Corey’s Corner

For anyone that missed last month’s meeting, I made an announcement that I would be stepping down from the board at the end of the year. Jerry Tackes also announced he would be stepping down at the end of this year (the current VP) and Jerry Strojny (Programs and Workshops chair.) Please, I urge you to consider volunteering for the board, the work is fun, and it makes the guild better for all. These are important positions that need filling; we can’t operate unless we have a committed board.

I’ve enjoyed my time on the board, and I definitely miss seeing all of the good people that make up this great organization. The reason I’m stepping down is that I’ve gone back to school to finish up my bachelor’s degree and that is taking up most of my free time. I just don’t have the time I would like to dedicate to the guild and woodworking in general. In a few years, I’ll be done and hopefully spending lots of time in the shop. I would like to say a few words about Jerry stepping down. I asked Jerry how long he’s been involved with the guild, and he said around 20 years. I want to personally thank Jerry for his longtime commitment to the guild and his steadfast opinions and leadership. Jerry is always the voice of common sense and reason at the board meetings. When things started getting off track, Jerry (and John Johnson, too) is sure to get it back on track.

I really can’t say enough about Jerry and all of the good work he’s done for the guild. This organization won’t be the same.

That’s it for me this month. Show up in October and listen to Jerry talk about boxes!!

Work Safe, Corey

Reflections

Veneering presented by Corey Megal

We thank Corey for his informative demonstration and presentation on his veneering process. He started his veneering journey by taking a workshop with Bill Hull. In the workshop he made a round table top that had an 8 way match to create a perfect point in the center. He showed us the table top that he has not finished. See pictures section on page 5. He also showed us a geometric pattern that he installed on the end of a shelving unit he made to hold tea. He also showed us one door from the cabinets in his workshop that he added a diamond pattern in black in the center of the door panel.

Corey talked about the process of veneering. He puts veneer on both sides of the item he is veneering, because the material cups if you do not. He has a large quantity of veneer he got at a good price when someone was getting rid of it. He usually cuts the veneer to the shape he wants with a utility knife, but said it can be cut with a veneer saw. He uses MDF as the material in between the two layers of veneer because it is flat and stable.

Before putting the veneer on the MDF, he takes the veneer and straightens one edge of each piece he is putting together. Then he butts them together and adds blue tape pulled tightly across the underside of the seam to hold it in place. Then he puts veneer tape along the seam on the
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Woodcraft Class Schedule

Basic Cabinet Construction - 6 session class, Thu, Oct 04, 11, 18, 25, Nov 1, 15, 6 - 9 PM
Advanced Router Part 1 Hand-held Operation, Mon, Oct 08, 6 - 9 PM
Introduction to Power Tool & Shop Safety, Wed, Oct 10, 6 - 9 PM
Band Saw 101, Sun, Oct 14, 10:30 AM - 3 PM
Sharpening Turning Tools, Sat, Oct 20, 10 AM - 4:30 PM
Turn a Wall Street II Pen, Sun, Oct 21, 11 AM - 2:30 PM
Advanced Router Part 2 - The Router Table, Mon, Oct 22, 6 - 9 PM
Turning 101, Wed, Oct 24, 10 AM - 4:30 PM
Turn a Basic Pepper Mill, Sat, Oct 27, 10 AM - 4 PM
Introduction to the Scroll Saw, Sun, Oct 28, 11 AM - 3 PM
Introduction to Power Tool & Shop Safety, Wed, Oct 31, 1 - 4 PM
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WWG Programs Workshops

Well, it is officially fall now. The air is crisp, the leaves are falling, and the sawdust should be flying. Don’t feel like you’re getting boxed into a corner by your projects. This month Jerry T. takes us through all the “ins and outs” of a wonderful project.

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. The box was presented at the “Show and Tell” program. It is a Bob Dickey inspired creation. Plenty of jigs and techniques to keep our minds nimble and skills refined. Can’t wait to see how it is done.

October Workshop
- No workshops this month.

