John’s Jaunt

Welcome to the July R.I.P.S.A.W. and John’s Jaunt! June’s meeting was a little bit different in that it involved an outside demonstration of chain saw carving. The weather cooperated, and less than an hour later we had a nicely carved eagle statue. I was particularly impressed by how well our presenter and his son worked together as a team. The next chainsaw was always ready to go, the log was properly positioned, and they could both work on the piece without getting in each others way.

The July meeting is all about you, the members. The tool swap/sale will be an opportunity for you to mingle with other members and provide new homes for some of your less used tools and perhaps add something new to your arsenal. The show and tell portion is your opportunity to share what you have been up to in the past year. We are particularly interested in your jigs, fixtures, tips and tricks that the rest of us might be able to use to make our woodworking more efficient or safer. Don’t worry if you didn’t sign up in June, we will have plenty of time to cover whatever you choose to bring.

It is also vacation time. My family and I are busy mapping out a trip out east to visit my brother and sister-in-law. Being close to father’s day as I write this, there have been lots of shows on interesting new tools. One of the shows also highlighted a tool collector and his museum in Michigan. So I am working on how can I incorporate a little side trip into our vacation!

Finally, don’t forget, due to the Wisconsin State Fair, there will not be a regular monthly meeting in August.

Happy Woodworking! -John

How does one even begin to tell the story of Chairsaw Sculpture artist Jerry Schieffer? Words and pictures cannot even begin. But I will try to tell you of a cold June evening watching magic happen.

Jerry is a resident of Mukwonago, Wisconsin. He arrived at the Tommy Thompson Youth Center parking lot with a truck and trailer full of items needed for the job of turning a large (green) white pine log into a piece of art. He brought his son, a lot of chain saws, blow torches, a hydraulic lift, a tent like arrangement with mesh to protect the audience, and a huge amount of talent and enthusiasm for his art.

Jerry started carving as a hand carver in 1992. His wife introduced him to a local chain carver when he wanted to carve a carousel horse. He has been chainsaw carving for 7 years. He helped launch the United Chainsaw Carving Guild in 2003, and he was elected president of this World Wide organization in 2006. He now travels worldwide to give demonstrations of chainsaw carving. He still has to carve his carousel horse. He often carves in competition. He has to carve an 8 ft long X 30 in diameter log, with 3-4 patterns. The competitions usually last for 21 hours. There are 5 judges. He says there is good prize money involved.

Jerry’s choice of wood for carving sculptures is green white pine. The sculpture, when finished, is preserved with a 50/50 mixture of boiled linseed oil and paint thinner. This is followed with Marine Spar Varnish. The Spar Varnish (continued on page 4)
Program Notes
Tom Schuppe the Patriot

Patriotic Guild members have signed up to bringing their projects and jigs to our July meeting. Are you bringing yours?

Members are also bringing power and hand tools to swap. The swap begins at 6:00pm. Place bigger items outside on the north end of the parking lot with your name and price attached.

Remember the Wood Fest sale and distribution of lumber will be on July 11th, 9:00am to 4:00pm at Bill Godfrey’s. Please make sure you pick up your order on that day.

There is still some wood available, please contact Ed Cessna to place your order.

Remember, no meeting in August.

Sign up for a Klaus Zunker chip carving workshop August 8th, 2009. The workshop will be at Bill Godfrey’s. The fee: $10.00. Sign up at the July meeting or call Bill Godfrey 262-271-5239.

Our September meeting is about eighteenth century plane makers. We look forward to guild member Mike Hanley’s presentation.

God Bless America and our Guild.

Jerry Claussen shows his inlaid table design.

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Workshop Signup

Jack Whitstone

Announcement from WOOD magazine for you and your club members:

Calling all woodworkers! Here’s your chance to show the world what you do in your shop!

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!
Wisconsin Woodworkers Guild
Board Briefs June, 2009

Attendees: John Johnson, Ed Cessna, George Egenhoefer, Bill Godfrey, Corey Megal, Tom Schuppe, Bill Smeaton, Jerry Tackes

Membership: 141

Treasurer: Balance $13,853.51

Programs/Workshops: Jerry Schieffer used a chainsaw to carve a large eagle at the June meeting. Jerry has graciously donated the eagle to the guild, with the proviso that it is raffled off with the proceeds benefiting our library. Klaus Zunker will lead a carving workshop at Bill Grocery’s, August 8. Cost of the workshop is $10. Contact Tom Schuppe if you would like to attend.

Other Business:

Wood Sale: pre-orders have been going very well. Hickory, Hard Maple, and Walnut sold out.

Guild Web Site: After a brief discussion, it was decided that John Johnson would look into forming a small committee to work with Brian Halligan on updating our web site.

Respectively Submitted,

Ed Cessna

Midwest Scroll Saw Trade Show
Richland Center, Wisconsin
July 31 & August 1, 2009

This annual event draws scroll sawers from throughout the Midwest. The trade show held at the Richland Center High School, 2300 Hornet High Road, is open 10:00AM – 4:00PM Friday and 8:00AM – 4:00PM Saturday. The show is the entrance fee is $7.

Vendors of patterns, magazines, wood, blades, tools, intarsia experts and more will be showing their items. Many fine examples of scroll saw art will be on display.

Dirk Boelman, co-sponsor of the show, will be the presenter at our April 2009 Guild meeting. We are also trying to arrange a scroll saw workshop.

