



R. I. P. S. A. W.

April, 2016

Rendering Informative Programs Serving Area Woodworkers
 Website: <http://www.wiscwoodworkersguild.org/>

Ron's Ramblings



Ron Reuter
 Guild President

Hello Everyone,

Bob Dickey came through, again. That new edge he puts on his drawers really gives it a new look. It's also nice to see what he's doing that's new for him. To hear about him putting items on Etsy (etsy.com) is very interesting, at least for me. I also like the idea of a workshop. Although with spring right around the corner, that might be a bit of a challenge. Spring and summer are always pretty busy for me. I will keep an eye on that.

Neu's Woodworker's Show

Jim Schlarb, Greg Waldo, Justin Gasal and I spent the morning and afternoon at the first table right inside the door at the show. You couldn't come in without spotting our table. We talked to a lot of people, many of them members. Neu's

always takes good care of us. We get lunch and a \$50.00 gift card for our raffle. They have already asked us back for next year. If you haven't stopped at Neu's, I highly recommend you do so. You'll be amazed! Thank you, Neu's.

Woodturner's

Last Monday I stopped in and joined the "Woodturner's". I've been wanting to join this club for the last year or so. FINALLY! I am really looking forward to these meetings. Damn you, Dave Drickhamer for introducing me to turning - you've created a monster. Hope to see you at the "Woodworker's Show" at State Fair Park.

Work safe and share your hobby
 Ronald Reuter

In this issue:

Rons' Ramblings	1
Reflections	1,3
WWG Officers & Committees	2
Woodcraft Schedule	2
Rockler Schedule	2
Friends of WWG	2
Raffle & Door Prize Winners	3
WI Woodworking Show Report	3
Board Briefs	4
Notices	4,6,8
Programs	5,6,8
Show N Tell	6
Pictures	7

Reflections March Meeting

By Don Doss

On Bob Dickey's calling card for his business *Wood'n it be Nice*, he identifies himself as a Wood Artist. Judging by the samples he brought in and the breadth of knowledge he shared with us, that title is well-deserved.

And just to reinforce that claim, Bob has been selected as one of the artisans to appear on a new television series, *Handcrafted America*. The series, which currently consists of 13 episodes, premiered on the INSP TV network on Tuesday, March 1st. These episodes will continue weekly with two back-to-back half-hour shows starting at 7PM CST. Bob will be featured on one of the April 19th episodes which will be repeated on May 3rd. Depending on your specific area and subscription level, the INSP

channel can be found in the Milwaukee area on:

- AT&T U-verse, Channel 564
- DirectTV, Channel 364
- Dish Network, Channel 259
- Time Warner Cable, Channel 387

For more information, go to www.insp.com/shows/handcrafted-america/

Bob is a former member of WWG and we were delighted to have him back. He has given classes frequently at Woodcraft which many of our members have attended. He started his presentation by relating an experience he had earlier in the day. He had been commissioned to make a box for a client in New York who had very specific instructions which, as Bob envisioned it, wouldn't be that attractive. However, he agreed to make

(Continued on page 3)

WWG Officers

President	Ron Reuter ronbo439@yahoo.com	262/784-5877
Vice President	Greg Waldo Waldog1050@sbcglobal.net	414/769-1553
Treasurer	Andy Wagner yxandy2001@sbcglobal.net	414/327-7505
Secretary	Ken Ochs kochs@wi.rr.com	262/782-2135
Program	Jay Pilling Jaypilling537@gmail.com	414/425-5692

WWG Committees

Toy Chairman	Norm Lange glfinman@wi.rr.com	920/474-7183
Raffles	Jim Schlarb	262/968-4830
Membership	Kevin Seigworth kseigworth@wi.rr.com	262/470-8916
Publications	Leila Crandall-Frink leila.frink@gmail.com	414/453-4118
	Don Doss FourPartHarmony@att.net	414/281-2854
Audio/Video	Jerry Anson janson@wi.rr.com	414/453-4537
	Tom Hipsak thipsak@wi.rr.com	262/865-8512

