Several years ago, I had a sign installed in our shop: “Safety First”. There is nothing original about the sign—I have seen the same two words on various occasions at other schools and businesses. At the beginning of the school year, I tell my students to look at their hands every day before they begin, be thankful for all their fingers, and make sure they take them home with them when they go home at the end of the day. I have been teaching for over 15 years, and “knock on wood”, I have never had a student lose a finger. However, I am all too aware of the potential. Stressing safety is one thing, but equipping ourselves with products that can help prevent accidents in the first place is another. I have had the opportunity in recent years to meet 2 brilliant designers who specialize in making devices which protect our precious appendages. The first is Georg Aigner, President of Aigner Safety Products, whom I met in Germany in 2009. He is a brilliant engineer, and his company features a full line of guards which make almost any potentially unsafe operation safe.

The second person is Wayne Gregoire, who runs his own business, Wynmatic. Wayne is an inventor, and an individual who handcrafts his safety devices one by one in his own workshop. I met Wayne back in 2004 at IWF, and through the years have acquired many of his products. All too frequently when I visit shops, I see machinery unguarded. This is often because the original guard which came with the machine was poorly designed and more of a hazard to begin with. When it comes to safety, one should not have to compromise.

Our goal is to feature the best products for our students. When I was in Germany in 2009, I saw the prototype for the Vectral Rip Fence. I knew immediately I wanted one for our training center. Unfortunately we didn’t have funds available to purchase the Vectral. Thanks to the generosity of Herr Aigner, and the willingness of Carl Stout of Martin USA to assist, we were able to acquire this device. Our students can now rip narrow strips on our panel saw with the safest hand-fed technology I have yet experienced.

Pictured Right: Several of our current students got to test out the Vectral Rip Fence on our Format 4 Panel Saw when they returned from Winter Break.
UPCOMING DATES

3/22/12 Veneer Lunch & Learn, sponsored by Stiles Machinery
5/15/12 Advisory Committee Meeting
5/19/12 Graduation
8/27/12 Fall term begins

DONATIONS TRULY MATTER

We are grateful for the numerous donations over the past several years which have supported a number of class activities and scholarships. If you have something to donate, be it materials, money or time, please contact us. Your support makes a difference in the lives of our students!

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STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: FIRST-EVER WCA CREDENTIAL AWARDED

Congratulations to current student Jesse Spader, the first person to receive his Green Credential from the Woodwork Career Alliance. Jesse successfully passed 15 performance evaluations and now hopes to complete his blue credential prior to graduating.

FREE EMPLOYMENT LISTINGS AVAILABLE ON TECHCONNECT

Madison College, in collaboration with the other 15 Wisconsin Technical Colleges, has created a job posting website - Wisconsin TechConnect. Employers can post an ad free of charge via this link:

http://www.wisconsintechconnect.com/

Sent your comments and suggestions to:

For over a decade, the Cabinetmaking program has offered an internship option with area employers. Eligible students are matched with employers and complete a 4-day, 28 hour internship experience. Through the years, we have had over 50 employers participate in our program. If you are looking for a qualified hire, please contact us ASAP to get on the list for consideration. Past employers have included:

Auburn Ridge, Marshall
Bachmann Construction, Madison
Bensen Wood Products, Cottage Grove
B&B Laminates, Mazomanie
Black & Sons, Columbus
Brusnell Lumber & Millwork, Madison
The Cabinettry, Fennimore
Cabinettry Plus, Columbus
California Closets, Madison
Capital Millwork, Dane
Carley Wood Associates, Madison
The Carlson Co., Madison
Design Tec Ltd., Fitchburg
Distinctive Wood Creations, Middleton
Elliott Construction, Middleton
Findorff, Madison
Glen Oak Lumber & Milling, Montello
Hansen Manufacturing, Inc., Sun Prairie
Hoffman MC, Madison
Misty River Woodworks, Cottage Grove
Prestige Laminated Products, Middleton
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Randall Cabinetry, Middleton
Richard Judd Furniture, Madison
Sandenwood, Rio
Specialty Cove, Janesville
Techline USA, Waunakee
Wildwood Woodworks, Mazomanie
Wisconsin Built, Deerfield
Wood Design, Inc., Fort Atkinson
Wood Joiners, DeForest

The WCA rolled out it’s credentialing system in 2012 after spending 3 years developing standards for the Wood Industry. Madison College is an Accredited Evaluation Center for the WCA. The WCA Credentialing System is a 5 step process, with the Green Award being the first level of accomplishment. Each level requires multiple skill demonstrations and a specified number of work and/or education hours. Congratulations Jesse!
Veneer Seminar

Tips & Techniques for working with veneers

Working with veneers can yield attractive, quality results that last when you have a solid understanding of how to work with them. Join Stiles Machinery, National Casein Co., and Madison Area Technical College for this one-day, complimentary seminar on March 22 to explore the world of veneer including adhesives, sanding and pressing. Through presentations from area experts and machine demonstrations, learn how to achieve the highest quality results for any veneer application. Register today as seating is limited.

Presentation Overview

- **Veneers** presented by Peter VanDyke, Stiles Machinery
  Discover how to best work with veneer by understanding the manufacturing process, veneer matching, how to make veneer faces, and all about sanding veneers.

- **Adhesives** presented by Joshua Bartlett, National Casein Co.
  Learn about various adhesives for woodworking, the proper terminology and applied use for lasting results.

- **Pressing** presented by Ken McFadden, Stiles Machinery
  Ken will discuss the pressing of both flat and 3D veneers. Learn how moisture content is critical for various veneer species. Also discover the importance of glue-spreading, cure time and press time, and how each significantly impacts the quality of your finished product.

**Location**
Madison Area Technical College (MATC)
3550 Anderson St., Room 85
Madison, WI 53704
p. 608.246.6842

**Date / Time**
Thursday, March 22, 2012
9:30am - 2:00pm
Lunch Provided

Let us know you’ll be there.

There is no cost to attend, but advance registration is required. Reserve your seat today:

www.stilesmachinery.com/events

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