



Bench Talk

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Points of Interest:

- Upcoming Events
- Old Orchard Gallery
- CP Center Project: Photo Gallery

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Guild Picnic: August 21st at DeBroux Park, Bellevue

By: Paula Martens

You've heard of the saying "Christmas in July". Well, the Guild will be having "Christmas in August".

Last year's Guild **Christmas** party, scheduled for December 11, 2010, was cancelled at the last minute due to a severe snowstorm. Therefore, the prizes that would have been given away in December are still waiting to be given away. So....all prizes will be go during the summer picnic instead.

The Guild will provide brats, burgers, buns, condiments and beverages. Members attending the picnic are asked to bring a dish to

pass (i.e.: salad, fruit salad, chips/dip, dessert— your choice).

PLEASE RSVP by August 14th to Jane Alesch at 920.468.0132 or jbalesch@att.net if you plan to attend so we know how many members to plan for and we can purchase an appropriate amount of food and supplies.

We hope you plan to attend. Come and enjoy a burger, brat and cool drinks. Spend just an hour....spend a few hours, as long as you like. The picnic provides a casual environment for everyone to gather and enjoy a good time.

Guild Clothing

By: Paula Martens

Last November we mentioned in our newsletter that the Guild works with **Embroidery Express** on Packerland Dr. for our logo embroidery merchandise. For those of you who are interested, we are including this reminder.

Embroidery Express does have a small selection of shirts, hats and windbreakers on hand at the store, but they also have a vast catalogue of items to choose from (i.e.: computer carry cases, blankets, etc). These

would be ready for you in about 2-weeks. You do **not** need to purchase clothing / items from **Embroidery Express**. They simply are the retailer holding our logo on file. You may take your own new (or washed and pressed) clothing to **Embroidery Express** where you will only be charged \$10.00 to get the logo sewn.

Location: 2710 Packerland Drive adjacent to the Citgo Station. **Phone:** 920.490.5555

Board of Directors Meeting

Meeting Held: June 28, 2011

Present: Steve Lockhart, Andrew Detloff, Lee and Tom Carlson, Lyle Martens, Rob and Paula Martens, Bob Welhouse, Pete Schuh

Absent: Dan and Jane Alesch, Fred Juengst, Ted Zabel

- **Last months meeting minutes:** Approved
- **Treasurer's Report:** Lee C.— Current assets \$8,429.23. Last year \$8,130.15.
- **Membership Report: Fred J—** No report. Fred J absent.
- **Public relations:** Work continues to gain improvement in the area of better communication with the media, especially the Press Gazette.
- **Programs Review:** July—Chris Rowland from Woodcraft on abrasives. August—Guild picnic. September—Steve Kratzer on building a Sam Maloof-style rocker. Possible future program with Kevin Smith on wood-working basics. Discussion also included mentoring in carving, turning and other specialty areas (i.e.: classes at Cedar Street location for turning); however, more

research needed.

- **Editor's Report:** Articles due by noon, July 4th.
- **Librarian's Report:** Of 20 books overdue, 4 have been returned. Books can be dropped off at the Alesch's or Pete Schuh's home.
- **Special Activities:**
 - Idea was suggested to provide a list of sources for lumber in one of the future newsletters.
 - Summer picnic 8-21-11 will include last years prizes from the cancelled Xmas party.
- **Web Report:** Web site will be updated soon to possibly include a calendar, history, links and better ease of use. Questions can be directed to Andrew Detloff at Ravinheart.com. General discussion on possible web site changes, examples can be seen at his Web site Ravinheart.com.
- **Other Business: Next Board Meeting:** Tuesday, July 19, 2011, at Steve Lockhart's home.

Peaking at others projects

By: Paula Martens

While our guild is comprised of all kinds of wood workers spanning many different specialties, there are associations and guilds geared toward each specialty, as well. The internet is a terrific resource for seeing what members of other guilds are up to, seeing what other woodworkers are doing and perhaps even getting ideas for future projects. If you have friends or family outside of Green Bay who also love woodworking, perhaps a few of these web sites may of interest to them:

Wood Working (General)

- Green Bay area: www.newwvg.org
- Madison area: groups.yahoo.com/group/madwoodworkers
- Milwaukee area: www.wiscwoodworkersguild.org

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Upcoming Events

Upcoming program events include the following:

- **July 15, 2011:** Chris Rowland from Woodcraft discussing sandpaper and sanding.
- **August 19, 2011:** NO PROGRAM
- **August 21, 2011: Special Event—**Guild picnic to be held at DeBroux Park, Bellevue.
- **September 16, 2011:** Steve Kratzer discussing building Sam Maloof-style rockers.

- **October 7, 2011: Special Event—** Guest speaker Tommy MacDonald, Woodworking television personality from Wisconsin Public Television.
- **October 8, 2011: Special Event—**Tommy MacDonald presentation at Woodcraft of Appleton.
- **October 21, 2011:** NO PROGRAM

Mark your calendars !