Woodcraft Class Schedule - Tuition assessed

Basic Cabinet Construction 6/7 with Chris Kraemer, Tue, Apr 5, 6pm - 9pm

Basic Cabinet Construction 7/7 with Chris Kraemer, Tue, Apr 19, 6pm - 9pm

Woodworking For Women with Dan McClanahan, Mon & Wed, Apr 4 & 6, 6pm - 9pm

Turn a Lever-Action Pen with Melanie Wegner, Thurs, Apr 7, 6:00pm - 9:00pm

Basic Router Techniques with Dan McClanahan, Thurs, Apr 14, 6:00pm - 9:00pm

Jointer-Planer-Table Saw with Dan McClanahan, Mon, Apr 18, 6:00pm - 9:00pm

Wood Finishing with Kevin Seigworth, Sat, Apr 23, 9:30am - 3:30pm

Woodworking For Women with Dan McClanahan, Sun, Apr 24, 10:30am - 2:30pm

For further details, call Woodcraft: 262-765-6770. Woodcraft is located at 14115 W. Greenfield Ave., New Berlin

Rockler Class Schedule - Tuition assessed

Intermediate Scroll Saw with Matt, Sat, Apr 2, 1pm - 6pm

Make 'n Take Ice Cream Scoop, Wed, Apr 6, 5pm - 6:30pm

Spindle Turning Fundamentals with Gary Datka, Sat, Apr 9, Noon - 3pm

Acrylic Pen Turning with Gary Datka, Wed, Apr 13, 1pm - 6pm

Make 'n Take Knife, Fri, Apr 15, 1pm - 4pm

Advanced Scroll Saw with Matt, Sat, Apr 16 & 23, 1pm - 6pm

Candle Holder Turning with Gary Datka, Sat, Apr 9, 9:30am - 12:30pm

Make 'n Take Floating Shelf, Fri, Apr 22, 1pm - 4pm

Beginner Bowl Turning with Gary Datka, Sat, Apr 24, 11:30am - 3:30pm

Make 'n Take Custom Keepsake Box, Fri, Apr 29, 1pm - 4pm

Rockler Demonstrations

4/2 Knife Making, 11am

4/9 Dust Collection & Cord Management - 11am

4/12 Advanced Scroll Saw Techniques - 5pm

4/16 Rockler Shutter Jig 11am

4/23 Wood Finishing Basics - 11am

4/26 Basic Scroll Saw Techniques - 5pm

4/40 SawStop - 11am

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

Friends of the Wisconsin Woodworkers Guild

Homestead Finishing Products, Cleveland, OH
(216) 631-5309 www.homesteadfinishing.com
Rockler's (The Woodworker's Store) 1725 S

108th St, West Allis, (414) 774-1882
Woodcraft, 14115 W. Greenfield Ave New Berlin, WI 53151 Phone: (262) 785-6770
Woodline USA (800) 472-6950

(Continued from page 1)

the box and was astounded by how well it turned out. Just proving that “the customer is always right!”

Bob brought in a number of samples of his work demonstrating that he has a keen knowledge of inlays, joinery and finishing. The only way I can see myself doing such fine work is in my dreams!

One of the problems Bob has had to overcome is preventing damage to his work while it’s being shipped to distant places. This has caused him to learn how to repair such damage, usually with the aid of steam. To help prevent further such issues, he has settled on packaging the boxes with shock absorbing Styrofoam bumpers at each corner and using heavy corrugated boxes. Another problem that perplexed him for some time is the expansion and contraction of the wood.

In addition to the completed boxes he brought, Bob also brought a box that was dry-fitted which he was able to disassemble. This allowed him to describe the steps in producing the box. With regard to size, Bob subscribes to the Golden Ratio: 1 x 1.6. He finds this to give a much warmer look than square boxes or even boxes that approach a boxy ratio. He also finds that getting outside the Golden Ratio tends to start making the box look a bit gaudy. There are exceptions, though, such as when a box is being made to hold a specific item.

Bob shared his preference for some specific tools he uses. His favorite is his INCRA Gauge, #01J21

which he finds himself using repeatedly every day. Among its many uses, it is a precision measuring and marking gauge, a freestanding depth-of-cut gauge, a fence alignment gauge and a center finder. He also is a believer in INCRA’s Router Table System, Model LS25WFNSYS, which includes patented lead screw technology for precise positioning. Not wanting to leave other tool manufacturers behind, he also touted the Freud P410 Premier Fusion 10” 40-tooth tablesaw blade with PermaShield Coating.

There are some books on box making which Bob is quick to recommend. One is *Box Making Basics* by David Freedman and the other is *Box Making* by Doug Stone.

Bob referred us to his blog site, www.artnabox.com. There, you’ll find a picture of his shop in Wisconsin. You’ll also find additional pictures of his handywork as well as how to make the box legs he uses on some of his boxes. And check out his downloads – awesome!

