Corey’s Corner

Happy August everyone! Remember, there is no meeting for August, enjoy the break. In our next newsletter, we’ll be asking for you to share your opinions with us through the use of a simple survey. Ken Ochs was nice enough to put together a list of topics and program possibilities and we’re asking you to go through the list and rank them by interest. It shouldn’t take long and it will give the board a really good idea of where the interest lies within the membership. The survey will be available both online and in paper form. We ask that if you can fill it out online, please do so because it will make it easier for us to gather the results.

The program for September will be veneering by yours truly. To be honest, I haven’t done a ton of veneering, but I have done some and the projects have turned out well. I have a vacuum veneer press and I’ve had a lot of good luck with it. I’d be bringing the vacuum setup with me and I’d demonstrate gluing up a panel in the bag. I’d also bring along a couple of finished projects that I’ve made with the press.

See you in September, Corey

We enjoyed a show and tell meeting. The first presenter was Kevin Seigworth who showed 3 jigs. First was a 0° clearance plate with splitter for the table saw using the fence as a guide. Second was a spacer that allows him to do a 2° micro bevel when sharpening chisel and plane blades. Last was a dovetail marking gauge.

The next presenter was Carl Brust who showed how he prepared a piece of wood with inlays that allowed him to make a pen with a celtic knot in it. He starts with a piece that is perfectly square. He cuts one slit and then adds the first piece of contrasting wood. Never cutting thru, but cutting 90%. Then he turns the piece $\frac{1}{4}$ turn and does the same thing, then continues thru all four sides of the wood square. When he drills the opening for the pen he has to be sure to drill dead center.

Next Joe Keehan showed the cradle he made. Since he was not a turner he made a jig to make the spindles on his router table. He started with square pegs. Rotated them 8 different times to get the shape he wanted. Then he softened the edges with a sand-a-flex. Creative and innovative Joe.

Next up was Eric Ahearn whose father passed away. He had been a service member. Eric decided to make a box for the flag rather than buy one. His is beautiful and will be a true keepsake.

Gregory Waldo showed his doll cradle made with cherry wood. He added a light brown stain and finished with 2 coats of water based finish, Enduro. It gives a glass like finish, has no odor & is easy to touch up. He uses sand and seal first.

Finally Jerry Tackes showed his jewelry box that he made. He made 20 jigs to make it. He also showed a short video of how to plane a wide board.
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**Rockler Demonstrations & Classes**

- **8/4/2012, Easy Coper, Demo**
- **8/11/2012, Rocklers HVLP Spray System, Demo**
- **8/12/2012, Pen Turning Class $50.00 (all inclusive)**
- **8/17/2012 In Store Woodworking Event**
  - 9:00am - 2:00pm CNC Shark
  - 9:30am - 2:00pm Project Building (Part 1)
  - 11:00am - 3:00pm Turning a bird feeder (Part 1)
- **8/18/2012, In Store Woodworking Event**
  - 9:00am - 2:00pm CNC Shark
  - 9:30am - 2:00pm Project Building (Part 2)
  - 11:00am - 3:00pm Turning a bird feeder (Part 2)
- **8/25/2012, Basic Hand Plane Class $40.00**

You can contact Rockler at (414) 774-1882.
Rockler has moved to their new location at 1725 S 108th St, West Allis. Stop in and visit them.

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**Woodcraft Class Schedule**

- **Turning 202- End Grain Hollowing, Sat, Aug 04, 9:30 AM - 4:30 PM**
- **Build a stool with the Miller Dowels, Sun, Aug 05, 11:00 AM - 3:30 PM**
- **Table Saw Fundamentals, Thu, Aug 09, 6 - 9:00 PM**
- **Turn a Roller Ball Pen, Sun, Aug 12, 11 AM - 3 PM**
- **Scrolling Puzzle Mania, Thu, Aug 16, 6 - 9:00 PM**
- **Fret Work Basics on the Scroll Saw, Sun, Aug 19, 10:30 AM - 3:30 PM**
- **Bangle Bracelet, Tue, August 28, 6 - 9:00 PM**

You can contact Woodcraft at (262) 785-6770.
Location: 14115 W Greenfield Ave, New Berlin

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**Raffle & Door Prizes**

The lucky Door Prize winners are: Don Roell, Richard Burke, Ron Reuter, Corey Megal, and Jack Whitstone.
The Raffle Winners are: Jay Pilling, Joe Keehan, Tim Deadrick, Jerry Sweeney, Ron Reuter, and Jerry Tackes.

Congratulation to all!!
**WWG Programs  Workshops**

The middle of summer has us sweating. Good thing we are taking a break for August. See you in September. We get right back into some great learning opportunities. Check it out.

