Corey’s Corner

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This month I’d like to talk about the Guild Library. In the June issue of Popular Woodworking, there was an interesting article, “The Craft Classics in just 5 feet,” referring to the essential woodworking books you can fit on 5 feet of shelf. Jerry Strojny thought it would be a good idea to see how many of those books are in the Guild’s library and took it on himself to check the list. It turns out the Guild owns about 45% of the books on the list. The article also asked prominent woodworker’s for their recommendations and we have about a third of those books as well. If you’d like a copy of the file that lists all of these books, highlighting the one’s in the Guild Library, please send me an email or let me know at the next meeting. I’d like to thank Jerry for the idea and doing all the work.

We’ve booked Garrett Hack for next March. This will continue our series of free lectures for the Guild members. At this point, the details are still being worked out, but it looks like Garrett will be talking on Saturday about working efficiently and Sunday on furniture design. I’m very excited to be able to bring Garrett back to Milwaukee.

Finally, the board has decided to purchase a saw from Mark Harrell as a thank you for coming to speak to us in July. Mark’s saw will be one of the raffle prizes at the end of the year. You might want to start saving now for the December raffle.

Work Safe,
Corey Megal

Show and Tell Program

Each year we have one meeting that members bring projects, jigs and fixtures and tell of how they solved problems and found items that would help us all in our woodworking. It is a fun and informative meeting. This year was no different. I will list the people who presented and what they showed us. Hopefully I will get it close to right.

Jay Pilling brought a light to attach to any surface that a magnet will stick. It works well in the shop. The guild can buy the lights and add a magnet if there is interest. He also brought a hold down for the table saw and a wine bottle holder he made.

Verne Eilers brought a steady rest the made. He used wheels off a pair of skates.

Vern Zeigler showed a segmented bowl, a walnut tray and a spindle router.

John Parkes show a router jig he made to flush trim a shelf.

Klaus Zunker also showed a steady rest he made to bore out a tall hollow vessel. It also was made with wheels from an in-line skate. He also showed a carving with his first carved grapes and leaves. He showed a chip carved southwest bowl. He showed blouse pins made out of pink ivory, black ivory and walnut.

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Attendance: Cory Megal, Jerry Tackes, John Johnson, Jay Pilling, and Jerry Strojny
Treasury Balance: $7,204.40
New Programs: Garrette Hack for March 2012
New Field Trips: Forest Products Labs Aug 10 2011
Treasurer Action: Raffle Licenses applied for
Discussions: New Logo, Programs involving membership, Secretary Duties, Recognition of all Show and Tell Presenters.

Jerry Tackes for Ed Cesna

Table Saw Safety

The website referenced below is to an article on the current battle over table saw safety. I thought you may all check out the link. Ed Cessna


Of Notable Interest:
Si Farmer called me and told me that Guild member (and Vice-President) Jerry Tackes was recently one of the featured woodturners in the American Woodturners magazine. He was in the article called Contemporary Segmented Woodturners Angles on 2010. Congratulations Jerry on your accomplishment.

Final awards from this Challenge will be awarded at the July Meeting. How are you coming on this Challenge??

Membership Challenge

During the 1800’s, furniture makers gave their apprentices practice boards to hone their skills. One such board is found in an antique furniture book., and is the subject of the members challenge. The board is 3" by 7" by 3.4" with a number of common woodworking cuts. The challenge is to make all of the cuts as accurately and neatly as your skill allows. Drawings of the practice board will be available at guild meetings for the next several months. One board per member can be submitted no later than the June 2011 meeting and three gift certificates of $50, $30 and $20 will be awarded on the basis of overall appearance and accuracy to the drawing dimensions at the July 2011 meeting.

Besides the chance of a gift certificate, this challenge is intended to give each of us a chance to hone our woodworking skills. Don’t take this challenge lightly, get started early, and plan on making more than one practice board, in fact, you might consider getting together with other guild members and working together. Good Luck and have fun.

Call Jerry Tackes, Vice President for more information on the challenge!

Raffle & Door Prizes


July winners of the door prizes were: Bob Lorenz, Bob Gostina, Paul Skolovich, Ron Richart and Corey Megal.

A note to Woodworkers and Carvers

Holy Hill Art & Farm Market is looking for people wanting to sell items at their 2011 Market dates, Sept 17 & 18 and Oct 15 & 16. Contact Kristin Jacklin 262-224-6153 for more information or check out their website at www.holyhillmarket.com for more information.
Keif Baumann showed a logging truck he made out of oak. He used a band saw, table saw and router. He used a clear spray finish on it. He got the plans from Toys and Joys.

Corey Megal showed his table made in the shaker style. He put inlay on the legs and a dart inlay in the top. The table has hand cut dovetails. The wood used in the base had a check in the wood and he seamed the wood by cutting it at an angle. You could not see where the seam was.

Jim Schlarb showed a sanding block he made in a hinge with a dowel in the center. It allows for getting into hard to reach places and sanding long pieces. He also showed a relief carving he made in white oak.

George Egenhofer showed a carved football player he made and then painted in the colors of the Packers at their first championship win. He also showed a mold he picked up in San Francisco that is used to make pots out of newspapers. You can start your garden plants in it and set pot and all when you plant them outdoors.

