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## Ron's Ramblings



Ron Reuter  
 Guild President

Hello Everyone,

If you didn't go to the "Holiday Party", you really missed a great time. Although I didn't get a chance to mingle as much as I would have liked, it was still a lot of fun. That night went faster than lunch time on the job. The gifts that members brought in were unbelievable.

It just goes to show you the ability of our members is unreal. I still think this is the best organization for learning the widest variety of types of woodworking. I know there are other "guilds", but I'm not in them as of yet. (I do plan on getting into the "Wood Turners" this year.)

I am looking forward to another good year for us. The board is trying very hard to improve the quality of our meetings and speakers. I should have acknowledged the board for what they do. Sorry I missed that. Won't happen next year. Thank you, board members.

On a final note, please keep in mind that the "Woodworkers Show" is right around the corner. We are always looking for members at the booth and items for display. Contact Andy Wagner for more information.

Work safe and share your hobby.

Ronald Reuter

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**REFLECTIONS:**

(I can't think of a more fitting topic for this month's Reflections than a tribute to our WWG Christmas Elves, headed up by Norm Lange. And who better to present this tribute than Norm, himself. Norm has been instrumental – again – in overseeing the Wisconsin Woodworkers Guild Christmas Elves. For this and all Norm does, we extend our humble thanks – ed.)

This year, our Christmas Elves created over 800 toys for use at women's shelters in southeastern Wisconsin. At our Holiday Party, a sampling of the 40 lawn mowers, 50 ducks, 120 trucks, tanks and dune buggies, 40 strollers, 35 cradles, 40 grasshoppers, 21 truck haulers, and hundreds of wood blocks were displayed. Turn to page 5 and 6 for pictures of some of these items. Because of the huge quantity, only the items going to the two largest shelters, The Women's Center in Waukesha and Sojourner in Milwaukee, were displayed. Toys were also distributed to five other shelters. These items were destined to

help children at local women's shelters know that they are loved.

There are many who deserve our deepest gratitude for the part they played as Christmas Elves. Among these are:

Sharon Hillman from the Mukwonago Quilt Group for their donation of dolls and hand-quilted covers for the cradles,

Chris and Dena Kraemer of Woodcraft for providing help and assembly space,

Wade Behrens of Rockler for the use of their CNC machine,

Bill Godfrey who opened his shop for Christmas Elves to do their thing,

Martin De Grand at Burmeister for donating hundreds of board feet of their 'scrap' lumber,

And the team of Guild members who gathered at Burmeister to load and then deliver five pick-up trucks filled with donated lumber

Thanks, also, to the following who gave up their time and talents in creating these toys:

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## WWG Officers

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## 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

**L&B Home Improvements**, Luke Bassler (414)  
477-5381

## Rockler Class Schedule - Tuition assessed

Wooden Trivets with Matt, Wed, Jan 6, 3PM - 5PM  
Bowl Turning with Gary, Fri, Jan 8, 12:30AM - 5PM

Turning Tool Sharpening with Gary, Sat, Jan 9,  
12:30PM - 4PM

Basic Lathe Operation & Tools with Gary, Sun, Jan  
10, 11:30AM - 2:30PM

Morrie the Moose with Matt, Sat, Jan 16, 1PM -  
5PM

Confetti Lamp Turning with Gary, Wed, Jan 20,  
5PM - 7PM

Beginner Bowl Turning with Gary, Sat, Jan 23,  
9:30AM - 2PM

Bowls on the Scroll Saw with Matt, Sat, Jan 30,  
1PM - 5:30PM

Two Way Pen Turning with Gary, Sun, Jan 31,  
11:30AM - 1PM

## Rockler Demonstrations

Creative Woodturning, Sat, Jan 2, 11AM

Knife Making, Sat, Jan 9, 11AM

Basic Scroll Saw, Tue, Jan 12, 5PM - 7PM

Floor Demo: Pens, Bottle Stopper & Pizza Cutter  
Handle, Sat, Jan 16, 9:30AM - 1PM

Router Table Techniques, Sat, Jan 16, 11AM

Full Spectrum Laser, Sat, Jan 23, 11AM

Finishing Touch: Wood Finishing, Sat, Jan 30,  
11AM

*For further details, call Rockler: 414-774-1882.*

*Location: 1725 S 108th St, West Allis*

## Woodcraft Class Schedule - Tuition assessed

Basic Construction w/Chris, a 7-week series

This series began on Tue, Dec 1

Tue, Jan 5, 6PM - 9PM

Tue, Jan 12, 6PM - 9PM

Jointer-Planer-Table Saw w/Dan McClanahan, Th,  
Jan 7, 6PM - 9PM; Mon, Jan 11, 6PM - 9PM

