Corey’s Corner

Happy Holidays everyone! I hear the Guild has a new President and Vice President, congratulations and thanks to Ron Reuter and Peter Gustin.

Sorry I was unable to make the November meeting, I left for the Woodworking in America conference in Cincinnati on the day of the meeting. This is the third year I was able to go to the conference and I found it to be a little better than last year. This year was very special for me because I was able to go with my oldest brother (I’m the youngest of five boys) and we had a great time visiting and reconnecting. I was able to listen to Ron Herman talk about wood identification and selecting lumber. Ron uses many techniques to ID wood and shared a lot of knowledge over a two hour session. I listened to Adam Cherubini discuss 18th century tips and tricks, Mary May carve an acanthus leaf, Frank Klausz talk dovetails, Chris Schwarz build a sawbench, and Jeff Miller spoke about design working efficiently. It’s really quite a lot to take in over the course of two days.

I was also able to visit a Shaker village that is in the process of being restored. It was quite something to see the buildings these iconic woodworkers lived, worked, and worshipped in. The people in charge of the property are very enthusiastic and hope to have it open to the public in the near future. I was able to see some Shaker pieces firsthand and examine the construction details as well; just about every dovetail on the drawers was slightly overcut past the baseline.

I would like to take this opportunity to say I have really enjoyed being part of this organization and I hope to continue to participate as my schedule allows. I won’t be around as often, but you will be seeing me at the meetings. There are a lot of interesting speakers lined up for 2013.

Work Safe, Corey

We were glad to welcome Wayne Ferber for the November Guild meeting on Using Urban Lumber. Wayne was introduced as a man wise in the use of resources and a pioneer in recycling urban lumber. This urban lumber comes from trees that are considered waste by the majority of the people who deal in buying lumber. This includes lumber cut down by counties, cities and towns. It is generally in areas where they are removing trees because of some disease or pest. He said the US Forest Service reports that the amount of trees that fall into this category would create 3 billion board feet of lumber annually. That is enough lumber to make 200 million coffee tables or 2 million average trees. Presently, because of the Emerald Ash borer, that includes 725 million ash trees. Wayne works with two federal conservation programs. He has worked with the City of Milwaukee recently and saved the city 50% of its disposal fees. They have begun directing all of their trees to a mill where the trees are cut into lumber. This took a policy change on the part of the department that cut down the trees. The ash trees have to be handled

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TURN AN INLAY PEN, Wed, Dec 05, 6 PM - 9 PM
CREATE A WINE BOTTLE STOPPER w. MULTI-AXIS TURNING, Thu, Dec 06, 6 - 9 PM
TURN A LIDDED BOX, Sat, Dec 08, 10 AM - 3 PM
BUILD A WINE GLASS CADDY, Sun, Dec 09, 10:30 AM - 4 PM
BUILD A KEEPSAKE BOX, Mon, Dec 10 & Tue, Dec 11, 1 - 4:30 PM
BUILD A DOMINO CUTTING BOARD, Mon, Dec 10 6 PM - 9 PM
TURN A PIZZA CUTTER, Tue, Dec 11, 6 - 9 PM
BUILD A WINE BOTTLE GIFT BOX USING THE BOX JOINT, Wed, Dec 12, 6 - 9 PM
TURN A CUSTOM BOTTLE OPENER, Thu, Dec 13, 6 - 9 PM

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WWG Programs Workshops

December is here, hopefully a month of many little workshop projects and a few big ones. I wouldn’t want to be anywhere else than my shop when the snow starts flyin’. Let’s get together, have something to eat, and talk about what is on the list for next year’s shop time projects. See you at the Holiday Dinner.

December Program —”Holiday Dinner”

- TUESDAY December 4th (YES, you read that right, TUESDAY)

- Sit down and relax, it’s time for dinner. A great time to review the past year and look forward to the coming one.

December Workshop

- No workshop this month.

January Program —”Joinery Methods”

- Thursday January 3rd Guild Members will be presenting different ways to make traditional joints as well as joints made with modern inventions. Pocket Screws to dovetails, it will be there. There will be different “stations” set up so you can focus your attention on the techniques that best fit you.

January Workshop

- No workshop this month.

February Program —”Wood and Stone”

- Thursday January 7th Tim Brudnicki will be showing us how he creates his unique tables and furniture combining an item from nature not normally associated with woodworking, such as stone with wood. Can’t wait to learn his techniques.

January Workshop

- No workshop this month.

Raffle & Door Prize

Winners of the door prizes in November were; Bincak, Larry Teuful, Larry Whitstone, Jerry Tackes and Richard Burke.. The winners of the raffle were Donald Brick, George Egenhoefer (2), Tim Deadrick (2), and Dave Drickhamer.

Congratulations to all the winners.

Wisconsin Woodworkers Guild Board Briefs – November 2012

No board breifs this month.

Jerry Tackes wins Turned Segmentation Award

Jerry won the award for his turned candlesticks pictured below.
carefully. The first 2 inches of the tree cannot be used for lumber, because that is where the ash borer might be present. This wood and the bark from the tree are chipped and heated to a high enough degree to kill the eggs and any bugs that might be alive. The rest of the tree is cut into lumber and dried in a kiln just like any other lumber. Then it is stored and sold or used to make furniture or used in construction.

Wayne showed us pictures of a stairwell in Walker’s Point that was made from Ash. The entire building is an example of a ‘green building’. It is made from 20% of reclaimed materials, 30% of the material are from recycling. Fifty percent of the material used in the building, were from this region. The trees were on Milwaukee streets. The building is called the Clock Shadow Building because it is near the Allen Bradley Clock. The elevator in the building has lights that go out when it is not in use. There is an urban cheese maker in the building.

Wayne also showed us some pictures of a bed frame and an end table he made from Milwaukee area ash. He also showed a table with a slab of walnut for the top and ash legs and pear stretchers. He said he has a store call Olive Fine Organic Living that has many of these items for sale. He said there is soon going to be a 3rd juried art exhibit using urban lumber. It will cost $50 for people to participate in it.

Wayne said that urban lumber is a little more expensive to buy because it costs more to make the trees into lumber. But the ash cannot be exported and it is a wonderful thing to use a tree that is doomed to be destroyed. He said architects are beginning to use more urban lumber in their designs and plans for buildings.

We thank Wayne for his interesting and informative presentation. I also apologize if I have misstated any of the information he shared. Submitted by Leila Crandall-Frink
Spoon Making Demonstration
Three people enjoyed Klaus Zunker’s Demonstration of carving a wooden soup spoon. Thanks Klaus for an interesting morning.
Bring any toys and gifts made for the Women’s Shelters to the party. They will be distributed to the people delivering them to the shelters.

**Wisconsin Woodworkers Guild**

**WWG Holiday Party**

**Tuesday, December 4th, 2012**

5:30 Cocktails

6:30 Dinner

*Meyers Family Restaurant*

4200 South 76th Street

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Your reservation needed to be sent to John Johnson by November 23.

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