Welcome to the August edition of John’s Jaunt, coming to you from Elizabethtown, PA! That’s right, the Johnson family is on another one of their excursions across the country, this taking us to Philadelphia and Vermont. Yesterday we went and toured Independence Hall and other related sites. Since I have been woodworking, I look at some of these sites in a little different light: what were their tools like, what kind of wood did they have to work with, what were their day jobs? Of course my kid’s two requests of places to visit are Hershey Chocolate World and the Ben & Jerry’s factory!

This month I completed a project, albeit a small one! I turned an ice cream scoop from hard Maple for my Dad. Of course I learned the hard way, and created more work for myself by not following the directions completely the first time. But I also figured out how to get my lathe tailstock apart (with a little guidance from Jerry Tackes). All in all it turned out pretty nicely and I have a few more to make.

The last couple of board meetings have involved a discussion of how we can increase interest in our holiday gathering at Meyer’s restaurant. To that end I would like your inputs: do you like it the way it is, should we do something different, should there be some sort of program woodworking related or otherwise? We will take all your comments into consideration, so call or email them to me.

Don’t forget, there will not be a meeting in August due to the State Fair, so we will see you in September.

Time to hit the road, happy woodworking!

-John

Jerry Tackes showed his extra hand that he made to help with woodworking. It clamps on a table and is adjustable. He also showed his jigs made with corian that allowed him to make his 3-D puzzle blocks precisely. The block pattern was from an American Woodworkers magazine. Always great work from Jerry.

Verne Eilers showed his tilting dovetail jig. The piece is clamped to the top of a jig saw and makes perfect dovetails.

Jay Pilling showed his taper jigs and a magnetic fence. Both were worth having in his opinion. Later in the night he showed toys that were from our Christmas toys for shelters, and reminded us to begin soon to be ready in December.

Klaus Zunker showed the jig he made for making blind splines for making mitered valances for his daughters’ home. He used a router with the edge guide to line up to the top surface, did the other corner, made his spline and put it in, glued it up and made a very stable joint. Later in the night he showed his turned bowls, the newest being the geometric bowl.

George Henderson showed his large #14 shaker box that he made for a family wedding. He made the ellipse;
Program Notes

Tom Schuppe, the vacation specialist & Wood Fest wannabe

Being on vacation much of the year, it’s been hard to be a productive woodworker and program director. During the first six months of the year, my wife and I have traveled to Arizona, North Carolina & Florida. In July we’re heading to New York, Pennsylvania, & New Jersey. In August we’ll again head to Florida. I’m not complaining, but I do feel a need to stay home for a while and use up the wood I purchased at the recent Wood Fest event held on July 10th.

How did Wood Fest 2009 get started?

It was invented in Ontario, Wisconsin while Guild members visited Amish country. We stopped at a local lumber mill to check on lumber availability and prices. Gordon, the company representative, approached Bill Godfrey. He offered a good price on a bundle of Hard Maple boards-select and common…. Bill asked me if I’d share the cost and we’d help club members by selling the wood cheap. We made a few jokes back and forth kidding; I said I’d buy a new table saw from the profits, and everyone laughed. We put our money on the line. The event soon expanded, Ed Cessna felt sorry for us and joined with us financially.

A few days later Gordon, the rep, told us about Walnut, Cherry, Hickory and Red Oak he had coming in. I gulped, it was a big investment. As you know, we did it. Moving forward on Wednesday, July 10, 2009 a huge red semi rolled into Bill Godfrey’s yard stacked with wood four feet high, the entire length of the trailer bed. Luckily, Bill had a front-end loader and several Guild members helped us unload.

It took several days to fill orders while working under the threat of thunderstorms. Bill got to “Show and Tell” his wonderful workshop. We all learned about fellow woodworkers as they shared their woodworking skills… while picking up their orders.

Most Guild members thought the Cherry, Hickory, and Red Oak were beautiful, and the Hard Maple was less than promised. Now that’s it’s over, the lumber not sold will be put on Craig’s list and hopefully will sell.