Raised Panel Doors w/Dan McClanahan, Mon, Jan  
11, 6PM - 9PM and Mon, Jan 18, 6PM - 9PM

Turn a Slim-Line Pen w/Melanie Wegner, Th, Jan  
14, 6PM - 9PM

Turning 101: Spindle Turning, Sun, Jan 17,  
10:30AM - 4:30PM

## Woodcraft Class Schedule - Tuition assessed (continued)

Band Saw Box w/Tom Yapundich, Th, Jan 28, 6PM  
- 9PM

Hand Tools Setup & Use w/Kevin Seigworth, Sat,  
Jan 30, 9:30AM - 3:30pm

## Woodcraft Demonstrations

Carving Demo w/Frank Penne, Saturday, Jan 9,  
1PM

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

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Carl Brust  
Dave Drirkhamer  
George Egenhoefer  
Jim Fenske  
Dick Garbe  
Bill Godfrey  
George Henderson  
Bob Hillman  
Ron Hinderman  
Lyle Husar  
Jerry Kashmerick

Mike Mitten  
Jay Pilling  
Jim Schlarb  
Paul Scholovich  
Gary Shadley  
Dave Steingart  
Jerry Tackes  
Larry Teufel  
Andy Wagner

As always, when there is such a large outpouring of

volunteers, some of those volunteers may not be acknowledged here. This is in no way a reflection of my appreciation for your contributions. For anyone I have missed, please accept my sincere apology and my gratitude.

Respectfully submitted, Norm Lange, Toy Chairman

## German Journeyman, by Robin Woods

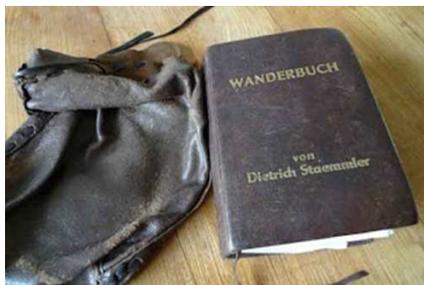
Meet Dietrich Staemmler, a German Journeyman. His odd costume



tells those in the know that he is a fully trained craftsman traveling and looking for work to broaden his experience. In Germany, folks instantly recognize this and so it makes life easy to get lifts when hitchhiking, or folks will simply offer him food and lodgings in exchange for some work. His pack was

made by another journeyman and has a steam bent wooden frame with leather straps. He has been traveling for nearly 3 years with just his belongings in this pack.

This is his journeybook, a rather wonderfully handmade, leather-bound book in which the various people he



works for make notes. He is not allowed to write in it himself and when in Germany each day he will get it stamped at the local post office to prove where he has been and that he has not gone back to the two areas he is not allowed (his home and the area where he did his apprenticeship).

In medieval times, crafts across Europe were governed by guilds. The guilds had many functions. They acted as a brotherhood and looked after their members in times of hardship. But

most importantly they acted as the protector of quality. They managed the schemes whereby folks made the progression from raw apprentice to journeyman to master and they also controlled who could practice and who could sell their products. It was rather draconian with searchers employed by the guilds checking for people selling goods. If they were not guild members, the goods could be confiscated, bought at rock bottom rate or, if substandard, broken up. Apprentices would pay a master to teach them their skills over a 5 or 7 year period. Then, when they became a journeyman, they would travel and work in many different master workshops broadening their skills before perhaps taking the tests to become a master themselves.

By the 19th century in Germany like England the guild system was on it's last legs and from around 1850-1870 there were no journeymen. Then the system was revived and ran with small numbers until the 1980s when, typically, there would be a few dozen journeymen on the road at any one time. Over the last 15 years there has been a tremendous expansion in interest from people who want to really

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### Wisconsin Woodworkers Guild Board Briefs

No Board Briefs this issue. The WWG Board of Directors didn't meet in December.

The Board wishes to extend our warmest greetings to all our members for a safe and Happy New Year!

