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THIS COMING FRIDAY AT UWGB

FROM SPRAY CANS TO PRESSURE POTS: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT SPRAY FINISHING

We're kicking off the New Year with a program on spray finishing. Our speaker is Tom Smith. Tom has more than 30 years of experience in finishing, refinishing, and antique restoration. Not only does Tom have lots of experience, but he has taken time to study and refine his craft. He has taken seminars from such experts as: Jeff Jewitt, president of Homestead Finishing and co-author with Susan Jewitt of Taunton's Complete Illustrated Guide to Finishing (Hardcover - Mar 1, 2004); Bob Flexner author of Understanding Wood Finishing: How to Select and Apply the Right Finish (Paperback - Jun 1, 2005) and; Mitch Kohanek, instructor at the National Institute of Wood Finishing (<http://www.woodfinishing.org/>) and former intern as a Smithsonian Conservatist.

Tom will be talking with us about safety, spray equipment, low budget spray booths, and cleaning spray guns. This sounds like a meeting no one is going to want to miss, so we'll see you there.

The January Guild meeting is this Friday, January 16 in Room 107, Mary Ann Cofrin Hall at the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay. It starts at 7 P.M. For directions, check the map at www.uwgb.edu or call 468-0132.

Where: Room 107 Mary Ann Cofrin Hall, UWGB Campus.

When: 7:00 P.M., Friday, January 16, 2009.

THE SPRING SHOW!!!!

The Spring Show will be held on Saturday and Sunday, March 21 and 22. We will hold it at the Riverside Ballroom in Green Bay. Same great show, but a new location.

Here's the scoop. We were unable to get the regular room at East Town Mall this year because it is rented out through April. They offered us the hallways and a couple of smaller shops, but it didn't look like it would work out very well, so we went hunting. The Riverside has close parking, good space, and a good location. It will cost us some money, but we have ample reserves in the treasury, so the Board said to go ahead.

What is the Spring Show? Well, in a nutshell, the Guild has held a spring show for the past 26 consecutive years. This is number 27. We show our work, demonstrate our skills, sell some of our stuff, get to know each other a little better, have a used tool corral, sell lots of raffle tickets, and raffle off about 70 prizes, including power tools and prizes made by our members.

Here's what happens. In February, you will receive raffle tickets and a poster with your issue of *Benchtalk*. Your job is to put the poster up somewhere where people are likely to see it and to sell or buy the tickets. Then, you call Jane for more tickets so you can sell those, too. Remember, the raffle finances the library, special events like David Marks, and all of our regular programs. This year, raffle ticket sales will also have to pay for renting the ballroom. If we don't sell several thousand tickets, life will not be as pleasant as we want it to be.

You will also be asked to sign up for a job at the show. In February, you'll get a form in the mail that you should fill out and return to Jane. Will you want a table on which to display or from which to sell wooden items that you yourself have made (Sorry, no imports from China or anywhere else permitted.)? Will you demonstrate a skill, such as turning, scrolling, carving, cutting dovetails, sharpening tools, etc.? Will you help with the tool corral? Will you donate a prize? Will you sell raffle tickets at the show? What is your goal for selling raffle tickets? Will you distribute posters before the show? Will you help us get TV and newspaper coverage beforehand? Will you help with set up and clean up? Will you help deliver prizes? Each and every one of these activities is critical to the success of the show. We really need your help, so don't hold back!

What we need now. 1) *If you plan to donate a prize, let Jane (468-0132) know now if you know what it is so she can use that info in the advertising and print the raffle tickets!* 2) **Space is different so Jane's not sure how she'll fit everything in. First come, first served. Let Jane know now how you want to participate.** 3) **We're going to set up on Saturday morning, NOT on Friday night.** 4) **We'll have posters at the meeting this Friday.** 5) **Do you think you'll have something for the used tool corral?**

Remember, besides the undying gratitude of your fellow Guild members, every Guild member who comes to the show participates in a drawing for a special prize. **More in February.**

THE CHRISTMAS PARTY

It was great! Thanks to everyone who chipped in to make it a great success.

