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John’s Jaunt

Welcome to the October issue of the RIPSAY and John’s Jaunt. Fall is upon us, although it seems to be warmer than it has been all summer! With that we have some guild business to attend to in the next couple of months. First, we will be taking nominations for the Woodworker of the Year award at the October meeting, to then be voted on at the November meeting.

The award will be presented at the Holiday Party. Second, we will be voting for our 2010 board in November. All positions are one year terms according to our by-laws but there is no limit to number of terms. We are always looking for fresh ideas so if you have any questions or interest in any of the board positions let us know.

The big topic of discussion at the September meeting was where the guild should meet in 2010. There were some good comments made about what we should be looking for and where. Criteria that I feel are important are location, affordability, scheduling and storage for our library. Our library is a valuable asset to our members but does require decent storage. In order to assist the board in making this decision you should have received an advisory poll in the mail. Please take a minute to be sure that you have returned it.

We have finally worked out some of the details for raffling off the chainsaw carved eagle from our June meeting. In October we should begin selling tickets with the drawing to be held at the January meeting. All proceeds will be used to enhance our library.

And finally a few comments on my latest project. Like many of you, I have a list of projects that will keep me busy for many years to come! One of those is to make display shelves for my daughters’ rooms to show off their trophies and ribbons from their various activities. Well, Erica came home with another half-dozen ribbons and a trophy from her latest horse show this past weekend so I really need to get moving! A recent magazine had an article on a picture frame shelf that looks interesting and not terribly complicated. With a few modifications it should do the job!

Happy woodworking! -John

Program Notes

Thomas Schuppe, the fall guy

It is fall and time to get in touch with the beauty, strength, and vibrant colors of our Wisconsin forests. It is also time to design woodworker projects that can provide that same admiration. This is what Tom Loeser from the University of Wisconsin has done thru his creation of furniture over the past twenty years. As stated in his essays, he has taken his kinetic designs of furniture to another level. He has romanced the surface of wood with an adventure in color. He has the inside story on studio furniture and he has lived a life of finding his own direction in life thru woodworking. Come and visit with him at our October meeting.

Friday, November 6th, will be our regular meeting because Garrett Hack will be in town to present and then follow up with a two day workshop. The workshop will be on designing and making drawers. Members from last year’s workshop asked for this training. Ten guild members are the maximum group size. Early signup is recommended if you want to reserve your spot.

Tic Tock who is making a clock? This is the subject at our January meeting. Anything & Everything about clocks is the subject by William Galinsky.

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Feb brings Chris Moore from Madison Wisconsin to present the making of musical instruments’.
Feb is also the time for the Woodworkers show at State Fair. Sign up for a time slot and get into the show free.
March brings Frank Klausa, a renowned woodworker for a Friday night meeting and Saturday and Sunday workshop. Sign up is required for this workshop.
It is important to sign up for our annual Christmas party. The cost: $25.00 per person.

Now is the time to start making toys. Several Guild members have already been hard at work at Woodcraft’s shop on Monday’s from 9:00 to 3:00. We could use a few more volunteers at Woodcraft.
As you all know we are in the process of deciding where we will hold our Guild meeting starting in January. Please stay tuned for the Guild’s decision.

Remember elections are upon us. New blood is important for the vitality of our group, please don’t hesitate to put your name on a ballot. I will support and help anyone interested to be a partner as program director or any other post.
Participation is the key to a strong and healthy club, please do your part.

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Announcement

We recently learned WWG Members Chuck Worzala and Alan Valente died.
Wisconsin Woodworkers Guild
Board Briefs July, 2009

Attendees: John Johnson, Ed Cessna, George Egenhoefer, Lelia Crandall-Frink, Corey Megal, Jay Pilling, Tom Schuppe, Jerry Tackes

Membership: 140

Treasurer: Balance: $13,220.16

Publicity: The Wood Show dates for 2010 are February 5, 6, 7. Show management will not allow us to sell raffle tickets for the eagle carving at the show.

Programs/Workshops: The fee for the Garrett Hack drawer workshop on November 7-8 is $110. The workshop is limited to 10 people, and 6 members have already signed up. Arrangements are complete for 2010 monthly programs, with the exception of May, September, and October.

Other Business:

Eagle Raffle - The price for raffle tickets will be $5 each or 3 for $10. Tickets will be available at the November meeting. Any member, who wishes, may sell tickets to family and friends. The drawing will take place at our January meeting.

Christmas Party - Jay Pilling will invite someone from one of the shelters to attend the dinner and tell us about their shelter and how the toys are used.

2010 Meeting Place – After lengthy discussion we seem to have 2 choices, remain at the Tommy Tompson Youth Center or move to the basement of the Woodcraft store. The pros and cons of each location were discussed. It was decided that we would seek input from the membership. A letter was drafted and Jerry Tackes will have it printed and sent to each member. If you have not already done so, please return your letter by October 1.

Respectively Submitted, Ed Cessna

Garrett Hack will be coming again in November. Have you ever tried to open a drawer to find it skittering along, binding, and just plain being stubborn? That’s because the drawer doesn’t fit right.

