RON’S RAMBLINGS
Hello Everyone,

Thank you again Jason! He came through again for us. Another information packed seminar and I think we can start doing our own projects. Of course, if we can put a seminar at his shop with hands on, that would put the icing on the cake. I talked briefly with Jason and plan on calling him to get some final numbers on material cost and a date to meet. I should have all the information at the next meeting.

Keep in mind we are looking for different ‘jigs’ you use when building you projects. Bring them to Show-N-Tell in July.

One of my final notes. I went to the ‘Learn to turn’ seminar on Sunday, put on by the Wood Turners. The presentation was ‘Excellent’ at least in my opinion. If you are interested in turning a pen, they covered different materials, methods, and finishes. If you are into bowls, maybe that will be another seminar. I have mentioned having a presentation on pens but was told we had one back a year or so. We have a lot of new members that I would like to hear from in regards to their opinion. Send me an e-mail, note, or pull me off to the side and fill me in.

Work safe and share your hobby.
Ronald Reuter

Jason Swanson was back to demonstrate how he builds segmented blanks for his Peppermills. He reviewed the milling process with slides then did a glue-up demo of a twelve stave blank.

Jason recommends using kiln dried lumber that you joint and plane flat. He likes to buy #1 or #2 common lumber as it is cheaper and for short sections you can cut around defects. The staves are about 15 to 18 inches long with an extra two inches for the milling process. Any leftovers can be used for pen blanks.

His milling process is to joint one edge, rip to a six inch width to match his jointer, joint one face flat, plane the opposite face parallel with a planer, and then sand at 80 grit in his Performax drum sander. As a safety tip, if the board is not flat it should be ripped on a band saw not a table saw.

He uses the Wixie angle gage to set a 15 degree angle off of 90 degrees on the table saw. He checks both sides of the blade for the complementary angles and tweaks the setting until the complementary angles are in exact agreement. He uses a thin kerf blade to save on lumber. A 360 degree circle divided by 12 staves leads to the 15 degree angle on both sides of the staves. A zero clearance plate is mandatory for these cuts for tear-out and safety purposes. A waxed table top and ensuring the blade is perfectly parallel to the miter slot and rip fence is essential for accuracy. Use a dial indicator to measure this.

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Raffle & Door Prizes

The raffle prize winners in April were Ron Rueter, Lyle Husar, George Chrmyn, Jack Whitstone, Norman Lange, Don Doss, Bob Hillman, and Frank Schimiell. We had a lot of winners again this month! Congratulations to you all!

Door prize winner in March were given to Richard Burke, Nell Sjulson, Kevin Seigworth, Rick Metz, and Jim Fenske. Congratulations to you all and happy shopping!
Woodcraft Class Schedule – May, 2014

Fathers Day Desk Set with Melanie Wegner, Sunday, June 01, 10:30 AM - 4:00 PM
Basic Router Techniques, Monday, June 09, 6-9 PM
Make a Dove Tail Drawer Box, Wednesday, June 11, 6-9 PM and Wednesday, June 18, 6-9 PM
Basic Pen - Turn a Slim Line Pen, Thursday, June 12, 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Turning 101: Spindle Turning, Saturday, June 21, 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM
Flat, Square, Straight - Jointer- Planer-Table Saw, Monday, June 23, 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Wood Finishing with Kevin Seigworth, Saturday, June 28, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Turn a Pepper Mill, Sunday, June 29, 10:30 AM - 3:30 PM

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

Wisconsin Woodworkers Guild
Board Briefs – May 1, 2014

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

Treasury Balance: $6919.38

Membership: Current membership is at 108 members.

Programs/Workshops: Don Brick handed out a spreadsheet of program plans for the remainder of 2014. Programs for June and October are pending and November is still open.

Secretary: Fifty-eight (58) members/guests attended the May meeting.

Other: The Guild now has a bulletin board mounted at our meeting site for various notices.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ken Ochs

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The staves are ripped to ¾ of an inch which means he moves the fence ½ an inch for each cut and flips the board end for end. In solid wood the ½ inch does not have to be precise but if you are layering staves you need a jig to make precise cuts or your layers will not line up when the object is turned round. The 1/32 of inch veneer strips that go between each stave for contrast are shop sawn. These are cut at 1/16 of an inch and drum sanded to 1/32.

He lays out strips of masking tape sticky side up, stuck to the table saw with crossing strips of masking tape, in preparation for the glue-up. Staves are placed on the tape and alternated with the thin strips. Once the packet is assembled, place wax paper over your table saw to protect it then liberally apply glue straight from the bottle into each of the 24 segments. Do a dry run to make sure your joints close up before applying glue. He counts out loud to make sure not to miss any joints. Then close the packet up into a cylinder, add glue to the last joint then pull the tape tight around the packet. Glue should run out of the joints inside and out. If a joint was missed blow glue into it with compressed air. Now he applies hose clamps every two inches to apply clamping pressure. The tape can now be removed. Jerry Tackes suggested that rubber surgical tubing makes an excellent clamp when stretched around the packet.

Just like the other times Jason has presented to the WWG, he did a bang up job. He was organized, informative and entertaining.

Submitted by Kevin Seigworth

Enjoy the pictures on pages 4 and 5 taked by David Druckhammer. They are a great representation of the presentation by Jason.
June Guild Meeting

June 5, 2014 Speaker is John Parsons from Freud Tools. His subject will be Saw Blades and Router Bits.

July Guild Meeting

July 3rd, 2014 Guild meeting is the annual Show N Tell Meeting. We ask member to bring jigs and tips used when making their projects.

There will be no meeting in August

The September 4th meeting will have Tom Monaham from General Finishes talking about the new water based finishes and the conventional ones as well.