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Ron's Ramblings



Ron Reuter
Guild President

Hello Everyone,
Our August Board Meeting was another good one. In the past I would say the August meeting was the most productive. Since we've been meeting the Thursday before our monthly meeting, I can't say that any more. All our meetings have been very productive, but I have to admit, the August meeting is my favorite. We have an excellent board and committee members. New topics come up, problems get discussed, yes, and sometimes solved, and they all

try to get in the same direction. To make our "Guild" one of the best opportunities for a woodworker to come and spend time with other woodworkers, get answers to questions or problems, and just have a good time with old and new friends. Not to mention, we get a chance to see what members are working on. I hope it keeps going in a positive direction, I'm optimistic !

Work safe and share your hobby!

Ron Reuter

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Reflections

As a relatively new member of the Guild, I don't know how long we've taken the month of August off for our regular meetings. To take full advantage of this, two years ago your Board expanded our August Board meeting into an annual planning meeting.

This year, just like last two years, our planning meeting was very productive. It hit on a variety of key topics which included the formation of a hands-on workshop in our meeting area, as well as possibly offering advertising space in RIPSAW.

Our Board members have frequently asked why we don't have hands-on workshops woven into our monthly meeting schedule. One obstacle is that we now have a lot more members than when WWG started. Back then, it was possible for everyone to gather around one workbench. As rewarding as it is to see how our membership has grown over the years, one workbench just doesn't cut it for a hands-on workshop anymore.

Jay Pilling and I visited the Mad

Woodworkers in Madison, Wisconsin about three months ago when the members were all making a marking (scratch) gauge for themselves. The skill levels of those in attendance varied from beginner to advanced. Whenever anyone ran into a bind, there was always a 'tutor' there to help.

What was key to their success, though, was that they had more than one workbench. For us to be successful in our quest to offer more hand-on workshops, our first step has to be to increase our quantity of workbenches. Because we share our space at Woodcraft with two other groups, it is imperative that we include these groups in our plans.

Secretary Jack Zbiegien, gathered notes from Board discussions, embarked upon an extensive research project on his own, and then summarized where we are at this point. You'll find a very abbreviated report from Jack in his Board Briefs on page 3. WWG members, if you'd like a copy of Jack's complete report, see Ron Pederson. Thanks, Jack, for all your hard work!

Respectfully submitted, Don Doss

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Woodcraft Class Schedule - Tuition assessed

Jointer-Planer-Table Saw Wed Sept 6, 6 PM - 9 PM Dan McClanahan

Beginning Turning Thu Sept 7, 4 PM - 9 PM Marv Bollman

Raised Panel Doors, Part 1 Mon Sept 11, 6 PM - 9 PM Dan McClanahan

Paint & Glaze Techniques Sun Sept 17, 12:30 PM - 4 PM Chris Kraemer

Raised Panel Doors, Part 2 Mon Sept 18, 6 PM - 9 PM Dan McClanahan

Hand Planes Sat Sept 23, 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM Kevin Seigworth

Setting Up & Using Hand Tools Sat Sept 30, 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM Kevin Seigworth

Woodcraft Demonstrations

Resawing Basics, Sat Sept 9, 1 PM

Black Dog Salvage Furniture Paint, Sat Sept 16, 1 PM

For further details, contact Woodcraft of Milwaukee: 14115 W. Greenfield Ave., New Berlin, 262-765-6770

Rockler Class Schedule - Tuition assessed

Turn a Wooden Box Fri Sept 8, 12:30 PM

Autumn Candle Ring Sat Sept 16, 1 PM Matt Gatchell

Turn a Wooden Bowl Sat Sept 23, 9:30 AM Gary Datka

Rockler Demonstrations

Panel Mate & Shop Cart (P/N 56889) Sat Sept 2 11AM

Hand Tool Sharpening (P/N 25384) Sat Sept 9 11AM

Box Making with Miter Fold Dado Sat (54799) Sat Sept 16 11 AM

Vacuum Clamp Pod Kit (P/N 53418) Sat Sept 23 11 AM

For further details, contact Rockler: 1725 S 108th St., West Allis, 414-774-1882

Friends of the Wisconsin Woodworkers Guild

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Wisconsin Woodworkers' Guild Board Annual Planning Meeting Briefs – July 27, 2017

LOCATION: Ron & Chris Reuter residence, 6:45 pm start.

