John’s Jaunt

Happy Holidays!

The holiday party was success again this year. At least 350 toys were made and donated. They have all been delivered and were well received. Congratulations to Jay Pilling on being selected our Woodworker of the Year! It is a well deserved recognition for Jay’s efforts as our toy chairman and his other contributions to the guild. Congratulations also to Jan Tackes on winning the year end raffle rocking chair. I, and others, can attest that it certainly is comfortable!

On the project front, I am attempting to finish some items before Christmas. One of my daughters has requested a box for the barn to store her horse related stuff.

Interestingly, as I ponder this project, it occurs to me that almost everything I have done in woodworking has been to someone else’s plan. This is the first that I have really undertaken from scratch and brings in the design aspect. How big should it be? What kind of wood should I use? What kind of joints will be strongest? How should the lid be hinged? Will it be done this year or next? So many questions! Stay tuned for updates!

I would like to encourage your active participation in the upcoming year. First, think about bringing in some project to share with the guild. This is an important part of the sharing and education that we are so proud of. Second, take advantage of the library. It is a quite extensive collection on a wide variety of topics. We will be trying to have quick book or dvd review each month to highlight some item in the library. If you have recently checked out some item that you liked let us know about it! And finally, we can always use more involvement, be it with helping to setup, or on the different committees especially the publications or program/workshop committees.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all!

- John

Program Notes

By Tom, the Resolution man

Resolutions kept, a few forgotten. My 2008 resolution was to remodel my sun porch and to remodel my workshop. I’m still in the process in my workshop. It’s really a mess. I’ve had to rip everything apart to start. So far, I’ve installed part of an old bowling alley next to my chopsaw, using it for a platform to cut wood, very sturdy, not big enough to bowl on. I’ve installed four 5 drawer cabinets, with two layers of glued-screwed MDF added as a workbench. The top is for hand-planning now that I bought a #7 and #12 ½ hand-plane for my wife for Christmas. All I need to do now is to learn to use them. That will be my 2009 resolution.

Talk about learning to use hand-planes, Cory Megal is holding a training session on planes at his workshop on January 20th, 2009. Time: 7:00 to 9:00pm. This is part of Jerry Tackes’ mid-month training series.

Vern Eilers will bring his lathe to our January 7th Wisconsin Woodworkers Guild meeting. Our projection camera will zero in on Vern’s hidden bald spot, while focusing mostly on his lathe turning techniques.

Also, don’t miss National Trainer, Marc Adams. He will present Friday February 6th followed by two full days February 7th, 8th. Your cost: free! The only prerequisite: (continued on page 2)
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Marc will include in his seminar:
**Joinery, Design, Methods of Advanced Woodworking, and Router Techniques.**
Marc is an excellent teacher who has had over 1000 people travel to his workshop from around the world to learn his techniques. We are excited to have him here again.

George Henderson’s Shaker Box workshop will be held two Saturday mornings March 7th, forming and drying 5 shaker boxes, and March 14th, installing tops and bottoms. It is important for you to sign up now so that we can get your materials. The cost: $40.00.

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!**

### Membership Dues

Dues for guild membership is $35 annually and is now due. You can pay either by check to Wisconsin Woodworkers Guild, mailed to Jerry Tackes at 120 Ferris Dr North Prairie WI 53153, or at the January meeting. Membership cards for those paying by mail are available for pickup at guild meetings.

### Learning Session

The next learning session will be held at Cory Megal’s home located at 3785 S. Cherokee Way, Milwaukee on January 21 at 7PM. The topic will be “All about planes”. Here is your chance to try top of the line planes before you decide if one is right for you. Cory will show us how to sharpen them as well as when and how to use them. Bring your planes for comparison and instruction.

### Raffle

Jan Tackes was the winner of the hand crafted rocking chair awarded at the holiday party. The January raffle prize will be a Delta 10" 50 tooth table saw blade.

Submitted by Alan Clapp
Wisconsin Woodworkers Guild
Board Briefs December, 2008

Attendees: John Johnson, Tom Schuppe, Leila Crandall-Frink, Ed Cessna, Corey Megal, Jay Pilling, Bill Godfrey, George Egenhoefer, Bill Smeaton and Jerry Tackes

Membership: 126, with 77 renewals for 2009. Each month the Ripsaw is sent via email to 69 members and via regular mail to 57 members. The 69 emails save the Guild 23.94 each month. All members are urged to consider the email option. Contact Jerry Tackes to change your delivery method. We are exploring distributing the membership directory via email. Members, who have not paid their 2009 dues by March 1, will not be included in the membership directory and will no longer receive the Ripsaw.

Treasurer: Balance $14,066.43. 48 people attended the Holiday Party. Liz Rohde will take care of paying the yearly cost for the Guild domain name and raffle license.

Programs/Workshops: John Johnson will handle workshop sign-up at the January meeting.

Toys: Guild members donated a total of 350 toys this year.

Woodworkers Show: George Egenhoefer went over the plans for our booth.

At least 3 volunteers have signed up for each time slot.