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ken Ochs

### RAFFLE PRIZE WINNERS:

Jim Schlarb, our Raffle Chairman, assembled some great raffle prizes for our Holiday Party. The following is a list of the lucky winners. Of course they each contributed to their own 'luck' by buying raffle tickets!

Jim Fenske  
Lyle Husar  
Ginny Lange

Gary Shadley  
Larry Teufel

## WWG CALENDAR

**January 7th - Dave Gills:** A long time member, Dave will be giving us a presentation on gun stocks. Fabricating gun stocks involve general woodworking, sculpting and finishing. Even if gun stocks aren't your 'thing', you're sure to learn something from Dave that will apply to what you do.

**February 4th - Lyle Morrison:** Lyle will be telling us about carving canes, knives, bones and antlers. Carving can apply to just about any woodworking project. Let your imaginations run wild!

**March 3rd - James Allen Wilsing:** Mr. Wilsing's business is called James Allen Wilsing Native American Inspired Flutes. His flutes are inspired by the original Native American design. Unlike the more common side-blown flutes, Native American-style flutes are end-blown.

*I'm currently working on putting together a tour of Kettle Moraine Hardwoods in 2016. We did this tour some years ago and its time for us to get re-acquainted with this premier sawmill. Please express your interest in participating.*

*Also, please submit your thoughts and ideas for programs you'd like to see in the future, either for one of our meetings or as a field trip.*

Respectfully submitted, Jay Pilling, Program Chairman

### FOR SALE

Several power and hand tools (as well as 'a ton of fishing equipment') are offered from the estate of Bill Haen of Chilton, WI by his widow, Sue.

Many of the items are listed on Craigs List. The woodworking collection includes power tools by DeWalt, Craftsman, Bosch, DeVilbiss, Black & Decker, Chicago Electric and Central Machinery. Sue has compiled a comprehensive list that she can e-mail to you. Contact her at 920-483-0139 or by e-mail at sue.haen@gmail.com.

If enough are interested in traveling to Chilton as a group to look over what's available, I will help coordinate. Call Don Doss at 414-281-2854.

### 4-H IN RACINE

WWG member George Henderson, with enthusiastic support from WWG members Bill Godfrey and Paul Prondzinski, have been conducting woodworking classes for 4-H clubs. Chris Kramer of Woodcraft has graciously provided the use of their saws. Future plans include workshops on scroll saws in January, and routers in February. George would also like to host a wood-bending workshop in April. All workshops are held at the Yorkville 4-H Clover Center.

Find out how you can participate by contacting George at 262-994-6014 or by e-mail at geohen@tds.net.

### ENTERTAINMENT FOR 2016 HOLIDAY PARTY

At our 2015 Holiday Party, we were entertained by the four-part harmony of Cream City Crooners, a barbershop quartet. We're already looking for entertainment for our 2016 Holi-

day Party. We have some ideas but we need your help. We're looking for family-style entertainment (music, comedy, magic, etc.) that is suitable for high-schoolers as well as your dear, sweet Grandma. Send info to Don Doss.

### Woodworker of the Year

If you missed the Holiday Party this year, you missed two very special presentations. The first was to Jim Schlarb, the 2014 winner of the Woodworker of the Year award. The second was to the 2015 winner, Dave Drickhamer. Be sure to congratulate each of these guys in person at the January meeting.

This award is not necessarily for the best woodworker. It's for the person who has contributed substantially to the Guild. Throughout 2016, be thinking of who you would nominate for this high honor.

### RENEWAL TIME

Your membership with Wisconsin Woodworkers Guild expires on December 31, 2015. If you haven't already done so, please do it now. Our editors spend countless hours making sure each issue is a valuable member benefit, not only for recapping the previous month's speaker, but also to keep you informed on all that your Guild is doing for you, for your hobby, and for our area. If you don't renew now, your last issue of R.I.P.S.A.W. will be the March issue.

Renewing is easy. Just fill out the Renewal Form on page 8 and send with your check for \$35.00 made payable to WWG. You can also pay by cash or check at a meeting. But don't delay! Fill out the Form and write your check NOW!

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immerse themselves in craft for many years and today there are around 800 journeymen on the road.



