John’s Jaunt

Welcome to the October R.I.P.S.A.W. and John’s Jaunt. It has finally stopped raining! Over the past three days we have received four inches of rain and that is nothing compared to what people closer to Chicago received. There was quite a bit discussion around the lunch table about water in people’s basements, driving down closed roads, etc. The cooling weather and kid’s going back to school has prompted some clean-up and organizing around the house. Part of that involved cleaning up a bit of an over-grown corner of our yard that also happens to house one of my piles of wood (one of three). After re-stacking that pile I got to thinking that I really need to reclaim some of the garage space consumed by pile number two. Perhaps next weekend?

Browsing the internet this evening I came across an interesting project that I will have to go back and review in more detail. A woodworker has created a computer case made of nine different types of wood. A very fine piece of craftsmanship. Search for FiveWood if you are curious.

As I mentioned at the September meeting, we have some business aspects of the Guild coming up. Your membership renewal form will be included in the print copy of the R.I.P.S.A.W. or as a separate email for the electronic version. Please take a few minutes to fill out the interests and volunteering sections. They are important so that we know how to better fit your needs.

Again, elections for officer positions will take place at the November meeting. There has been some interest over the past week but we can always use more!

Lastly, the details for the holiday party are also included with this issue of the R.I.P.S.A.W. If you are planning on attending, please fill it out and return at the meeting or mail to Dick Yezek.

And remember, please write separate checks for the holiday party and membership renewal.

Thanks and happy woodworking!

- John

Program Notes

Tom, the tool man, Schuppe is reminding you to come to our October meeting to visit with representatives from Delta, Porter Cable and Dewalt manufactures. They will demonstrate their newest and coolest tools.

Talk about the coolest happening! At our September meeting we watched Klaus Zunker carve a piece of wood into a mailbox that holds a roll of postage stamps. At the same time, he carried on a conversation with members telling stories and answering questions about his journey learning the art of carving. He entertained and we all learned.

In October, the Guild will visit 7 woodworking shops from Baraboo to the Madison area. The Baraboo Fall Art Tour is October 17th -20th. It is an annual event. Guild members who toured last year had a great time and decided to do it again. If you’re interested, the time to sign up is at the October Guild meeting.

Lastly, nationally known trainer Garrett Hack is coming to our town in November for our meeting, a weekend seminar and a three day workshop.

November meeting change. Our meeting will be held November 7th, the first Friday of the month at the TTYC at 7:00pm.

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Bring your projects and stories to the meeting. We will be delighted and supportive.
Also, if anyone wants to help or be in charge of the program committee or any other committee, nominations will be open in October. Please, please, please be open to take on an opportunity.

Sincerely,
Tom Schuppe

Reflections

Klaus Zunker demonstrated his carving technique as he made a stamp holder that looked like a mailbox. Clever! He showed examples of shallow relief carving on a bowl, he showed his deep relief carving on a chest he made (see details in pictures to the left). He showed examples of his carving in the round. And he showed one acanthus that he is carving for his new fireplace. It will have many. We thank Klaus for his demonstration and presentation. What a talented man!!

Submitted by Leila Crandall-Frink
Garrett Hack List for Workshops in November

The Saturday workshop we will be making a scratch stock, bring some files of various sizes and shapes, and sharpening stones. We will provide the steel, but if you have an extra card scraper to donate to the cause, bring it along.

Sunday will be mostly demonstration. Bring along any hand tools you have questions about, Garrett will do his best to answer them. This will be a discussion led day, bring your questions and suggestions.

The cut list for the splay leg table class:

Rough out the top and get that ready to glue, make the aprons and have the leg blank jointed flat on one face and edge.

Legs:
Straight grained stock best. If you are unsure, bring extra wood.
They taper from 1-3/16", so your stock should be a minimum of 5/4 thick. A little thicker wouldn’t hurt, but it’s more expensive. A blank 6" wide, 5/4 thick, and 26" long works. Higher table-longer legs. I wouldn’t go beyond 30". A little extra wood for miscuts is a good idea.

