Ron’s Ramblings

Hello Everyone,

Jason did it AGAIN. In about an hour and a half he came up with a pepper mill ready for service. I know he’s been doing this for awhile, but he made it look so easy. This was one of those meetings where 90 minutes was not enough. I’ve already talked to Don about getting Jason back to discuss more of the set up he follows to put out one of his masterpieces. My goal last year was to put out salt and pepper mills as Christmas gifts but I didn’t think I had the time. He did it in an hour and a half! How many hours to Christmas? There might be hope for me yet.

Congratulations to Jerry Anson for Woodworker of the Year, that was well deserved and he had some stiff competition. You were in good company Jerry!

A Thanksgiving needs to go out to Jim Schlarb and Bruce Everard for helping at the Neu’s Woodworkers Show, Feb. 22. Bruce put on a great slide show and Jim brought a huge amount of items to display. We had a lot of people stop and talk, lets hope some of them show up at a meeting. Maybe we’ll see them at the Woodworkers Show.

One last note, for those of you who weren’t at the meeting, we lost Si Farmer, one of our elders, a man who served the guild in many ways. He will be missed.

Work safe and share your hobby.

Ronald Reuter

Reflections

Reflections on the March meeting. Jason Swanson did a demonstration and talk on how to turn a segmented pepper mill. Jason works at Kettle Moraine Hardwoods in Racine. He also travels and teaches woodworking.

Jason started his presentation by telling that he has made at least 700 segmented pepper mills in the last 6 years. As you can see by the pictures on page 4 of the RIPSaw they are awesome. He started with his pieces of wood glue together into the mostly round shape he was going to shape on the lathe. In this case he had two colors, a light wood with a darker wood glued between the lighter pieces. He said he cut the woods at 45 degree angle. He uses kiln dried wood for all his segmented work.

Jason separates the top from the body of the pepper mill to work on them separately. He does this so he knows his lines will match when he is done. Jason demonstrated how to drill the holes for the pepper mill works by using his lathe. He used a chuck to hold the drill bit. He separated the cap from the body of the pepper mill. He drills from both directions because the chucks are not perfect and the drill could go crooked. He starts drilling with a 5/8 in bit and then goes to a 1 ¼ in bit. He has the lathe on very slow speed so the chips are expelled as he drills.

Jason begins the lathe work with a shear skew to straighten the work to a cylinder. He scrapes with a light cut. He is running the lathe at a much faster speed than when he drilled the holes. He has make a story stick that he (Continued on page 3)
Library Reviews
Do you borrow materials from the Guild library? Have you read a good book or seen an excellent DVD? If you have, how about sharing your thoughts with your fellow Guild members.

Just tell Ron Reuter that you would like to share your thoughts about a book or video. When called upon, give the name and call number of the item and tell us why you liked it. Your brief review may encourage others to use the item.

Raffle Prizes
The raffle prize winners in March were Mikw Mitten, Andy Wagner, John Johnson, Jim Murphy, Don Brick, Steve Soltes, Lyle Huser, Dick Garke, George Egenhoefer, Dan Guenther, Norm Lange and Jerry Andersen. WOW, a lot of winners again this month! Congratulations to you all!

Door prize winner in March were Don Brick, Jerryn Anson, Mark Enderle, Dan Guenther and Bob Memer. Congratulations to you all and happy shopping!

For Sale:
Dewalt Scroll Saw model DW788, Used 3 hours. Sells for $569 in stores, for sale for $300. Contact Dan Guenther at 262-227-6303.
Woodcraft Class Schedule-April 2014

**Basic Cabinet Construction**, 5 Tuesdays in April, 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29, 6-9 PM, Instructor: Chris Kraemer

**Woodworking For Women**, Thu, March 27 6 PM - 9 PM, Instructor: Chris Kraemer

**An Introduction to Handtools**, Sun, March 30 10 AM - 4 PM, Instructor: Kevin Seigworth

**Turn a small plate**, Sun, April 06 10 AM - 4 PM, Instructor: Sandy Sheahan

**Flat, Square, Straight - Jointer-Planer-Table Saw**, Wed, April 09 6 PM - 9 PM, Instructor: Dan McClanahan

**Woodworking For Women**, Thu, April 10 6 PM - 9 PM, Instructor: Chris Kraemer

**Turning 101: Spindle Turning**, Sun, April 13 10 AM - 4 PM, Instructor: Sandy Sheahan

**Basic Pen - Turn a Slim Line Pen**, Thu, April 17 5 PM - 5 PM, Instructor: Melanie Wegner

**Open Scroll Saw- Lets Make Puzzles**, Sat, April 19 10 AM - 2 PM, Instructor: Dave Hansen

**Introduction To Wood Finishing**, Sat, April 26 10 AM - 4 PM, Instructor: Kevin Seigworth

**Make a Dove Tail Drawer Box**, Mon, April 28 and Wed Apr 30 6 PM - 9 PM Instructor: Dan McClanahan

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

Wisconsin Woodworkers Guild
Board Briefs – March 6, 2014

**Attendees:** Ron Reuter, Bruce Everard, Donald Brick, Leila Crandall-Frink, Andy Wagner, Kevin Seigworth, and Ken Ochs

**Treasury Balance:** $6544.26

**Membership:** Membership renewals are in progress and prior to the March meeting, the paid membership for 2014 was at 94. Paid membership at the end of 2013 was 112.

**Programs/Workshops:** Handout information and membership applications for the upcoming Woodworker’s Show at State Fair Park were discussed. Possible programs for future meetings were also discussed.

**Secretary:** The Guild’s two raffle licenses for 2014 have been received and the Wisconsin Nonstock Corporation Report has been submitted. The Guild’s liability insurance was renewed. Fifty-five (55) members/guests attended the March meeting.

**Other:** A restaurant gift certificate will be given to Chris and Dena Kraemer in appreciation for allowing us to use the Woodcraft facilities for our meetings. The 2014 Guild directory will be published listing those members who have paid membership dues by the end of the March meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ken Ochs

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**Reflections** (continued from page 1)

has marked with the various places he wants to cut to the lowest point. He marks his blank. His intent is to make a long cove. He goes to the depth at the lowest point with a parting tool. He uses a measuring device to tell when he has the depth he wants. Then he begins cutting the cove shape by starting in what is center and taking a bit off at a time on either side of center until he is at his next mark.

He makes a bead along the bottom of his pepper mill. He used a parting tool to make a v groove in the wood. Then he rounds over the edges to make the bead. He finishes by sanding it, again on the lathe. He runs the lathe at 700-800 rpm and uses 125 grit sandpaper. He graduated us to 190 then 220. His final grit used is 400. He uses stearate coated sand paper. His favorite brand is Klingspore Gold.

Jason demonstrated how to make the top. It is made in much the same way, by drilling the inside holes first and then making the top like a large bead. He said you can get a pepper mill kit at any woodworking store.

Jason said he teaches every year at the John C. Campbell Folk Art School in Brasstown, North Carolina. You can look up information at [www.folkschool.org](http://www.folkschool.org). We thank Jason for a great and inspiring presentation.

Submitted by Leila Crandall-Frink
Some of the items shown at the Woodworking Show
April Guild Meeting will be held on April 3rd. The topic will be a talk from an Amish community member.

More pictures from the woodworking show.
Our member projects.