ATTENDEES: Jerry Anson, Leila Crandall-Frink, Don Doss, Ron Pederson, Jay Pilling, Ron Reuter; Jim Schlarb, Andy Wagner, Greg Waldo, Jack Zbiegien, Sr.

TREASURY: \$6,310.46 balance as of 07-27-17.

MEMBERSHIP: Fifty-one (51) members/guests attended the July Guild Meeting.

NOTES:

- Jay updated the Board on presentations for future Guild meetings.
- Planning for the first WWG hands-on workshop continued, following receipt of reports from Jack Zbiegien. Because we share space at Woodcraft with MAWt and Saturday Turners, it is our intention to meet with representatives of these groups so that we can move this concept into a working arrangement for the benefit of all. In the meantime, plans are being developed for the benches, and a sign-up opportunity to participate in building them will be announced during one of the Fall Guild meetings.
 - ◊ Ron Reuter met with Chris Kramer on May 25 to get his approval to dedicate a space in our meeting area for a workshop. This proposal was accepted immediately by Chris, and he completely supports the concept.
 - ◊ Through his research, Jack Zbiegien, Sr. confirmed that, as a 501 (c) (3) organization, we can “*acquire equipment, resources, and associated tooling . . . for educational purposes, (and that) these educational purposes shall be accomplished through activities such as workshops, seminars, lectures and exhibits which further the enjoyment and expertise in the art of woodworking . . .*”
- The **concept** of providing advertising space in RIPS AW was discussed. A review is underway as to the legality (tax implication) of revenue generation by a 501(c) (3) tax-exempt organization through selling these spaces. The results of that review will be distributed to the Board. If we can maintain our tax-exempt status, this **concept** will be refined and, once approved by the Board, will be offered to both members and Friends of WWG.
- Ron Rueter proposes to bring ‘a large slab of lumber’ to the Guild at the next meeting. He also has several other slabs of wood that will be donated to the Guild for the silent auction.

Additional details on the proposed workshop as well as on advertising space being proposed in RIPS AW are available to Guild members. For a copy, please contact Ron Pederson.

A reminder that all items for publication in R.I.P.S.A.W. should be sent to both Leila Crandall-Frink (leila.frink@gmail.com) and Don Doss (FourPartHarmony@att.net).

Respectfully Submitted, Jack Zbiegien, Sr.

Why Do Stop Signs Have Eight Sides?

At the turn of the 20th century, American roads were chaos. Drivers didn't need a license, lane lines didn't exist, and stop signs hadn't yet been invented.

When the first official stop sign did appear in Detroit, in 1915, it was small, white, and square, nothing like the red octagon we know today.

But in 1923, a branch of Mississippi's highway department suggested a change—what if a sign's *shape* could denote the kind of hazard ahead? The logic was simple: The more sides a sign has, the more dangerous the upcoming stretch of road is.

Circles (which were considered to have infinite sides) designated the riskiest hazards, like railroad crossings. Octagons denoted the second most perilous hazards, like intersections. Diamonds signaled less-tricky stretches, and rectangles were strictly informational. We still use these parameters today, though no one knows why the nonagon drew the short stick. (Or the hexagon? –ed.)



BEE HOUSES

This is a reminder from Lyle Husar who is collecting names of those interested in pursuing this venture and then set up a meeting to collect thoughts and set up a plan of action. To express your interest, please contact Lyle by phone (262-542-0043) or e-mail (lylehusar@yahoo.com). All you're committing yourself to do now is to learn more. So now, while its fresh on your mind, pick up the phone and make the call - one call, that's all!!

Notice: For sale items now on WWG Website.

Please check out our 'For Sale' page(s) on the WWG Website which is updated regularly. Go to <http://wisewoodworkersguild.org/ForSaleETC.html>. Although the listings are screened for interest to our members, WWG is not responsible for the accuracy of the listings or for the quality of the products. Caveat emptor - "Let the buyer beware".

