: $40
Location: Jerry Tackes Shop
Presenter: Jeff Miller
Materials included in fee: Demonstration material and supplies
Equipment to be brought to workshop: Eye and ear protection

Comments:

**Jeff Miller** is a furniture designer, craftsman, teacher, and author of woodworking books and articles (he’s also a former classical musician and a dad). Jeff’s furniture has been shown in galleries and shows nationwide, and has won numerous awards. His furniture is in the Decorative Arts Collection of the Chicago History Museum.

niture Projects was released in 2002. Jeff is also a co-author of Storage Projects for All Around the House (Taunton Press, 2005), and Furniture for All Around the House (Taunton, 2007).

In this chair making demonstration workshop, Jeff will not only demonstrate the skills and techniques required to build a chair, but also demystify the chair building process. There will be some hands-on work with curves, angled mortise and tenon joinery, as well as joinery with curves involved. There are also some other interesting joints that can work on chairs. Building a chair is often considered the pinnacle of the woodworking art. Jeff will cover design, structure, comfort, shaping parts, cutting angled mortise and tenons, joinery for curved parts, assembly and finishing. Many of the techniques demonstrated can be used in other general woodworking applications as well. This workshop will introduce you to the pleasures and rewards of making chairs.

**Big Shaker Box**

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November Program
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Slide Presentation of Fine Furniture
Presented by
Garrett Hack
First Time Guest are Welcome