No, I didn’t get a table saw. As far as next year, we propose that if Wood Fest is to take place again, it would have to be with the Guild’s leadership. We were able to enroll a new Guild member at Wood Fest. He will be a great addition to our club.

Remember, no meeting in August.

We will be seeing you on September 2 to learn from Mike Hanley about eighteenth century hand planes. Mike is writing a book focusing on a few wooden plane makers and woodworkers of the 18th century who served in the Revolution, transposed against what personal freedom means to us today. He’ll do a presentation in the form of story telling surrounding the book and his research about these plane makers. He’ll also have a small number of 18th century planes for display.

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Woodline USA can be reached at 800-472-6950
then made the core by laminating particle board and styrofoam. Then he built the steam box (large because the outside wood needed to be 78 in. long). He showed another piece he finished by using dyes supplied by a previous presenter.

George Egenhofer showed some turned maple leafs that he made using bird’s eye maple. He made 30 leafs in 10 different sizes. Each leaf had a different diameter. After turning the discs, he cut the leaf pattern out. He found that he had to make 33 to make it look right.

Justin Hadfield made a new tool rest for his lathe. He works well in metal too. He also showed a handle he made for a chisel blade he owned that had no handle.

Walt Hadcock also showed a handle he made for a file. His was made out of epee. He used copper tubing on the bottom of the handle to help in the fitting. He also showed a bag his daughter made for him for his tools. Great storage and carrying case.

Ron Hinderman showed a dovetailed piece he had made. He tried using the Leigh jig and found he had better results using a Sears jig.

Jerry Kashmeric showed a sanding jig he made. It is reversible and can be clamped on a table. It is really handy for flat sanding and easy to change the sandpaper. He cut the slot for the sandpaper at a six degree taper.

Corey Megal showed a mortising jig he made from a pattern in a March/April magazine. The jig is used with a plunge router. It clamps between bench dogs, although it could be bolted to the table. The jig allows him to make perfect mortises each time.

Kevin Seigworth showed his home made wooden plane he started in a guild class on plane making a few years ago. His is made with a piece of maple. The channel is drilled, routed and sanded to 45 degrees. It has a heat treated blade. He says it makes nice thin shavings.

Tom Shuppe showed his splay legged table that he finished. He took the class when the guild offered it. He made the top with a curve, put grooves in it and put a small inlay in the groove. Nice table! Tom also showed a sign he made in some of the Red Oak bought from a previous Woodfest. He used his computer to make the lettering and then took it to Kinko’s to enlarge to the size he wanted. He then hand carved the lettering.

Jerry Anson showed a bowl he turned. The bowl has 340 pieces of segmented wood. After turning the bowl he coated it with texture paint. Then he put synthetic gold leaf on the lip.

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Wisconsin Woodworkers Guild
Board Briefs June, 2009

Attendees: John Johnson, Ed Cessna, Bill Godfrey, Corey Megal, Tom Schuppe, Bill Smeaton, Jerry Tackes
Membership: 142
Treasurer: Balance $13,023.58
Programs/Workshops: So far 8 members have signed up for the half-day chip carving workshop at Bill Grocery’s shop on August 8. Cost of the workshop is $10, and there is room for 2 more people. Contact John Anderson or Tom Schuppe if you would like to attend.

Other Business:
Library: It was decided not to purchase a DVD of Fine Woodworking magazine issues. A group of volunteers will be building 2 smaller cases for library materials. The new cases will replace the large case.