THE NOVEMBER MEETING: TOM CHARLIER'S DYE PRESENTATION

Tom Charlier's wood stain recipes range from those made from walnuts to those made with rusty nails. "If it stains your shirt," Tom says, "It will stain wood." Tom stimulated the assembled woodworkers with recipes of stains ranging back into the 18th century. He has been fiddling around with his recipes and with those of others for many years and provided the group with valuable information as well as stimulating some to give it a try themselves. Thanks, Tom, for a very pleasant, well-done, and informative session.

NOVEMBER MEMBERSHIP STUFF

Fred's been out traveling to some warm and some frigid places and is now catching up, so I'm writing this. Fred says we're supposed to drop **Mike Dahlke, Patrick Pozarski, and Clete**

Selissen this month because their dues were up in August, but I'm sending them **one more issue** in hopes that they just forgot, because Jane wants them in the show.

A whole bunch of people are overdue two or more months and in danger of getting cut from the roster: **Bruce Carlson, Carl Graf, Joe Meyer, Scott Oleniczak, Mark Brienen, Joe Kalies, Floyd Bucher, Dan Pleschek, Ray Voight, and Len Yanda.** Yikes, guys, bring those dues in or send them to Fred.

Finally, a bunch of members apparently got caught up in the holidays and forgot to send in their dues: **Robert Baird, Bill Gau, Fred Juengst(!), Lyle Kronberg, Bruce and Marcia Peters, Bob Rukamp, Andrew Stonina, Rick DeBenedetto, Guy DeGroot, Chuck Druckrey, Brian and Kim Everson, Bob Fritsch, Don Lund, and Bob Quella.**

Bring your dues to the meeting on January 16 or mail them to Fred at 846 Cornelius Drive, Green Bay, WI 54311. I'm also sending each of you a hard copy with the label marked so we increase our chances of making contact with you.

CHIPS AND OTHER STUFF: Miscellaneous notes from the editor's shop.

NOTE: BOARD MEETING, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21, AT DAN AND JANE'S.

Good news about **Jim Haen.** In early December, Jim's wife, **Mary,** dragged him to the ER to get a malady diagnosed. Turns out it was heart disease! Jim was transferred to St. Luke's in Milwaukee and, to make a long, scary story short, he is now recovering at home following a quintuple by-pass. Glad you made it Jim and, Mary, a special thanks to you.

Linda Surowiec is recovering from a long fall off a ladder in her back yard. She literally broke her back. She is now "weaning" herself from the back brace. Gee, Linda, you've got to stop doing that kind of stuff

Margee Charlier is recovering from a really vicious infection in her foot that has had her laid up. Good work, Margee.

Speaking of sutures and the like, carver **Roger Young** managed to evaporate the very tippy tip of his thumb in a table saw the past week. He says it wasn't enough for us to start calling him "Stubby," but he did miss the carving session. Saw him Saturday and he's getting around just fine.

The carvers will meet Tuesday, January 20th (because the Board meeting is Wednesday) and Wednesday the 28th.

FOR SALE This is from Tom and Sue Sorenson, still Laser Dynamics LLC but back at home. Reach them at 469-3757. We have moved out of our shop and back home. We have no space for a few items and would like to put them in the November Benchtalk, hoping some Guildie will be interested.

- 5 sets of white plastic shelving units, each has 4 shelves. Unit is 56.25" high by 34.25" wide and 14.25" deep. Asking \$5 per shelving unit.
- Need an outdoor shed that won't rot? We have an 8' by 10' plastic shed. Large double doors on a 10' side to allow space to move large items inside. Asking \$400.
- Need a rodent-proof box to store valuables? We have a metal Site Box on casters. Box is 48" long by 28" high and 24" deep. Asking \$50.
- Need a locking metal gun cabinet? It is 52" high by 20" wide by 16" deep. Asking \$20.
- Can't reach tall places? How about an 8 foot platform ladder? Rated for 300 lbs. Asking \$200.
- Table Saw, 10 inch blade. Brand is General. Table saw is on casters. Asking \$75.