Bob continues to offer demonstration workshops as well as a hands-on workshop. The latter allows students the opportunity to make a box that they can take home and finish at their leisure. Jay Pilling, our Activity Chairman, asked for a show of hands of those who would be interested in this workshop. At least 10 hands shot up, showing the very favorable impression Bob left with our audience. Well done, Bob! Jay will be putting a sign-up sheet out for the workshop. Be sure to let Jay know if you’re interested!

For Sale

60-80 burls, small to large and a couple of jumbos. Contact Ron Hinderman
262-549-9614, r_hinderman@sbcglobal.net

March Raffle & Door Prize Winners

Raffle winners were Craig Baltz, George Henderson, Tom Hipsak, Lyle Husar, Norm Lange, Jim Murphy, Ron Pederson (2), Jay Pilling (2), and Greg Waldo (2). Congratulations to all the winners.

Door prize winners were Dave Barber, Dale Kehoss, Ron Reuter, Carl Szopinski, and Larry Teufel. Congratulations and Happy Shopping to all the winners.

2016 WISCONSIN WOODWORKING SHOW

I am happy to report that this year's Woodworking Show was excellent for us. At last count, we have 15 new members. I was told that this might have been a record, at least in recent years. A big "THANK YOU" to all who volunteered and to Justin for coordinating the whole thing. The time I was there seemed to be very busy, and I met a lot of very nice people. It seemed the size of the show grew just a little from last year or maybe I just want it to be bigger. As usual, there were more items I wanted than money in the check book. I picked up a few tips at a couple of the seminars that I'm sure will help me in my shop. I hope all the clubs did well and picked up new members. Looking forward to next year!

Ronald Reuter

Wisconsin Woodworkers Guild Board Briefs – March 3, 2016

Attendees: Ron Reuter, Greg Waldo, Jay Pilling, Don Doss, Kevin Seigworth, Andy Wagner, Norm Lange, and Ken Ochs

Treasury Balance: \$7,519.50

Membership: Paid 2016 membership is at 94 members

Secretary: Sixty-three (63) members/guests attended the March meeting. The nonstock corporation annual report was filed this month.

Other: The regular April Guild meeting will be on Friday, April 8th, with a paid admission seminar on Saturday. The originally planned speaker for the March meeting will be rescheduled (Sept?). Links to related organizations such as carver and turner clubs will be added to the WWG website.

The amount of toys produced and donated each year was discussed. A budget of \$1,000.00 was authorized for toys this year.

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

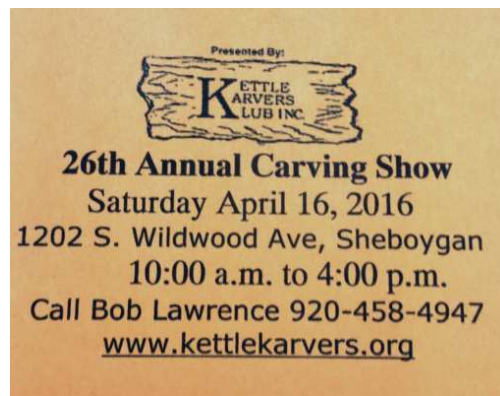
Respectfully Submitted, Ken Ochs

Notice:

This is an open invitation to anyone who would like to participate in the 26th Annual Carving Show, presented by Kettle Karvers Klub, Inc. Please contact Bob Lawrence 920 - 458 - 4947 for information on tables. I believe the cost per table is \$20.

We are also looking for people who wish to demonstrate their wood related skills. Again, contact Bob. Thanks.

Gary A Emerich



Woodworkers Gym

Guild member Dan Meissner announced at our February meeting that his new public-access woodworking shop, The Woodworker's Gym is now open. He is looking for part time shop monitors and to tap into the vast experience of other Guild members. Please find some time to stop by, tour the facility and chat. Dan is offering a 10% discount on memberships and classes to Guild members. Call 262-373-9411 for more information.

Need more space or better equipment to complete your projects? Do you prefer to work alongside fellow woodworkers or just don't want to deal with the mess? The Woodworker's Gym is the place for you.

With over \$80,000 in professional-grade

equipment from respected manufacturers like SawStop, Powermatic, JET, Grizzly, Kreg and Milwaukee Tool, The Woodworker's Gym is fully equipped to serve both the hobbyist and professional woodworker.

Project-specific classes for woodworkers of all skill levels are also available, taught by professional furniture makers and craftsmen.

The Woodworker's Gym is located at 3220 N. 126th St. in Brookfield, just a half-mile west of I-41/US-45 on Burleigh Rd., open Tuesday-Sunday beginning at 11 a.m.

