RON’S RAMBLINGS
Hello Everyone,

I have to say this speaker held my interest a lot more than I expected. When I first read that Dennis was going to give the presentation, I thought, I’m really not interested in this! I have to admit, he had me keeping my eyes on his every move. At first I thought, this is far beyond my capability, but Dennis made it look somewhat easy with a little bit of practice and practice. At least I would be willing to try it on a project for myself.

How many times have you thought, ‘that’s beyond me’. Work safe and share your hobby. Ronald Reuter

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Dennis Borke, our speaker at the January meeting, started his career as a pattern maker. He worked for 5 years as a pattern maker. He attended many seminars. He now makes and repairs period furniture. He has been in this business for 12 years. He demonstrated the carving of a ball and claw foot. These were made primarily in the Chippendale period of furniture making. There are many types of the ball and claw foot, including a duck foot and a Spanish foot. Some balls are more flattened and some are more round depending on the region where it originated.

Dennis at least planted the idea that with time and patience, it could be possible. Thank you Dennis.

The first board meeting of the year gives me hope for an exciting year. A number of topics came up that we hope to follow through with. Keep in mind, any input from you members is appreciated.

Don’t forget the vote for Woodworker of the year. We have several nominees: John Johnson, Jerry Anson, Jim Schlarb, and Klaus Zunker. (I spelled it right this time.)

Work safe and share your hobby.

Ronald Reuter

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Raffle Prizes

The raffle prize winners in January were Carl Brust, Andy Wagner, Dan Meissner, and Bill Lemoine won twice. Congratulations to you all!

Door prize winner in January were John Johnson, Lewis Enderle, Bob Gostisha, Greg Waldo and Jerianne Feiten. Congratulations to you all and happy shopping!

The Guild would like to thank Rockler for their donation of a generous amount of items for the raffle program.

Rockler Classes-February 2014

Feb 1, 1PM-5PM, Dog Carving - Part 3 - w. Greg Young
Feb 1, 1PM-5PM, Scroll Saw Ribbon Box Part 2 - w. Matt Gatchell
Feb 8, 15, & 22, 2014, 9AM-3PM, Adirondack Chair Building Part 1 - w. Peter Sapienza
Feb 8, 1PM-5PM, Scroll Saw Ribbon Box Part 3 - w. Matt Gatchell
Feb 9, 11:30PM -3:30PM, Lidded Box Turning - w. Gary Datka
Feb 15, 9:30AM - 3:30PM, Adirondack Chair Building Part 2 - w. Peter Sapienza
Feb 15, 9:30AM- 3:30PM, Leprechaun Bottlestopper Carving - Part 1 - w. Greg Young
Feb 22,9:30AM-3:30PM, Adirondack Chair Building Part 3 - w. Peter Sapienza
Feb 22, 1PM-5PM, Leprechaun Bottlestopper Carving - Part 2 - w. Greg Young
Feb 22, 1PM-5PM, Making Bowls on the Scroll Saw Part 1 - w. Matt Gatchell
Feb 23, 11:30AM -3:30PM, Bottle Stopper & Coaster Turning - w. Gary Datka

You can contact Rockler at (414) 774-1882. Location at 1725 S 108th St, West Allis

Green Man Tree & Landscape Services, owned by Guild member Peter Gustin, Sr. (414) 659-0753
**Wisconsin Woodworkers Guild**

**Board Briefs – January 2, 2014**

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

**Treasury Balance:** $6701.61

**Membership:** Membership renewals are in progress and prior to the January meeting, the paid membership for 2014 was at 60.

**Elections:** As a result of the elections at our November meeting, we have four new Board members. They are Bruce Everard, Vice-President; Treasurer, Andy Wagner; Program co-chair, Norm Lange; and Exhibits/Publicity, Justin Gasal. George Egenhoefer, the current Exhibits/Publicity chairman will stay on to handle the 2014 Woodworker’s Show in March.

**Secretary:** Applications to renew the Guild’s two raffle licenses for 2014 will be mailed this week. Sixty (60) members/guests attended the January meeting.

**Other:** A snow and cold weather meeting cancellation policy was made available for membership comments at the meeting. Don Brick will look into making reservations for the 2014 Holiday Party.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ken Ochs

The next Board meeting will be on February 6th at 6PM in the lower level at Woodcraft.

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

**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.
up the foot on the outside. This line is the outline for the claw.

Next Dennis used a dovetail saw to saw at an angle away from the claw lines. He sawed in a small amount. Then he used a gouge and mallet to mark the top edge of the ball. He used the gouge to round out the ball. He said to take away everything that is not the ball or the claw. The gouge he used had a hard 360 degree sweep. He said roughing out goes fast. He rounded out the web of the eagle foot.

Then he began working on the claw. He said he makes the claw about ½ in wide. He rounded over the outside corners, then defined the knuckles. Then he marked the talons by walking around the edge of the talons for the ridge, and then curved down for the rest of the talon. Dennis made a fillet scraper from a regular scraper. It was a narrow 1 by 2 inch wide piece of metal with a rounded edge on the bottom. He used this to scrape the talons and other small parts he needed to get into.

Finally he said to take the measurements of the foot just made to duplicate the other three feet for the project. He said it takes him about 4 hours to complete a ball and claw foot. The roughing out goes fairly fast. The finishing takes longer. He ends by using 220 grit sandpaper on it all. He said it stains better when you sand it. He also said the grain direction of the wood is very important. Grain that is going around on the bottom of the foot is not good for carving. He said the grain direction should be going out from corner to corner.

Dennis did a wonderful job on his presentation. He made us believe we could all make a ball and claw foot. I would love to see if some of us make one. Bring it to show and tell!! Thank you Dennis.
Show and Tell items

Jim Schlarb’s Sleigh made by Ron Pederson. Example for his workshop in February.

Klaus Zunker showed his finished boxes from the demonstration in November.

One side roughed out, starting on 2nd side.

All the tools.

Make 2nd side match the first.

Nearly finished with 2 sides.

An example of a finished ball and claw foot.
Wisconsin Woodworkers Guild

WWG Regular Meeting Thursday, Feb 6th, 2014
Woodcraft Lower Level
14115 W Greenfield Ave, New Berlin, WI

Demonstration by Jay Pilling on
Turning Handles for your Tools

February Guild Meeting
At the Woodworkers Meeting on February 6, 2014 one of our long time members and accomplished wood turner Jay Pilling will show us how to make our tools safe to work with by adding a turned handle. Various tools need different handles to make them more comfortable and safer to use. Don’t miss this demonstration.

March Guild Meeting will be held on March 6th.
The speaker is Jason Swanson of Jason Swanson Hardwoods who will talk to us about assembling turning segmented salt and pepper mills.

Jason, AKA the Peppermill Guy, works at Kettle Moraine Hardwoods in Caledonia. Jason has displayed his work at many juried craft shows and at upscale shops. He is a self taught woodworker and teaches others at guilds and retail outlets including the John C. Campbell school in Brasstown NC. Jason does turning and flat wood art work. Jason has been affiliated with several woodworking guilds around the country including the Wisconsin Woodworkers Guild.

Don Brick

February Workshop

Mantle Bracket Clock Workshop:
On February 22 & 23 Ron Hinderman will be conducting a workshop on Mantel Bracket Clocks. You will need to bring a board 1" X 8"/10" X 8 in the material of your choice for the clock case. A fee of $100 is required for the clock movement and hardware. The workshop will be held at Ronâs workshop 2328 Hughes Ln. Waukesha WI 53188. His phone number is 262-549-9614, email ronsherrie@sbcglobal.net. Sign up at the February meeting.