Dave Steingart, Webmaster

My doctor took one look at my gut and refused to believe that I work out. So I listed the exercises I do every day: jump to conclusions, climb the walls, drag my heels, push my luck, make mountains out of molehills, bend over backward, run around in circles, put my foot in my mouth, go over the edge, and beat around the bush.

A man came to Mrs. Smith's door and said, "There's been an accident at the brewery. Your husband fell into a vat of beer and drowned."

Mrs. Smith wails, "Oh, the poor man! He never had a chance!"

The man says, "I don't know about that. He got out three times to go to the bathroom."

Woodworking Clubs in Wisconsin and Northern Illinois

- Badger Woodturners Club, Madison; First Tuesday of each month, 6:30pm. badgerwoodturners.org
- Capital Area Carvers, Madison, WI; Second Tuesday of each month, 7pm. capitalareacarversofwisconsin.org
- DuPage Woodworkers, Glen Ellyn, IL, Fourth Wednesday each month except July, 7pm. dupagewoodworkers.com.
- Fox Valley Woodworking Club, Batavia, IL; First Tuesday of each month, 7:30pm; fvwwc.org
- Kettle Karvers Club, Plymouth, WI; First Wednesday each month, 6:30pm; kettlekarvers.org
- MAD Woodworkers, Monona, WI; Third Wednesday of each month, 6:30pm; madwoodworkers@yahoo.com
- Mid-Wisconsin Chippers, Neenah, WI. First Sunday each month 1:30pm; mwchippers@gmail.com
- Northeast Wisconsin Woodturners, Neenah, WI; Second Saturday, Sept. thru June, 9am. NEWoodturners.org
- Northeastern Wisconsin Woodworkers Guild, Green Bay. Third Wednesday each month, 7pm. newwg.org.
- Rock River Valley Carvers, Janesville; First Thursday of each month, 7pm; rockrivervalleycarvers.com
- West Allis Woodworkers Club, West Allis, WI. Art Kastner, President at 414-476-9902
- Wisconsin Valley Woodturners, Wausau, WI; First Thursday of each month, 7pm. wisconsinvalleywoodturners.org

Please note that the above information is provided for reference. If you would like to attend a meeting, be sure to contact the club for confirmation. Also, if you spot any errors or changes, please send corrections to Don Doss at FourPartHarmony@att.net. Thank you!

FREE! FREE! FREE!

We still have a number of older magazines that are worthless if they're not in your own library (hint, hint!). Unlike the newer magazines in our library, these older magazines, while still filled with tons of useful information, are **FREE** to our members!

While you're in the WWG library, check out our books, recordings, etc. Remember, you only get to use THIS library once a month.

Chris Reuter, Librarian

July Raffle & Door Prize Winners

Door prizes were won by Vern Eilers, Kevin Seigworth, George Henderson, Dan Stege, and Eric Novak. Happy shopping!

Door prizes were won by Jim Matthew (2), Jim Murphy (2), Andy Wagner (2), Vern Eilers, Craig Baltz, Al Herwig, Ron Hinderman, Lyle Husar, Lyle Morrison, Ron Pederson, and Larry Teufel.

Congratulations to all the winners!

TOY COMMITTEE

No updates to report from The Toy Committee but here's some pictures Norm provided of past Santa's Workshop activities. Enjoy!



SILENT AUCTION

Our Silent Auction got started with a big bang a few months ago, adding \$130 to WWG's coffers and delighting winning bidders! Be sure to check out all the new treasures that Jim has put out for September. Going, going, GONE!!

Items in the auction are donated by the members. Smaller items can be brought in; items too large to bring in will have a picture and detailed description.

Bidding is open to members and non-members. Items will be awarded to the highest bidder. They may also be purchased at any Guild membership meeting for the 'BUY IT NOW' price. Any donated item that doesn't receive bids by break-time of the second meeting will either be moved to the monthly raffle program or returned to the donor.

Proceeds from the auction go directly to the Guild to help cover the cost of educational activities such as workshops, seminars, lectures and exhibits.