Guild members interested in attending the show should contact ED Cessna – 414-764-3880, ectablesaw@yahoo.com. Carpools can be arranged.

July Raffle Column:

We are sorry the June raffle did not happen. We are having the raffle again with the following items. The July raffle items have been donated by Mesa Vista Design. One lucky winner will win a Grip-Tite magnetic featherboard. The superstrong magnet clamps the featherboard to any steel or cast iron surface and has a cam release. Another lucky winner will go home with a Sub Fence Clamp. This can be used to clamp a wood fence to your table saw fence when you need a rabbeting fence or a taller fence. The two clamps secure the subfence through two vertical holes in the top of the auxiliary fence without drilling into your existing fence. Tools from Mesa Vista Design can be viewed and ordered from http://www.grip-tite.com/, 800-475-0293

Submitted by Alan Clapp

Friends of the Wisconsin Woodworkers Guild

Custom Service Hardware 1170 Wauwatosa Rd, Cedarburg, 262/375-7960 or 800/882-0009
Homestead Finishing Products, Cleveland, OH 216/631-5309 www.homesteadfinishing.com
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)
Rockler’s (The Woodworker’s Store) 845 N. Mayfair Rd, Wauwatosa, 414/774-1882
Woodcraft, moving to new store on Greenfield and Sunny Slope in July No classes in July 414/607-6164
Woodline USA can be reached at 800-472-6950

Submitted by Alan Clapp

Sub Fence Clamp for June Raffle
needs to be redone every 3 to 4 years. He says he sculptures 95% bear, eagles, and owls. He does a fair amount of totem poles also. He carves and sells his work and he works on commission, even going to people’s homes to carve a tree stump.

Jerry talked about the saws and chains used for his work. He said that Echo, Steel and Husky all have good saws. He suggested buying a saw at a dealer rather than a ‘big box’ store, because they will maintain the machine for you. It saves money in the long run. He said he uses the oil recommended by the manufacturer of the saw. He prefers the professional motor models. They cost more, but last longer. He uses non-formulated gas because it is better for the engine.

Maintenance of the saw is important. The air filter gets changed yearly and spark plugs every 2-3 years. He cleans around the oil filter and muffler regularly. The muffler tends to get clogged, so it is important to keep cleaned. The chains must be maintained regularly also. Jerry prefers to use steel chains. Again, they cost more, but need sharpening less often. Chains get sharpened at a 30 degree angle. You need to sharpen the chain with the right size file. You can find information online about the right size file and then buy at Ace Hardware for 6-7 dollars. The chain need to be kept tight and sharp to do the best job.

Take a look at the pictures and enjoy the journey form the log to the Eagle that Jerry carved for the Guild. And thank you Jerry for the amazing demonstration. Jerry has also donated the sculpture to the Guild for sale (method to be determined), with the proceeds going to our guilds’ library. Talent and generosity!! Thank you again, Jerry.
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WWG Library

Recent Additions to the WWG Library

New materials recently cataloged for the library include:

- Chairmaking Techniques DVD by Jeff Miller
- Sign Carving with you Router DVD by Jim Bartz
- Children’s Furniture Project by Jeff Miller
- Beds: with plans and complete instructions for building 9 classic beds by Jeff Miller
- Furniture for all Around the House by Jeff Miller, et al
- Chairmaking and Design 2nd edition by Jeff Miller
- Wood Handbook: wood as an engineering material by USDA Forest Service
- Traditional Woodworking Handtools by Graham Blackburn
- Landscape Structures and Decks by Handyman Club of America

The Wisconsin Woodworkers Guild, would like to extend appreciation to Wayne Voeller for donating the book, Landscape Structures and Decks by the Handyman Club of America.

Submitted by,

Pat Kashmerick, Librarian

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
Wood Fest Sale, July 11, 2009
9:00AM – 4:00PM

At Bill Godfrey’s

We have received many pre-orders. So, here is an update on the wood sale.

- 4/4 and 5/4 lumber will be sold in 50 BF bundles
- 8/4 lumber will be sold by the board
- Select or better lumber is: Cherry, Maple, Walnut & Red Oak
- Lumber is random widths with a nominal length of 8’
- Rain date Sunday July 12, 9:00am
- Bill Godfrey’s address: S53 W26445 Fox Vale CT, Waukesha,
  Tel: 212-271-5239. Go past the house toward Bill’s shop. The wood will be in the field off to the right. You may drive into the field to pick up your wood.
- Pre-orders will be accepted at the July Guild meeting.
- Ed Cessna will accept pre-orders via phone or email – 414-764-3870, ectablesaw@yahoo.com.
- If you can not pick up your order on July 11, please call Bill Godfrey to make other arrangements.
- Cash and checks will be accepted. Make checks out to Bill Godfrey.
- Any unsold lumber will be available for sale on July 11, 2009.

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Those who purchase 101 plus BF will receive a 5% discount.
Direct question to Ed Cessna – 414-764-3870, ectablesaw@yahoo.com or Bill Godfrey – 212-271-5239, or Tom Schuppe – 414-475-5706, atrailman@sbglobal.net
Regular Monthly Meeting
Wednesday, July 1st, 2009
Tool Sale & Swap 6 PM to 6:55 PM
Meeting 7 PM to 9:30 PM
Tommy Thompson Youth Center
at State Fair Park
640 South 84th Street

Show & Tell
Members bring projects and jigs to show and give a little ‘how to’ talk. This is a very popular meeting. Bring something of yours to share.

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