Ray and Joan Kroc Community Center

By: Rob Martens

The Salvation Army and Berners-Schober Associates are seeking submittals for a **Mission Words Sign** at the new Ray and Joan Kroc Community Center. This center is scheduled to open in August 2011.

The following rules are applicable to submissions:

1. The **Mission Words Sign** can be all wood or metal, or a combination of the two materials.
2. The fonts depicted in the image provided are only suggestions, and can be changed at the artist's discretion.
3. The figures shown must be part of the Mission Words Sign. **Their shape cannot be changed.** Their locations, size, and type of material can vary within the composition.
4. The overall composition should fall within the dimensional parameters of the image provided (~18" tall by ~42" long by no more than 3" deep).

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Wood Shorts Available

Submitted by: Bob Welhouse

Through his employer, guild member Bob Welhouse has recently been authorized to offer guild members wood shorts (42" down to 12") for sale 5/4 and 4/4 at about half-price of what it was purchased for. Currently available are:

- White Oak, plain
- Quartered maple, cherry, mahogany, sapele, African mahogany, maple, walnut and possibly more.

If anyone is interested, you can e-mail Bob at:

bobwelhouse08@gmail.com.

Taking this one step further.....We often hear woodworkers asking each other, "Where is the best place to buy exotics", or "Where do you get your lumber". With 160+ members we could create a complete list of lumber resources which our members consider the best, to be included in a future newsletter. Please call or e-mail Paula Martens at Robert-PaulaMart@centurytel.net, (920.655.4952) with the names of your favorite lumber sources. Not only would this list benefit Guild members, but it will also benefit your favorite wood supplier with increased business.!!

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By: Paula Martens

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Wood Turning

- EauClaire/Chippewa Valley area: www.cvwg.org
- West WI, Southwest MN, Northeast IA area: www.crwoodturner.com
- Central WI: www.wisconsinvalleywoodturners.org

Wood Carving

- Elkhart Lake, WI: www.kettlekarvers.org
- Northwest Wood Carvers Assn: www.woodcarvers.org

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By: Rob Martens

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5. The **Mission Words Sign** will be fixed in place above the wood mantel. See photo on Last Page.
6. The Salvation Army Ray and Joan Kroc Center Logo is provided for reference on the last page.
7. This is a commissioned work, so please indicate an approximate cost for solution(s) submitted. There is not a limit on the number of solutions that can be submitted by each individual or group.
8. The successful artist agrees to work with Berners-Schober Associates and the Salva-

tion Army about any suggestions or changes discussed.

9. Proposed solutions need to be submitted no later than August 5, 2011. Submit solutions to Rob Martens at rmartens@bsagb.com or mail to:

Rob Martens

Berners-Schober Associates

310 Pine Street

Green Bay, WI 54301

Please provide your contact information. If you have questions, please contact Rob Martens at 920-569-8642.

Refer to photos on Last Page.

Membership Report

By: Fred Juengst

With regret we report that long time member Frank Stilp from Neenah passed away last month. Our thoughts and condolences are with his family.

We dropped one member this month and we now have 162 members on our roster. Last month I included July notices with the June reminders that your dues are due. This month I sent out 15 reminder cards to those now at least 3 months overdue. If you intend to renew, please do not place any marks on the postcard so I can use it again. Simply mail your check and the postcard back to me at 846 Cornelius Drive, Green Bay, WI 54311.

If you do not intend to renew, please place your name on the postcard and drop it in the mail. Do not feel you have to explain why you choose not to continue being a member. I would feel better if you let me know one way or the other.

If you have any questions, think I made a mistake, or if you did not get your Bench Talk, let me know by sending me an e-mail at mdjuengst@aol.com or call me at 920-469-1919. A change of address or e-mail address would be much appreciated

Board of Directors: July 2011 to June 2012

Below is a list of your Board of Directors for the upcoming year:

Elected positions:

President: Rob Martens

V.P. Programs: Steve Lockhart

V.P. Publicity: Ted Zabel

Treasurer: Lee Carlson

Secretary: Bob Welhouse

Appointed (non-elected) positions:

Librarian: Pete Schuh

Membership: Fred Juengst

Special Activities: Dan Alesch

Spring Show: Jane Alesch

Web Site: Andrew Detloff

Newsletter: Paula Martens

Public Relations: Lyle Martens

Member of the Month: Patrick Pozarski

- **What is your specialty in woodworking?** While I enjoy all aspects of woodworking, finishing is my passion. It is also how I earn my living. Most guild members would know me for the boxes that I build. I also enjoy the design challenges that come with building furniture.
- **How many years have you been woodworking?** I took several classes in high school, but have been working in the field as a finishing specialist for about 13 years. As my job took me into some challenging territory, I started to challenge myself for my own projects and that has led to some real unique finishing processes.
- **What is your favorite wood to use and why?** I am partial to most of the exotics because of the variety of color they can provide. The finisher in me however, prefers rift or quartered white oak that has been bleached several times to a real white. The flake really pops out and the wood can then be dyed and or stained to any color or colors you prefer. I really like the blues and greens.
- **What project do you take the most pride in?** Anything given to friends and family. They're usually the ones I see again. And, it's nice to see how people appreciate something you made and then you know the time spent was worth it.
- **What is the best deal you have ever gotten on a woodworking tool?** A friend of mine offered me a router table for \$20. When I saw the table I said, "Wow, \$20, you're giving that away." To which he replied, "I'm just giving it a good home".