Si Farmer told of spending many years of wood turning with Jerry Veenendahl every Monday and Wednesday to make bowls. Si says Jerry is the designer. Si showed a walnut natural edge bowl. He showed small jewelry boxes. He showed small and large bowls made with hundreds of pieces glued together, cut and re-glued, much like the sculpture from the May program. Si and Jerry make 2 to 6 bowls from their laminates. They often epoxy the inside of the bowl to ensure long term stability. He showed a goblet made from zebra wood, and a teapot made from a sea urchin with a finial (very long and delicate) finished in black lacquer.

Jerry Tackes showed some of his favorite gadgets. First a ruler held in place with 3 magnets in a block of wood that is useful for keeping in place to get accurate measurements. Second he showed a dial indicator with 1 inch travel that he uses with his table saw to measure whether things are running parallel. It makes accurate precision measurements. He has made tools using industrial plastics; he finds the plastic at factories where they have ends and pieces. He showed a triangle that measured at 11.25 degrees. He uses CA glue to put it together. He showed a jig made of wood to make accurate circles of any size. He made a tool to measure molding that has a 45 degree angle. Finally he talked about tools for model makers that he likes. For turners he bought a sander that vibrates, that includes a set of files to get into fine areas. The company is called Micro-Mark Company and they also make mini woodworking tools.

Thanks to everyone who presented during our annual Show and Tell. It is always great to hear how our fellow members learned to make items and problem solve some of the issues they encountered during their woodworking.

Please see pages 4 & 5 for pictures from the Show & Tell program.

Thanks to Jerry Tackes for taking the pictures.

Because Jerry Tackes was taking pictures, we didn’t get any of him with the gadgets he was showing, but we had some from 2010 at the Christmas party and the Show and Tell in 2010.
Show and Tell presenters:

Jim Schlarb upper left and left
George Egenhofer upper and upper right
Corey Megal right
Si Farmer lower row and lower right
Show and Tell presenters:
Verne Eilers upper left
Keif Baumann left upper middle
John Parkes upper
Vern Ziegler lower middle and lower middle left
Jay Pilling right upper, middle and lower middle
Klaus Zunker lower row
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Woodcraft Class Schedule

Turn a Pepper Mill, Sun, June 26, 10:30 AM - 4 PM
No classes listed in July.
For more information on classes go to http://www.woodcraft.com/stores/store.aspx?id=506 or call them at 262-785-6770

Have you gone to visit lumberjocks yet? Corey talked about his forum in lumberjocks and I visited it today and found it informative. Visit Corey’s forum and move around from there. http://lumberjocks.com/CoreyM
I found it interesting to even read about Corey’s projects and then read the comments from other woodworkers about them. You need to be online to visit it and for those who don’t have a computer at home, you can go to your local library and they will assist you in doing the search.

Rockler Class Schedule

Sat, July 2, 9:30am, Crown Molding Jig
Sat, July 9, 9:30am, Dust Collection Basics
Sat, July 16, 9:30am, No classes
Sat, July 23, 9:30am, Rockler Sign Making System
Sat, July 30, 9:30am, Scroll Saw Basics

To view more details on these classes go to http://rocklernews.blogspot.com/ or call the store for more information, 414/774-1882.

There is a new guild club discount at Rockler Woodworking and Hardware. On the first Thursday of every month we will be offering a 15% discount on regular price merchandise. It would not be good on sale items, powertools, Festool products, CNC Shark, Leigh jigs, Porter-Cable Dovetail jigs and purchasing gift cards. The current discount program is 10% off to members with the same restrictions. All the members will need to do is show their membership card to receive this discount.

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Program Notes

Please note the changes to the schedule!! The June and July months have been “swapped” due to the scheduling conflict with Mark Harrell.

July Program –” Handsaws – Sharpening and Restoration”

- **Friday July 8th** Mark Harrell from BAD AXE TOOL WORKS will be here to discuss his techniques on restoring old hand saws. (You know, the cordless type, the kind that you push and pull.) He will also show us how to properly sharpen these amazing cordless tools. Cross cut, rip, dovetail…you name it, he knows it.

July Workshop

- **Saturday July 9th** - Handsaw Sharpening Techniques – Mark Harrell will be doing hands-on demonstrations of his sharpening techniques. IMPORTANT – PLEASE NOTE – Interested participants need to sign-up and BE SURE to provide Corey Megal with the following information so he can order you the correct file for the saw you plan to bring to the workshop. Corey needs to know the number of teeth per inch of your saw. (Take a ruler to the saw and count the number of teeth in 1 inch. That’s it, pretty simple, but very important to size each file to each saw.) The file is yours to keep and is included in the $50 fee for the workshop. The workshop will be held at Corey’s Megal’s shop.

August Program

- No program or workshops this month. Time to take a breath, because the fall programs are going to be great. See you in September!

August Tour

- Wednesday August 10th - Forest Products Labs We will carpool and travel as a group to Madison to visit the Forest Products lab. Contact Jay Pilling if you need more information. Sign up at the July meeting.

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WWG Monthly Meeting

Friday July 8th, 2011
6:30 PM Gathering
7:00 PM Meeting

Meeting Location:
Woodcraft
14115 W. Greenfield Ave
(Greenfield and Sunny Slope)

Presenter: Mark Harrell
from BAD AXE TOOL WORKS will be here to discuss
his techniques on restoring old hand saws.

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