How would you like to learn the secrets of good fitting drawers? Garrett will cover types of drawers and ways to support them, typical construction details, bottoms, thickness of parts, how to build the runners, guides and kickers into a case. Read that last sentence again, there is a LOT to be discussed when it comes to drawers. He will discuss dovetails, but as I think most of us have had enough “how to” on doing dovetails, the focus will be on construction and fitting drawers and the openings they go in.

There will be a two day workshop where we are going to build drawers and fit them into a small case. These will be small drawers, but the emphasis will be on technique and learning the correct ways to fit them so we can later apply these techniques to larger projects. Emphasis will be on a lot of the peripheral stuff such as ways to hang those drawers in a case that will survive years of use.

We may discuss other things, such as face details, beads or strings, dovetails, half blind dovetails, etc.. Overall, it should be a fun learning experience. The workshop will be held at Corey Megal’s place with a maximum of 10 signups. More information regarding the cost of the workshop will be in the next RIPSAW, and there will be signup sheets at the next meeting.

Garrett Hack said I should let you know of a class he is giving here in Minnesota at my facility, Mike Siemsen’s School Of Woodworking www.schoolofwood.com. The week long class will be held from October 5 through the 10th. He is also giving a free talk to the Minnesota Woodworkers Guild on October 6th. Please let your members know. For more information go to my website www.schoolofwood.com or contact me via e-mail or phone 651-257-9166.

thanks,
Mike Siemsen

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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!

October Raffle Prize:

Rockler Woodworking and Hardware has donated a RotoZip DR1 Drywall Router. This small router has a 6 Amp motor and could prove to be very useful during your next remodeling project. 1/8", 1/4" & 5/32" collets are included to accommodate a variety of bits. Rockler Woodworking and Hardware is located at 845 North Mayfair Road, 414-774-1882.
WWG: Behind the Scenes

What does it take to run the Wisconsin Woodworker's Guild? Below you will find a list of tasks and the people that have contributed their time and effort in 2009. I apologize if I have overlooked anyone. I present this list for a few reasons:

First, to recognize and thank those people who have worked so hard thus far this year.
Second, to draw your attention to the fact that a number of names are showing up many times in different areas.
And third, to solicit your help in taking on some of these tasks.

The more people that help out makes the load lighter for everyone. Please consider where you can contribute.

Elected Positions:
President - John Johnson
Vice President - Jerry Tackes
Treasurer - Corey Megal
Secretary - Ed Cessna
Publications - Leila Crandall-Frink
Publicity - George Egenhoefer
Programs/Workshops - Tom Schuppe 
Programs/Workshops - Bill Godfrey

Appointed Positions:
Toy Chair - Jay Pilling; Holiday Party Committee - Liz Rohde, Mary Anderson; Holiday Party Entertainment - Ed Cessna; Membership - Jerry Tackes; Facilities coordination - Tom Schuppe, John Johnson; Facilities setup - John Johnson; Librarian - Pat Kashmerick; Library purchases - Jerry Tackes, Pat Kashmerick; Publications Committee - Leila Crandall-Frink, Henry Yun, Si Farmer; Ripsaw mailing - Liz Rhode, Mary Anderson; Ripsaw emailing - Jerry Tackes; Website - Brian Halligan; Programs/Workshops committee - Tom Schuppe, Bill Godfrey, Ed Cessna, George Egenhoefer, Jay Pilling, Bill Smeaton, Kevin Seigworth, Corey Megal; Workshop/Party registration - John Johnson, Jack Whitstone; Raffle - Alan Clapp; Woodworker of the Year Plaque - Walt Hadcock; Voice Mail - Jerry Tackes; P.O. Box - Leila Crandall-Frink

Submitted by John Johnson

Woodcraft Class Schedule
October 2009
Woodworking for Women, Thur, Oct 1, 6 PM-9 PM
Carve a Northern Sawnet Owl, Tues, Oct 6, 13, 20, 27, Nov 3 & 10 6 PM-9 PM
Table Saw Fundamentals, Wed, Oct 7, 6 PM-9 PM
Basic Sharpening of Hand Tools, Thur, Oct 8, 6 PM-9 PM
Turning 101: Intro to Lathe Work, Sat, Oct 10, 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM
Basic Scroll Saw Techniques, Sun, Oct 11, 10 AM-2 PM
Basic Router Techniques, Mon, Oct 12, 6 PM-9 PM
Advanced Router Part1 Hand-Held Operation, Mon, Oct 19, 6 PM-9 PM
Make a Sack Back Windsor Chair, Fri, Oct 23, 9:30 AM-5 PM, Sat, Oct 24, 9:30 AM-5 PM, Sun, Oct 25, 10:30 AM-4 PM

Woodcraft is located at 14115 W Greenfield Ave, New Berlin. Check out their website for more information on the classes at www.woodcraft.com or call them at 262-785-6770.

Tom Loesser Speaker for October meeting

Tom Loesser has been head of the wood/furniture program at the University of Wisconsin-Madison since 1991. He designs and builds one-of-a-kind functional objects that are often carved and painted and always based on the history of design and furniture-making as a starting point for developing new form and meaning. His artwork has been included in over 200 national and international exhibitions since 1981.

Regular Monthly Meeting
Wednesday, October 7th, 2009
Meeting 6:30 PM to 9:30 PM
Tommy Thompson Youth Center
at State Fair Park
640 South 84th Street
Presenter: Tom Loeser
Hear of Tom Loeser’s Creative Journey

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