It is a very serious undertaking. First, there is the three to five year apprenticeship with one master in



timber framing, cabinetmaking, blacksmithing or whatever. Then you join the journeyman organization and set out for a minimum of 3 years but often up to 5. Along the way, the journeyman stays in many countries, meeting and living with the local people, working in exchange for food

and taking on occasional paying work to refill the coffers. The main purpose, though, is exchanging skills. So it was that Dietrich came to me. We carved spoons, turned bowls, worked a couple of days on a bridge project and, on the last day he was here, we built a small timber-framed gateway together.

Then it was time for Dietrich to



pack his bags and head on his way. Next stop Bristol to buy some tools, then briefly to Germany and then some time in Sweden where he is hoping to

learn birch bark work. A rather wonderful life for a young man, it is travel but with a purpose and giving as well as taking wherever he goes. He makes me look very small. I am not that short but Dietrich is very tall. If you see him or anyone else dressed like



this on their travels do offer them a bed for the night and a meal.

<http://www.robin-wood.co.uk/wood-craft-blog/2010/07/29/german-journeyman/>

## WOODWORKING SHOW MILWAUKEE

The Woodworking Show Milwaukee will be held March 11-13, 2016 at the Wisconsin Expo Center, Hall C, in West Allis, Wisconsin. This event showcases products like stationary machinery, dowels or legs, shop equipment, time savers, measuring devices, finishing tools and products, cabinet tools and hardware, power tools and accessories and turning tools and supplies. Attendees will also get to see tools, adhesives, cleaning tools and home improvement products. Hours are noon to 6PM on Friday, 10AM to 6PM on Satur-

day, and 10AM to 3PM on Sunday. Tickets are \$10 online and \$12 at the door (cash only). For more information and to buy tickets, go to <http://www.thewoodworkingshows.com/webapp-shows/Milwaukee>

Wisconsin Woodworkers Guild will again have a booth. This is a great way for us to reach out to the local woodworking community and let them know who we are. Contact Andy Wagner to see how you can participate.

Pictures from our Holiday Party. More pictures on page 6.

Also, see page 7 for a copy of a letter of appreciation received by Norm from Angela Mancuso, Executive Director of The Women's Center in Waukesha.



Thanks to Dave Drickhamer for providing an excellent photo essay of our Holiday Party!

Truck assembly line . . .



Some of the great gifts brought in by members for door prizes . . .



And then there were toys - lots and lots of toys!!



Pictures to the right . . .

1. Our honorable President Ron Reuter doing his MC stich.
2. Our Toy Chairman Norm Lange bestowing accolades on a well-deserving Christmas Elf crew.
3. Cream City Crooners





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CENTER**

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December 10, 2015

Norman Lange  
W1405 Washington Rd.  
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Dear Norman:

Thank you for your in-kind donation. Donors like you are a cornerstone of The Women's Center's success in providing safety, shelter, and support to women and their families affected by domestic violence, sexual assault and abuse.

Your gift helps to provide:

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- Onsite Childcare
- Child Abuse Prevention Programming
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- Community Education and Violence Prevention Programming
- Information and Referral Services

Your support helps to ensure that our programs and services continue to be offered free of charge to women and families seeking help and support.

On behalf of our Board of Directors, staff, volunteers, and most assuredly, our clients, thank you for joining us in our mission.

Gratefully yours,

Angela Mancuso  
Executive Director

*Make a difference for years to come. Talk to your Estate Planning Attorney, Financial Advisor, or The Women's Center Development Director about Charitable Gift Giving.*

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Wisconsin Woodworkers Guild

- ❖ Good Fellowship
- ❖ Education
- ❖ Exchange of Knowledge
- ❖ Amateurs
- ❖ Professionals

**Meetings (usually)**  
 First Thursday of each month. 7:00 – 9:00 PM  
 Woodcraft – lower level  
 14115 W. Greenfield Ave.  
 New Berlin, WI 53151

**Renewal dues are \$35.00/yr., due Jan 1st**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **ZIP:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail address (where the newsletter will be sent):** \_\_\_\_\_

**How long have you been a woodworker?** \_\_\_\_\_

**How did you hear about WWG?**  Friend  Internet  Woodworking Show  Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Please make checks payable to Wisconsin Woodworkers Guild**  
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**PLEASE SHARE YOUR SKILLS, KNOWLEDGE & EXPERIENCE!**

Without the volunteer efforts of our members, Wisconsin Woodworkers Guild would not exist. You can increase the value of your membership by working with us in the day-to-day operations of our organization. If you have skills, knowledge or experience to share, please don't hesitate to offer your services. Here are a few areas to consider:

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