Corey’s Corner

I really enjoyed the June meeting; it was great to have so many varied demonstrations going on at the same time. One of the wonderful things about our guild is the variety and skill level of all of the members. The only way the Board can serve such a varied group is by getting regular feedback. I would like to encourage each of you to take some time and think about what you would like to get out of the guild, what should this club be about? We need the participation of the general membership if we are going to be successful. Also, I wanted to mention that Ken Ochs is working on an online survey for the members. We’d like to get a better idea of exactly what sort of programs and workshops the members are interested in. Keep an eye out in a future Ripsaw for this, the more input we get, the better job we can do.

I want to thank Kevin Seigworth for stepping into the Membership Chair role. We really needed someone to fill that role, and I know Kevin will do a great job. Thanks Kevin!

Back to the June meeting, I enjoyed demonstrating some hand plane techniques and answering a lot of questions about them. I had an interesting discussion with Jerry Tackes about the why of using a hand plane, and for me, it’s about the sanding. I really dislike sanding, and I enjoy the speed that a plane can smooth a piece of wood. Jerry said he runs his wood through a drum sander, and I get that, it’s quick and gets the job done. However, I don’t have and don’t want to own a drum sander. Without one, the options are random orbit sander, belt sander, followed by hand sanding, which is a dusty operation. Alternatively I can take a couple of minutes to smooth the piece with a plane. I don’t think there is anything wrong with any of these approaches; they are all just different ways of getting to the same (or similar) results. I enjoyed talking with Jerry; he asks good questions as did most of the members that participated in the discussion.

Work Safe, Corey

Reflections

The June meeting was a wonderful array of demonstrations that our own members presented. Jerry Tackes did a demonstration of string inlay. Jerry uses a dremel with a router base attachment and templates to create his designs. He uses water to soften the inlay and make it more flexible. He sands the inlay to fit and uses a chisel to cut to length.

David Drickhamer, Carl Brust, two of our newest members demonstrated turning mallets. David turned the handles and Carl turned the head. They also let a couple of novices try their hand at turning.

Corey Megal demonstrated the use of hand tools, and a shooting board

Jay Pilling demonstrated sharpening drill bits on a grinder, and a loupe with scale to measure how well centered the bit is sharpened.

Klaus Zunker demonstrated chip carving. He is a master of the process. Thanks to all who demonstrated.
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Woodcraft Class Schedule

Turn a Duck Call, Sun, July 8, 11 AM - 4 PM
Basic Router Techniques, Tue, July 10, 6 PM - 9 PM
TURN FOR TROOPS, Sat, July 14, 9:30 AM - 5 PM
Christmas In July - Introduction to the Scroll Saw,
Sun, July 15, 11 AM - 4 PM
ADVANCED ROUTER PART I HAND-HELD OPERATION, Tue, July 17, 6 PM - 9 PM
Scroll a decorative hand saw, Thu, July 19, 6 PM - 9 PM
ADVANCED ROUTER PART 2 - THE ROUTER TABLE, Tue, July 24, 6 PM - 9 PM
Learn the basics of Stack Cutting, Sun, July 29, 11 AM - 3 PM
Lumber - From rough to ready, Tue, July 31, 6 PM - 9 PM

You can contact Woodcraft at (262) 785-6770.
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WWG Programs  Workshops

Summer is officially here. If you have a basement Shop, NOW is the time to get down there, out of the heat, and do some woodworking. If you have an unconditioned shop, drink lots of water and grab the last project you worked on. Bring it on in, we want to see what you’ve been doing!

July Program –” Guild Show and Tell”
- **Thursday July 5th** We will have our annual “Guild Show and Tell”. Our talented members (YES, THAT MEANS YOU) can share your experience and knowledge regarding some of your favorite handmade jigs and fixtures, as well as the successes (and hopefully some failures) of their recent woodworking projects. This is a great time to ask questions and learn what to do (and not to do) the next time you’re in your workshop. It has been a great desire by some members to have a real focus on jigs and fixture’s this year. Don’t be shy, try to remember back when you had to make a jig just to be able to make a joint. Or had to make a special clamping device, just to accommodate the shape of the project. That what we want to see! So, bring it out and tell us about it. Inspire us!

July Workshop
- No workshops this month.

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 members Jerry Tackes and Corey Megal will team up again to share their experience and knowledge regarding veneering. There are many methods, techniques, and “tricks” one can gleam from attending 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. See you there!

September Workshop
- No workshops this month.

Notice:
I am looking for a person who would be interested in helping the weaving studio where I take my weaving classes. We need a rack built to store reeds. I have the specs and can take you there to look at one we already use. We just need another one and they are not commercially available. I do not have the ability or tools needed to make it myself. If you are interested please call me at 414-453-4118. And yes you will be compensated for your time and materials.

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Wisconsin Woodworkers Guild
Board Briefs – June 7, 2012

Attendees: Corey Megal, Jerry Tackes, John Johnson, George Egenhoefer, Ken Ochs, and Peter Gustin

Treasury Balance: $5744.92

Membership: The membership count is at one-hundred, eighteen (118) members.

Publications: Peter Gustin volunteered to assist with publications. Items for publication in the July Ripsaw are due to Leila by June 18th.

Secretary: The Guild’s Constitution and Bylaws are posted on the Guild’s website and have not been updated for many years. On a time available basis, Ken Ochs will make some suggestions for updating these documents. Anyone else with suggested revisions should contact Ken.

A headcount was not taken at the June meeting, but attendance is estimated at about 45 members/guests.

Programs/Workshops: The Board discussed conducting a member survey to see what interest there is in various topics for future programs. A list of possible topics has been created and Ken Ochs will look into setting up an online survey that would allow each member to express their level of interest in each topic.

Peter Gustin will look into a possible speaker for the November meeting on the topic of Urban Lumber.

Other: John Johnson will look into purchasing 3 DVDs from last month’s speaker George Vondriska for the WWG Library.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ken Ochs
Wisconsin Woodworkers Guild

WWG Monthly Meeting

Thursday, July 5th, 2012

6 PM doors open, board meeting
6:30 PM gathering
7 PM meeting begins

Topic: Guild Show and Tell

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