Corey’s Corner

OK, September is here and woodworking season returns!!

Please fill out the survey this month, we need your feedback.

As many of you know, I struggle for what to write about in this monthly column, so this month, with permission, I’m borrowing from Chris Schwarz’s blog: http://blog.lostartpress.com I enjoy Chris’s writing and I thought this one was good:

There are only a few times that I want to throw myself off a bridge. Here is the No. 1 thing that has made me crazy during the last 20 years of writing, teaching and doing woodworking.

A guy calls me and starts asking questions—detailed questions—I about the tools he needs to get started in the craft. I answer his questions, which take sometimes) hours to thoroughly answer. He comes back with more questions. I answer. Questions. Answers. On and on.

Time passes.

He then asks me how best to sell all his woodworking gear because now he is deep into golf, guitars or cars.

This has happened dozens of times to me.

I’m not trying to poop on people who obsess only about the tools of our craft. OK, I am. The tools are secondary. Heck, that’s not even right. They are tertiary to the things we build and the materials we use.

Yes, it’s OK to get obsessed with the tools. But get over that—quickly—and move on.

Yes, it’s OK to get obsessed with the material. Again, get over that and move on.

After 20 years of building stuff, I am singularly obsessed with the skills. I get the material. I get the tools. But there is no end to the skills you can acquire to apply the tools to the material to produce something really beautiful. Something with grace, which transcends both the materials and the simple tools you used. Something that transcends even you.

When I teach woodworking classes, I often talk about the “signal to noise” ratio in the writings about woodworking. Almost everything—I even what I write—is almost pure noise. Let’s compare this tool to that tool. This sharpening process to that. Diamonds to waterstones. Yawn.

Signal is rare.

Signal is about what people cannot describe easily in words, photos or video. Signal is the way we move our hands that is different from the way that less-experienced people move their hands.

Signal is that small bit of information you personally rescue from the cacophony of drivel.

— Christopher Schwarz, who is done dispensing drivel for the day.

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**Rockler Demonstrations & Classes**

Sept 9, 2012 11:30 AM Basic Lathe Operation & Tools - with Roland

Sept 25, 2012 11:30 AM Hollow Christmas Tree Ornament - with Roland

Sept 29, 2012 9:30 AM Woodworking Fundamentals - with Peter

Sept 30, 2012 11:30 AM Green Wood Turning - with Roland

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**

**INTRODUCTION TO POWER TOOLS AND SHOP SAFETY**, Thu, Sept 06, 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM

**TURN A REINHART PEN**, Sun, Sept 09, 10:30 AM - 3:00 PM

**AN INTRODUCTION TO THE BAND SAW**, Mon, Sept 10, 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

**TURN MINIATURE BIRDHOUSE CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS**, Sun, Sept 16, 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM

**AN INTRODUCTION TO THE ROUTER**, Mon, Sept 17, 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

**INTRODUCTION TO POWER TOOLS AND SHOP SAFETY**, Wed, Sept 19, 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

**INTRODUCTION TO VENEERING**, Sun, Sept 23, 10:30 AM - 1:30 PM

**SIMPLE INLAY WITH THE ROUTER AND WHITESIDE INLAY KIT**, Mon, Sept 24, 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

**TURNING 201: BOWL TURNING**, Sat, Sept 29, 9:30 AM - 4:30 PM

**WINE GLASS CADDY**, Sun, Sept 30, 10:30 AM - 4:00 PM

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

Location: 14115 W Greenfield Ave, New Berlin
WWG Programs  Workshops

The air is cooling down and the creative juices should be flowing. Whether I want to or not, the Christmas season ideas need to start happening right now for me. I don’t work real fast with two little ones in the house. So early planning and using every available opportunity for shop time is the only way things get done in time for me. This month Corey will present on a great skill we can use to raise up our projects to next level. Let’s get out of our comfort zones this year and try something new. See you there.

September Program – ” Veneering Techniques”
• **Thursday September 6** 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 4** 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 done.

October Workshop
• No workshops this month.

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Grand Reopening Special events 9/1 through 9/22.

Saturday 9/1
• 9am-3pm Chainsaw Carving by Bob Younger
• 9am-2pm CNC Shark Demonstration
• 9am-2PM Green Acres Boxer Rescue Fund Raising
• 9:30am Rockler Drawer Lock Router Bit
• 1pm Bowl Turning Demonstration

Saturday 9/8
• 9am-1pm Wisconsin Wood Harvesters Portable saw mill will cut your logs to lumber
• 9am-2pm Jet & Powermatic Sales Rep
• 9am-2pm Freud Sales Rep
• 9am-2pm B.R.A.Ts (Badger Rescue Animal Transport) Fund Raising
• 9:30am Building a Bird Feeder using the Kreg Jig

Saturday 9/15
George Vondriska from Wild Earth School
• 9:30am Router Table Techniques
• 1:30pm Tablesaw Techniques
• 9am-2pm Festool Sales Rep
• 9am-2pm Fein Sales Rep
• 9am-1pm Scroll Saw Art Work by Wayne Petrick
• 9:30am Tablesaw Tune-up Demonstration
• 1pm Ice Cream Scoop Turning Demonstration

Saturday 9/22
• 9am-2pm General Finishes Sales Rep
• 9am Hot Pipe Bending by John Lindsay
• 9am-2pm CNC Shark Demonstration
• 9am-1pm Carving demonstration by Greg Young
• 9:30am Bandsaw Tune-up Demonstration
• Noon Hanging Candle Holder Turning Demonstration
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WWG Monthly Meeting
Thursday, September 6th, 2012
6 PM doors open, board meeting
6:30 PM gathering
7 PM meeting begins

Topic: “Veneering Techniques”

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