Aprons:
3/4 - 13/16" thick, (2) 8" long, (2) 11" long, 3- 5/8" wide. These have angled cuts on their ends eventually. Everyone’s aprons should be the same, whatever they are.
Aprons have a cockbead along their bottom edge. 3/16 material. We’ll make these, but have some nice hardwood for these - rosewood, maple, whatever. It should contrast somewhat with the aprons.

Top:
12 X 18 is a nice proportion. Same thickness as aprons is okay. But as I said it could be slightly longer, or deeper. If you add anything to either dimension, then the aprons need to be that much longer as well.
The top can be made from two pieces, which gives us the chance to talk about edge gluing boards.
If you are unsure, leave things a little long and wide (or thick) and we will mill to final dimension.

Tool list for the 3 day class:
Chisels, marking and measuring tools, #4 or similar bench plane, smoothing plane if you have one (or the #4 can suffice), rabbet plane, block plane, dovetail or smaller backsaw, longer jointer plane if we glue tops together, spokeshave if anyone wants to cut a curved top. A sliding bevel and a protractor if you have one. Sharpening equipment (whatever you are used to.)

If you are looking for suggestions for wood, consider Maple, Cherry, or Black Walnut

Woodcraft Class Schedule
Stain & Topcoat with General Finish, w. Jason Swanson, Sun Oct 5, 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM
Wood Preparation Using the Planer, Jointer & Table, w. Jason Swanson, Sun Oct 5, 1:30-5 PM
Woodworking for Women, w. Jason Swanson, Thu Oct 09, 6 - 9PM
Turning 101: Intro to Lathe Work, w. Hank Bardenhagen, Sat Oct 11, 9:30AM - 3:30PM
Advanced Router, w. Bob Dickey, Thu, Oct 16, 6 - 9PM
Introduction to Box Making, w. Bob Dickey, Sat, Oct 18, 9:30AM - 5:30PM
Band Saw Box Making, w. Bob Dickey, Sun, Oct 19, 6 - 9PM
Make a Dove Tail Drawer Box, w. Chris Kraemer, Mon, Oct 20, 6 - 9PM
Power Carve Full Size Antique WOOD DUCK DECOY, w. Roger Wilson, 8 Thursdays, Oct 21 – Dec 09, 6-9PM
Frame a Picture, w. Chris Kraemer, Wed Oct 33 & 29 6-9PM 1st & 2nd sessions
Basic Cabinet Construction 6 Week Session, w. Chris Kraemer, 6 Thursdays Oct 23 – Dec 04 6-9 PM
Tom Schuppe, Bill Godfrey, Jay Pilling and George Henderson recently got together to build a **large shaker box**.

The steam box is ready to work.

The result of all the work is one very BIG shaker box. Great work guys. Will we see it at a meeting? Was Bill taking the picture?

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**Learning Session**

These pictures are from the last learning session at Jerry Tackes shop on September 17, 2008. Please give Jerry a call to find out the topic for the next learning session.

The form for bending the outside of the box.

The steam box is ready to work.

The stam box to put wood in before bending.

The outside of the box wood before bending.

The outside of the box being riveted together.
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.

Raffle Column
We are sorry we do not have a raffle column this month.

Wisconsin Woodworkers Guild
Board Briefs

Attendees: John Johnson, Dick Yezek, Tom Schuppe, Bill Smeaton, Bill Godfrey, Leila Crandall-Frink, Liz Rohde, Ed Cessna, Cory Megal and Jerry Tackes

Membership: 125
Treasury Balance: $15,313.58
Programs: All meeting programs through 2008 have been determined.
Other board actions:
Guild members plan to tour the Fall Art Festival as a group on Fri Oct 17.
The Guild secretary will create an appreciation plaque for future speakers.
Renewal forms and Holiday party invitations will be mailed with the Oct Ripsaw or sent by email just before the Oct meeting.

Respectively Submitted
Jerry Tackes
Regular Monthly Meeting

Delta/Porter Cable/ Dewalt will come to our meeting to demonstrate some of their new tools.

Wednesday, October 1st, 2008

Meeting at the Tommy Thompson Youth Center of State Fair Park

640 South 84th Street

Gathering at 6:30 PM

Meeting from 7 to 9:30 PM

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Continue to keep your Fall moving!

Be inspired at the next Woodworking Guild meeting!