Stop by for a tour. For membership information, visit us online at TheWoodworkersGym.com or contact Dan Meissner at 262.373.9411.

April Program Speaker Notes

Mitch Kohanek will be our program speaker and demonstrator on Friday April 8 and Saturday April 9. Mitch is the preeminent wood finishing teacher in the country. He taught at and led the National Institute for Wood Finishing program at Dakota County Technical College (DCTC) in Minnesota for 35 years. His graduates have become the best professional finishers and restoration artists in the country. They include former WWG speakers Audrey Vincent and Bill Robillard. Mitch teaches several finishing classes at Marc Adams school of woodworking.

Here is what Mitch said about what he does: "When I am teaching about finishing wood, I use the analogy that wood finishing is like playing chess. You can't really play the game of chess unless you understand the power of the pieces. If you lose a piece, you learn to play the game without it. All of the materials you have on the shelf at the store are the wood finishers chess pieces. Most of the information they need to learn is on the back side of the container and not the

label in the front. I enjoy taking some of the fear out of finishing."

On Friday night Mitch will present pictures of the classes and projects accomplished at DCTC. He will also present the "Six Steps to a Fine Finish".

The Saturday workshop will run from 9:15am to 4:45pm at Woodcraft. The store opens at 9 and closes at 5. The cost of the workshop for members is \$50. Mitch will be demonstrating with finishing products and will cover the following topics:

- Wood Finishing Terminology
- Establishing a Finishing System
- Wood Nomenclature
- Surface Prep
- Coloring Agents
- Sanding Sealers/sealers
- Topcoats
- Tools for applying coatings: rags, brushes, spraying
- Glazes and Toners
- Grain Pore Fillers
- Rubbing out the Finish

JEWELRY BOX WORKSHOP

WWG is considering a Jewelry Box Workshop with Bob Dickey as he described in his presentation on Thursday, March 3rd. There are two options. The first is a hands-on workshop where each class member would build a jewelry box similar to the one pictured. This class would require two very full days (a couple of consecutive Saturdays, Sundays, or a mix) and could serve a maximum of six students. The cost for this workshop is \$260, including all materials.

A second option is a one-day class in which Bob builds a jewelry box, demonstrating all the steps and tools involved, but attendees do not. Because no materials are involved, the cost for this class would be \$85.

The date(s) and times of either the workshop or class has yet to be determined and would necessarily be based on Bob's availability as well as that of the venue. If you are interested, **please contact Jay Pilling and specify which option suits you.** At the time of this writing, Bob is relatively flexible after the last week in April, and July 24 -

31. The second weekend in August is out, as is October 28 - November 8th.



Kettle Moraine Hardwood Mill Tour

The tour at Kettle Moraine Hardwood Mill is set for Saturday, May 14, 2016. It will start at 9:00am and will last anywhere from 2 to 3 hours, depending on how many questions are asked. The saw may or may not be running - it all depends on their workload. How many of you have ever seen a 52" circular saw blade?

The tour will cover the sawing area, stacking and sorting, plus the drying kiln, and the warehouse. Don't forget to bring your own Personal Protection Gear! You'll also get to spend time (and money) in the showroom.

Sign-up started at the March meeting. There are still some openings but sign up soon so you won't miss out. Carpooling highly recommended.

May Program Speaker Notes

At Strub's Woodcrib, Peter Strub and company only work with the finest materials. Their staple product is their cutting boards crafted from endgrain Moso Bamboo. These are fabricated using food-safe glues and finished with food-safe mineral oil and bees wax. Why bamboo, and more specifically, why Moso Bamboo? Peter will give us an in-depth explanation in May!

Although Moso Bamboo is used extensively at Stub's Woodcrib, they also work with other exotic woods. With over 15 years experience in this area, Peter has come to appreciate the enormous variations, complexities and beauty of these woods. Through their use, Peter has created serving trays, trivets, turnings, wall art, and his Mantel Clock Collection.

Always keeping his eye out for

newer technologies, Peter has recently discovered liquid resins and mineral inlays. Through these, he's incorporated a whole new look into some of his work. He's also begun working with aniline dyes and metal oxidized patinas. These additions have unleashed a whole new realm of artistic freedom.

Are you ready for some inspiration? Don't miss Peter's presentation at our May meeting!

Notice: For sale items now on WWG Website.

There is a new section on our WWG Website, updated regularly by our webmaster, Dave Steingart. Check it out at <http://wiscwoodworkersguild.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". Thank you Dave.

