Ron’s Ramblings

Hello Everyone,

Thank you Jay Pilling! Not only did he organize a great Amish trip, but gave an excellent presentation on making your own tool handles. Recently I was given an old carpenters tool box with several chisels that don’t have handles. I never thought of replacing the handles with personally made handles. Something so simple never crossed my mind, and Jay made it look so easy. I’ll probably end up with more kindling to start, but that’s half the fun when starting something new. The bad part is now I’ll be looking for more handle-less chisels when I go to the flea markets. Something else to collect.

Results of the ‘Woodworker of the year’ will be revealed at the March meeting. 29 members voted, all four nominees deserved to win. Thanks for your vote.

Ronald Reuter

Reflections

Reflections on the February meeting. Jay Pilling did a demonstration and talk on how to make handles for your old tools whose handles are no longer usable. He also demonstrated how to turn a mallet on the lathe.

Jay started his presentation by telling us how he makes the handles for older tools. He showed a large file he made a handle for. He starts with 3 pieces of wood that he glues together. Prior to gluing he cuts a V in the center piece that will actually hold the tail of the file. He makes a ferrule on the top of the wood, then puts epoxy in the handle, puts in the file and fits with a compression nut. He shapes the handle to work for his hands, usually with a rasp or spoke shave. Sometimes he turns the handle on a lathe to get the shape he wants.

The second part of his presentation was to demonstrate making a mallet on the lathe. Jay used an article in the February issue of Fine Woodworking to determine how to make the mallet. He turned the head of the mallet first. It got a slight taper. Then he turned the handle. He made marks on the wood with a pencil to know where he wanted to leave the bottom part of the handle larger and where he wanted to extend the smaller (gripping) part of the handle. He used a woodturning skew to put the final cut on the mallet. It was so smooth he did not need to sand it at the end.

The final raffle drawing of the evening determined who was going to get to take the mallet home. I believe the winner was Klaus Zunker. Now you KNOW that mallet will be used by Klaus!

Thanks to Jay for a very informative presentation. It was fun to watch and we certainly had the opportunity to learn something new.

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Raffle Prizes
The raffle prize winners in February were Greg Waldo, Klaus Zunker, Larry Teufel, Jerry Anderson, Jack Whitstone, Richard Burke, Lyle Husar, George Egenhoefer, Norm Lange, and Tom Hipsak. WOW, a lot of winners this month! Congratulations to you all!

Door prize winner in February were Dave Barber, Kevin Seigworth, Klaus Zunker, Bill Godfrey and Richard Burke. Congratulations to you all and happy shopping!
Wisconsin Woodworkers Guild
Board Briefs – February 6, 2014

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

Treasury Balance: A Treasurer’s Report was not available at the meeting. Last month’s balance was $6701.61

Membership: Membership renewals are in progress and prior to the February meeting, the paid membership for was at 85 members.

Programs/Workshops: Several possible topics for future meetings were discussed. Bruce Everard will give a presentation on the Amish workshop trip at the April meeting.

Secretary: The Wisconsin Nonstock Corporation Report for will be filed this month. Fifty-six (56) members/guests attended the February meeting.

Other: There was discussion on making/acquiring a bulletin board to be installed at our meeting site. The board would be for the display of Guild information and items of interest to Guild members.

Voting for the Guild’s “Woodworker of the Year” will take place at the February meeting.

Don Brick made reservations at Meyer’s Restaurant for the Guild’s Holiday Party to be held on December 4th.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ken Ochs

The next Board meeting will be on March 6th at 6PM in the lower level at Woodcraft. Anyone is welcome to the board meeting.

The Wisconsin Woodworker’s Show is March 13-16 at State Fair Park. If you are not working at the show, make sure you stop into our booth and say hello!
Show and Tell items
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

April Guild Meeting will be held on April 3rd. The topic will be a talk from an Amish community member.