**August Program and Workshop**

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

**September Program – ”Veneering Techniques”**

- **Thursday September 6th** Our talented member and Guild President Corey Megal will share his experience and knowledge regarding veneering. There are many methods, techniques, and “tricks” one can use. Corey will show us his favorites for this program. If you’ve never tried veneering, this would be a great opportunity to “dip your toes” in and ask a bunch of questions.

**September Workshop**

- No workshops this month.

**October Program – “Making a Wooden Box”**

- **Thursday October 4th** Our talented member and Guild Vice President Jerry Tackes will present on his techniques, and “tricks” one can use to make a beautiful box. As I find out more about this program, I will fill in more of the intriguing details.

**October Workshop**

- No workshops this month.

**Additions to the WWG Library**

Eleven books have recently been donated to the Guild library:

- Painting duck decoys by A. Hillman
- Wildfowl painting: the art of feather stroke painting by B. Hopper
- Artist's portfolio of wood ducks: 12 patterns and instructions by Walnut Hollow Farm
- Carving authentic birds: patterns and instructions by H. D. Green
- Chip carving patterns and designs by Ivan Crowell
- Elements of woodcarving by Chris Pye
- Carving shorebirds with full size templates by H. Schourds and A. Hillman
- 1001 designs for whittling and woodcarving by E. J. Tangerman
- Carving duck decoys with full size templates for hollow construction by H. Schourds and A. Hillman
- Creative woodburning: a collection of beautiful patterns by Walnut Hollow Farm
- Creative woodburning book IV: a guide to fundamental and advanced techniques by Walnut Hollow Farm

Thank you to Klaus Zucker for reviewing the above donations for appropriateness to the Guild Library. Look for the books at the September meeting.

Submitted by,
Pat Kashmerick
Librarian
Upper Row: Joe Keehan and his baby cradle and the jig to cut spindles.

Left: Gregory Waldo and his doll cradle and finish.

Left: Eric Ahearn made flag display box.

Right Jerry Tackes and jewelry box

Below Carl Brust and Celtic Knot jig.

Above and left Kevin Seigworth and jigs.
Fallen Urban Trees Turned Into Fixtures and Furniture

Urban trees have their highest value while living. It only makes sense that when they come down, they should be put to their highest and best use to maximize the environmental, economic, and societal benefits for the community from which they come.

A U.S. Forest Service estimate pegged the potential lumber recovery from saw logs removed from urban forests at over 3 billion board feet annually — or enough wood to create flooring for more than 2 million homes.

Meet, Dwayne Sperber, founder of Milwaukee based, Wudeward Urban Forest Products, LLC. Consider him your "urban wood steward." His company is devoted to transforming a community’s fallen or condemned trees into functional, beautiful products that can once again breathe life into the neighborhood. Sperber is excited to announce that Milwaukee just started directing logs from trees downed from damage, disease, natural mortality, etc. to an area mill for highest-use processing. Nothing is wasted. Lumber is inventoried and marketed as "urban wood" and the remaining wood residue is used for firewood and mulch. Even the sawdust finds a home — some of which goes to local organic farming operations!

Wudeward is rooted in advocacy. Sperber serves on the board of Town and Country Resource Conservation & Development (RC&D) where he leads the Urban Wood Market Development project. The RC&D works to enhance and improve the quality of life in the 13-county area of Southeast Wisconsin by promoting healthy communities, a healthy environment, and sustainable economic growth. Even though Sperber is a commissioned furniture maker, his overarching goal is to have urban lumber be a logical choice for commercial and residential building projects.

Contact Dwayne Sperber at Wudeward to learn how your community can start turning fallen trees into flooring, furniture and fixtures. 262-442-4654; dwayne@wudeward.com. Dwayne will be the speaker at a future guild meeting.

The table and sideboard shown are some of Dwayne’s finished pieces.

Wisconsin Woodworkers Guild
Board Briefs – July, 5, 2012

Attendees: Corey Megal, Jerry Tackes, John Johnson, Kevin Seigworth, Jerry Strojny, Leila Crandall-Frink, Peter Gustin, and Ken Ochs
Treasury Balance: $5593.52
Membership: The membership count remains at one-hundred, eighteen (118) members.
Publications: Items for publication in the Ripsaw are due to Leila by July 16th.
Secretary: A headcount was not taken at the July meeting, but attendance is estimated at about 40 members/guests.
Programs/Workshops: A program on joinery will tentatively be the January meeting presentation.
Other: The survey to assess the interest of members in various topics is ready to go. An online link to the survey will be emailed by Kevin Seigworth and John Johnson prior to the September Guild meeting. A hardcopy of the survey will also be published to cover members who may not have email access.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ken Ochs
Wisconsin Woodworkers Guild

WWG Monthly Meeting
No monthly meeting in August. Our next meeting will be Thursday, September 6th, 2012

Join us in September for Corey’s presentation on veneering and the demonstration of his vacuum veneer press.