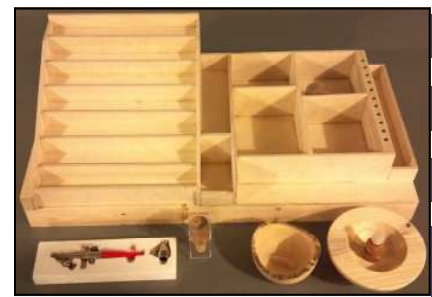
Show and Tell - March 2016



Justin Gasal



Jerry Tackes



Greg Waldo



Kevin Seigworth



Jerry Anson



Ron Hinderman



Tom Hipsak



Lyle Morrison



Mike Erstad

Presentation March 2016

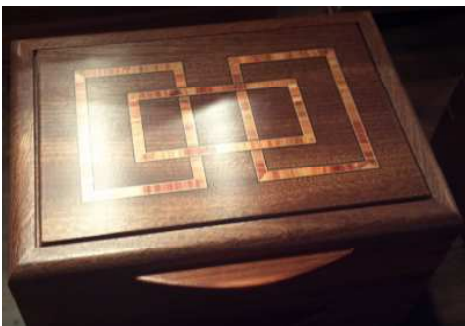
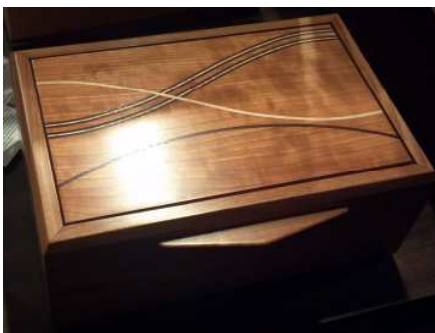
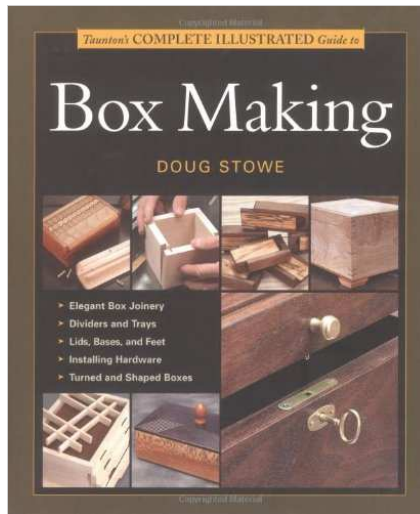


Special thanks to **Dave Drirkhamer** for providing many of these photographs.



Hinge Wizard ↑

↓ Inkra Gauge



Wisconsin Woodworkers Guild
c/o Don Doss
7241 W. Squire Ave.
Greenfield, WI 53220

Upcoming Programs & Events

- | | |
|-------------------|---|
| April 8, 2016 | Mitch Kohanek - wood finishing presentation at Guild meeting. NOTE CHANGE IN MEETING NIGHT - FRIDAY, NOT THURSDAY! |
| April 9, 2016 | Mitch Kohanek - all day wood finishing demonstration by the Wood Finishing Master! See page 5 for more details, including the cost to attend. |
| April 16, 2016 | Kettle Karvers Klub Show - see page 4 for details |
| May 5, 2016 | Peter Strub - Moso Bamboo Cutting Boards - turn to page 6 for more details |
| May 14, 2016 | Kettle Moraine Hardwoods Tour - see page 5 for more details |
| June 2, 2016 | Annual Round Robin - see Jay to volunteer your expertise! |
| July 7, 2016 | Annual Show 'n Tell - time to expound on your favorite project! |
| August 4, 2016 | NO REGULAR MEETING! However, the board will be meeting to review the current year, and what we can do to make the coming year even better. Be sure to share your thoughts with a board member. |
| September 1, 2016 | James Wilsing - Native American Flutes |
| October 6, 2016 | Jerry Anson - making and decorating a flask |
| November 3, 2016 | Not confirmed yet but Jay is working on having a SketchUp presentation |
| December 1, 2016 | Holiday Party! |

REMEMBER TO SIGN UP FOR THE KETTLE MORAINE TOUR

ALSO TAKE NOTE OF THE ARTICLE ON PAGE 7 AND LET JAY KNOW IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN ATTENDING BOB DICKEY'S JEWELRY BOX WORKSHOP OR CLASS.

A message to our e-mail-less members:

With this issue, we have resumed using the USPS for distribution of RIPS AW to those who are unable to receive it electronically. The Board wishes to extend our appreciation to those who were affected by the curtailing of this mailing while we worked to find an equitable solution. As your elected representatives, our primary objective is to provide services to our members while staying within the Guild's financial resources.