LOCAL WORKSHOP TOURS CONTINUING

Wisconsin Woodworkers Guild is continuing to tour member's woodworking shops. A trial run with video has taken place and the results were very encouraging. Thanks to Jim Matthew for stepping up to do the recording and to Jay Pilling for organizing everything. Currently, Jay has five of our members who have volunteered to have their shops included.

Once the shops have been toured, the recordings will be shown at an upcoming WWG meeting, probably early next year. While the format of these presentations has yet to be determined, it is likely that one shop will be shown at a time, followed by a Q&A session.

For security reasons, recordings will NOT be made part of anything that goes outside the Guild. That limitation is specifically directed at any possibility of it going on the Internet. It won't!!

Touring of club-member workshops have been suggested by many members. Thanks to the number of members who have volunteered their shops for touring, it is conceivable that this may be an ongoing project. Tours of a few workshops might take place each year during the spring through fall timeframe and then shown at a January, February or March meeting. Although seeing a shop that is impeccably appointed will likely be of interest, the primary goal is to provide insight so that our members who may have limited space and/or limited resources can discover ways they can enjoy this wonderful hobby within their limitations.

Thanks for your support of this project.

Respectfully, Your Board of Directors

BIG News: Festool Purchasing SawStop!

by Gary Katz as published in *THISisCarpentry.com*

According to Matt Howard, Vice President of Marketing at SawStop, the Tualatin, OR power-tool company is being purchased by TTS Tooltechnic Systems, the owners of Festool.

“We are proud to join a company with a shared passion for customer safety, product quality and meticulous engineering,” said SawStop’s President, Dr. Stephen Gass. “Speaking for our entire team in Tualatin, Oregon and across North America, we are excited to join with TTS to bring safer woodworking to more people through new tools and in new markets around the world. With a family like TTS at our side, I can’t wait to see what we will accomplish together.”



Has this ever happened to you? My wife and I went to a dinner-playhouse about two months ago. We were seated at a table for eight for dinner and then remained at the same table to see the play. Jim Johnson and his wife, whom we hadn’t met before, were seated with us. Over dinner, we learned that Jim had retired a few years before and has been enjoying woodworking projects around their house. He kindly sent these photos to show some of his handiwork. Hopefully, he’ll attend a WWG meeting in the near future and do the ‘Tell’ part of this ‘Show and Tell’. Enjoy!



FREE LISTING!

Does your club have a special event coming up in Wisconsin or northern Illinois? If so, let us know! Send the announcement by e-mail to both Leila Crandall-Frink at leila.frink@gmail.com and Don Doss at fourpartharmony@att.net. We’ll try our best to get it listed here. Of course, we reserve the right to edit what you send but we’ll likely clear it with you before going to ‘press’.

PSST!!!

Hope you have December 7th on your calendar for our Holiday Party at Meyer’s Restaurant in Greenfield, WI - plan now to attend! This year’s entertainment will be ventriloquist Mike Robinson with his sidekick Woody - that’s right, WOODY!

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Upcoming Programs & Events. Regular meetings now start at 6:30pm and end by 8:30pm. Please depart Woodcraft no later than 9:00pm.

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| Sept. 7, 2017 | Laft Nelson of Slinger, WI will be speaking to us about the custom knives and sheaths he makes |
| Sept. 28, 2017 | WWG October Board Meeting, Woodcraft, Lower Level |
| Oct. 5, 2017 | Tom Sveum, who does buggy and wagon restoration at the Historical Museum in Milton, WI, will be sharing information learned through years of restoration work at the Museum. Tom was our tour guide when a group of WWG members toured the Museum. He is a wealth of information! |
| Nov. 2, 2017 | Jim Andresen will be showing us how he creates a bowl having a 'Basket Weave Illusion'. He turns the bowl first and then, using turning techniques, pyrography and India ink, creates his masterpiece. You won't want to miss this! |
| Dec. 7, 2017 | Partytime at Meyer's Restaurant, 4260 S. 76th St., Greenfield, WI - plan now to attend! This year's entertainment will be ventriloquist Mike Robinson with his sidekick Woody - that's right, WOODY! |