November Program – “Urban Trees for Lumber”
- **Thursday November 1st** This month, Dwayne Sperber from “Wudeward Urban Forest Products, LLC.” will be talking to us about his dedication to transforming urban wood sources into a viable and usable commodity, where nothing is wasted, from the sawdust to the boards used to make furniture.

November Workshop – “Carving a Spoon”
- **Saturday November 3rd** Klaus Zunker will be doing a demonstration workshop for all of you that are interested in carving a spoon. Sounds like a great little project to learn how to start carving. Who knows, you may find out you absolutely love to carve. **Time and location to be announced.** (Minimum of 3 people)

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.

Raffle & Door Prize

Winners of the door prizes in September were; Larry Whitstone, Jack Whitstone, Ron Reuter and 2 persons unnamed. Winners of the raffle were: John Johnson, Earl Binczak, George Egenheofer, Gary Shadley, Ken Ochs, Joe Keehan, and Peter Stillmank.

Congratulations to all the winners.

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Board Briefs – September 6, 2012

**Attendees:** Corey Megal, Jerry Tackes, John Johnson, Jerry Strojny, Leila Crandall-Frink, George Egenhoefer, Peter Gustin, and Ken Ochs

**Treasury Balance:** $5,131.66. There was some discussion of what is an appropriate balance.

**Membership:** The membership count is at one-hundred, nineteen (119) members.

**Publications:** Items for publication in the Ripsaw are due to Leila by September 17th.

**Secretary:** Fifty-four (54) members/guests attended the September meeting.

**Other:** The survey to assess the interest of members in various topics was not sent as originally planned, but an online link to the survey will be emailed by Kevin Seigworth and John Johnson following the September Guild meeting. Leila Crandall-Frink will mail a hardcopy of the survey to members who may not have email access. Results will be compiled by Ken Ochs.

John Johnson will check to see if we have a reservation at Meyer’s restaurant for the holiday party and will seek to make a reservation if needed.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ken Ochs
front of the piece. Holey veneer tape allows you to see thru the tape to the seam below. With veneer tape he uses a sponge to wet the tape, and applies wet side down. He then burnishes it with a brass brush. Then he takes the blue tape off the underside of the piece. While upside down he puts the MDF on the veneer and marked around the edges. Then he cuts the veneer, leaving some extra outside the marks of the edges. Then he generously applies glue to the MDF (generally he uses an inexpensive foam roller) and puts the veneer onto it, overlapping a bit on each edge. This gets trimmed before it gets put into the vacuum press.

Corey continued his presentation by giving a demonstration of the process of using a vacuum press to adhere the veneer to a large piece of work. His vacuum press consists of a large sealable bag 50 in. x 60in.; he made a tray to fit inside the bag; he has tubing and a continuous run pump; and he has a piece of melamine large enough to entirely cover the piece being veneered. One caution he said is that everything that goes inside the bag needs to be rounded over so it doesn’t poke holes in the bag. The tray needs a hole in it just the right size for the tubing to fit into.

He leaves the vacuum pulling air out for up to 2 hrs. Doing the calculation on the fly while doing his talk, he estimated the piece had 4800 pounds of pressure per square inch. Some of the helpful hints Corey gave were to use Tite-bond glue, an no yellow glue as the vacuum press will pull the glue through the pore of the veneer. PVA glue will move while in the press. You need to take the blue tape off the piece before putting in the press. It will imbed into the piece if you don’t. Use a vacuum press only for large pieces. You can clamp small pieces to create the pressure you need. Corey also said he likes the joewoodworker.com website for helpful hints on all of your veneering questions. Thank you Corey for your presentation.
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WWG Monthly Meeting
Thursday, October 4th, 2012
6 PM doors open, board meeting
6:30 PM gathering
7 PM meeting begins

Topic: Making a Wooden Box

Guild Vice-President Jerry Tackes will share his design experience, the jigs he used and show how he built a jewelry box similar to a Bob Dickey design. The box is amazingly beautiful.

Notice:
The Holiday Party will be held on TUESDAY December 4th at Meyers Restaurant this year.