August Board Meeting: Due to the State fair, the meeting will be at Corey Megal’s.
Respectively Submitted
Ed Cessna
Pilling/taper jigs & magnetic fence (right)
toys (upper and upper left)

Egenhofer/Maple leaf set
(below and below right)

Eilers/tilting dovetail jig
(above & below)

Megal/mortising jig
(left)
and Kashmeric/sanding jig
(right)

Zunker/blind spline jig (below left) and turned bowls(below right)
Henderson/shaker box (right)

Hadfield/tool rest (left)

Tackes/extra hand (left)
3-d puzzle and jigs (right)

Szopinski painter points

Seigworth/wooden plane

Carousel (did not get maker’s name)

Schuppe sign (above)
table (below)

Jerry Anson/Bowl

Hinderman/dovetails
Milwaukee Fine Furnishing Show

This notice came to us from Michael Doerr

Our Milwaukee Fine Furnishings & Fine Craft Show will be held October 3 & 4 in The Garage - a special exhibit & event hall - at the new Harley-Davidson Museum site at the crossroads of 6th & Canal Streets in Milwaukee! This is a venue and date change for the show!

These fun live edge end tables were designed and handcrafted by David Stine of David Stine Woodworking in Illinois.

We moved the show “out of the Wisconsin September Summer season” to the first weekend in October and from the Midwest Airlines Center, where the show has been held for the first 3 years, to The Garage at the new Harley-Davidson Museum which is a more intimate setting but still open & airy with lots of activity & amenities.

ALSO the Green Bay Packers are NOT playing on that Sunday but rather on Monday Night Football so NO EXCUSES!

HELPFUL INFORMATION!
- FREE PARKING for over 500 cars!
- Cafe Racer serves breakfast and lunch
- Motor, a restaurant & bar, serves lunch and dinner
- Saturday 10-6, Sunday 10-5, Tickets: $10 for Adults
- Furniture, accessories, fine art & craft.
- Public & trade invited - wholesale & retails buyers welcome!
- All work is for sale, order or commission.

Check it out at www.finefurnishingsshow.com

Reminder from Wood Magazine
WOOD Magazine is pleased to announce WOOD Magazine’s Woodworking Showdown Photo Contest. Simply upload your project photos now thru November 30, 2009, in one of six categories and have a chance to win one of six prizes.

Categories include:
- Best Furniture Piece
- Best Small Project
- Best Shop Project
- Best Shop
- Best Outdoor Project
- Best Home Improvement Project

There will be one winner for each category with more than $6,700 in prizes total! Prizes include: Powermatic 14" Bandsaw, Peachtree Woodworking’s “Workshop Accessory Super Pack,” JET 10" Proshop Tablesaw, Steel City Granite Top Tablesaw, Logosol Automatic Chainsaw Sharpening Tool and a Titebond prize package including $500 worth of assorted products and a $500 Lowe’s Gift Card.

Two months of voting begins December 1. Everyone can vote daily on project photos to determine the winners.

Don’t miss your chance to win a valuable prize and the chance to show everyone what you can do in your shop!

July Raffle Column:

Raffle winners in the July raffle were Tom Hipsak and Corey Megal. Congradulations!

Woodcraft Class Schedule

Turn Some Bottle Stoppers, w. Melanie Wegner, Sun, Aug 9, 10:30 AM – 4 PM

Turn a Natural Edge Bowl, w. Hank Bardenhagen, Thur Aug 20, 6 PM - 9 PM

Turning 101: Intro To Lathe Work, w. Hank Bardenhagen, Sat, Aug 22, 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM

Band Saw Box Making, w. Bob Dickey, Sun, Aug 23, 10:30 AM - 4:00 PM

Power Carve an American Red Start, w. Roger Wilson, Tuesdays, September 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Turn a Sedona Pan, w. Melanie Wegner, Thur Sept 3, 6 PM – 9 PM

Check their website for further details.

www.woodcraft.com

Classified

A friend of Vern Eilers has two tools for sale. They are a Craftsman Radial Arm Saw and a Craftsman 4 inch jointer that she would sell for $75 each.

Contact Joan Bauman at 262-662-2736.
Woodcraft Move
Several folks from our guild helped Woodcraft when they moved to their new location in the mall on the corner of Greenfield and Sunnyslope Road. Thanks to Jerry Smaglic for the photos of the event.
Regular Monthly Meeting

Remember in August we do not have a monthly meeting because of the State Fair. See you at the next Regular Monthly Meeting on Wednesday, September 2nd, 2009.

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