Other Business: Members are encouraged to bring items for the monthly show and tell. Remember, when you bring something to share you get a free raffle ticket. The “learning sessions” presented by Jerry Tackes will resume on January 21. The topic will be hand planes and will be presented by Cory Megal in his shop. In an effort to increase the use of the Guild library, each month a member will give a short review of a book or video. Bill Smeaton will present the January review and Cory Megal the February review. Members wishing to present reviews should contact Ed Cessna

Respectively Submitted,
Ed Cessna

Women’s Shelter receives Toy donation!

Woodcraft Class Schedule

Carve a Prothonatary Warbler, w. Roger Wilson, Tue, Dec 30, Tue, Jan 6, 13 & 20, 6 PM - 9 PM

Raised Panel Doors On A Router Table, w. Jason Swanson, Sun, Dec 28, 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM & 1:30 PM - 5 PM

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

98 PIECE SEGMENTED PEPPERMILL, w. Jason Swanson, Sun, Jan 4 & 18, 9:30 AM - 4:30 PM

Basic Router Techniques, w. Jason Swanson, Wed, Jan 07, 6 PM - 9 PM

Carve a Butternut Pan Fish, w. Kevin Wolff, Sun, Jan 11, 9:30 AM - 5 PM

Advanced Router, w. Bob Dickey, Wed, Jan 14, 6 PM - 9 PM

Woodworking For Women, w. Jason Swanson, Thur, Jan 15, 6 PM - 9 PM

Band Saw Tune Up, w. Bob Dickey, Mon, Jan 19, 6 PM - 9 PM

Table Saw Fundamentals, Wed, Jan 21, 6 PM - 9 PM

Wood Burning - Deer over a fireplace, w. Kevin Wolff, Sat, Jan 24, 9:30 AM - 4:30 PM

Make a Dove Tail Drawer Box, w. Chris Kraemer, Mon, Jan 26, 6 PM - 9 PM

Band Saw Box Making, w. Bob Dickey, Thur, Jan 29, 6 PM - 9 PM
Marc Adams Bio:

One of the nation’s foremost authorities on woodworking MARC ADAMS has been woodworking professionally for over 25 years. In 1991, he became a technical consultant to the WWPA, SFPA, AHEC, and the U.S. government, representing the United States on International Quality of Furniture Making. His work has appeared in Design Book Six and Design Book Seven, and his shop was featured in The Workshop by the Taunton Press as well as many other national publications and has been featured on the front cover of “Woodshop News”. He currently has a 7 part Safety Series that is being featured in Popular Woodworking magazine. He has worked with the EPA in Washington on current woodworking issues, and has been a panel commentator at the prestigious International Woodworking Fair. He specializes in veneering, carving, and joinery. Marc has won the Indiana Artist/Craftsman of the Year award three times and periodically does TV and radio talk shows on woodworking topics. He co-authored a book Working with Plastic Laminates and currently consults for both the laminate and adhesive industries. His “Technical Technique” video series is the largest-selling video series in the history of woodworking, and was recently awarded four “Telly” awards. Marc lectures nationally for universities, guilds, and The Woodworking Shows out of Los Angeles and does Train the Trainer programs for most of today’s biggest tool manufactures. In 1998, he was chosen as one of Indiana’s Top 40 Under 40 in the local business community.

National Trainer Marc Adams to visit Wisconsin Woodworkers Guild

National Trainer, Marc Adams will be our presenter on Friday February 6th. This will be followed by two full days of workshop/demonstrations on February 7th and 8th. There will be no fee for members to participate in the workshop/demonstrations. This was a board decision to extend this benefit to all members. The only prerequisite: You need to sign up ahead of time so we can reserve a seat for you and you need to have paid your 2009 annual dues.

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Marc Adams Bio:

‘CRAFTSMANSHIP is the marriage between the hands and the soul’
Call George Egenhoefer at 262-786-6814 to volunteer to work at the WWG booth at the Show. We need **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 Jan 7th meeting or bring or to the show with you. If you bring them to the Jan 7th meeting we will store them in our secured storage space at the Tommy Thompson Center until the show.

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**Future WWG Programs & Workshops**

**General Meeting March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2009**
Tom Monahan
Paint-varnish

**Workshop**
March 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009 -1/2 day each day
Shaker Boxes
Materials included
Presenter: George Henderson
$40.00

**Field Trip**
March 27, 2009 with a second date in April
Trip to Ontario Build Dining-Rm Table-Maple Syrup
Amish, Workshop

**General Meeting April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009**
Tom Loeser 608-262-9858
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**General Meeting Friday May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009**
Chair Building
Presenter: Jeff Miller
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People Enjoyed the Christmas Party!
Some of the toys that went to Women’s Shelters! Aren’t they wonderful?
Regular Monthly Meeting
Wednesday, January 7th, 2009
6:30 to 9:30 PM
Tommy Thompson Youth Center
at State Fair Park
640 South 84th Street
Presenter: Vern Eilers
Topic: Wood Turning
Vern will demonstrate some of his wood turning techniques. We will be able to see him working up close with our projection camera.

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