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Member of the Month: Patrick Pozarski, Continued from above

- **Do you have any tips you can give us?** Save your cut offs to use as samples for your final finish prep. The stain seldom looks like it does on the can due to the many variables involved. Knowing how your stains will react ahead of time keeps you in control and avoids that "Not quite what I had in mind" feeling we have all experienced at one time or another.
- **Do you have any mentors?** I think there is something to learn from almost everyone you meet. I have been very fortunate to work with some very skilled and knowledgeable people over the years who have been incredibly patient with my endless stream of hows and whys.
- **What does membership in the Guild mean to you?** More time to talk to people who share the same love and appreciation for wood that I do. I think our group's diverse talents are one of our biggest assets. It is also another way to network with others in the industry as well as to learn what else is going on in the area that is of interest. The recent tour of Oshkosh Design is a perfect example.

For Sale: Lumber

Submitted By:: Curt Andersen

Curt Andersen is sharing that the following lumber is available to anyone interested:

- Black Ash, White Ash, White Oak
- Cedar Boards (x10): 6"-7" wide and 10' to 12' long

This lumber is about 25+ years old, air-dried under a roof. Some of the wood (~240 board feet) was air dried indoors, but some (~270 board feet) was moved outside this spring and stored under plastic sheeting.

The lumber is stickered flat. It runs from 7"-11" wide and up to 13' long. It has been 'skip-planed' to 13/16" thick, so there are some rough spots, but it is mostly smooth.

The seller needs room in his shop so he is motivated to sell it cheap (about 30% of regular price). If interested, call Dick Huiting (pronounced High-ting) at 920.434.6746.

Old Orchard Gallery is Back

Submitted By: Linda Surowiec

I have been a Guild member since 1982. In 1990, I opened a Gallery / Woodworking studio along Hwy 41-141 in Abrams. The Gallery was open for 11 years then closed for 10 years. The Gallery is on the east frontage road on 41-141 facing the Hwy with good exposure just before the highways split. You may have seen the chain saw carving business next door. This is a tourist draw.

Many of the Guild members have enjoyed selling at the Gallery and all members are invited to sell. Also, the Gallery has the reputation of doing custom work, so I would like to know who is interested in taking custom jobs. Items in the gallery are taken on consignment. This is the

beginning of the peak of the season so if you are interested in selling, please contact Linda soon at 920.606.2409 anytime. Evenings are okay for calls or deliveries. Email me at su-rolj@yahoo.com.



Photo Gallery: Member of the Month Patrick Pozarski



This and That

Submitted by: Paula Martens

- **Librarian's Report:** Twenty letters were sent out and 4 books have been returned to date. Anyone else with outstanding library materials can bring them to the next meeting, or make arrangements to drop them off at Dan & Jane Alesch's.
- **Web Site:** Efforts will soon be underway to update the NEWWG web site. One of our goals is to allow Guild members to include links in the Guild web site to their own personal web site. If you have a personal web site and are interested in placing a link to it in the Guild's site, let us know.

Cerebral Palsy, Inc— Pergola Construction: June 2011





June 3, 2011

It is always difficult to find the correct words to truly express how thankful we are for those that support our organization. Please know that we are extremely grateful for your gift of \$1,000 to purchase building supplies for the new pergola. We are deeply touched by the compassion and generosity the Northeastern Wisconsin Woodworkers Guild members have shown our agency. The previously donated projects literally make a difference every day in our childcare program, kids receiving pediatric therapy, and assistive technology clients. And we simply can't wait to enjoy the beautiful, new pergola allowing classes and therapy sessions to be held outside.

The local CP Centers rely on support from the communities we serve in order to meet the growing demands of people with physical disabilities. Without people like you, we simply would not be able to be here when needed. To learn more about the impact you are making in our local communities by supporting CP, please visit www.cp-center.org. You will find a series of videos describing our organization and how your kindness and sharing bring caring to life at CP.

On behalf of those we serve, we extend a very sincere and heartfelt thank you.

Respectfully,

Dale Barbiaux and Tanessa Klug

Thanks to all participants for over 140 hours volunteered to this project:

- Al Ostermann
- Barry Bender
- Cal Knaid
- Fred Juengst
- Larry Wetzell
- Len Hervas
- Lyle Martens
- Michael Gursalski
- Pete Schuh
- Rob Martens
- Steve Lockhart
- Ted Zabel
- Tom Carlson
- Immel Construct.
- WI Building Sup.

NORTHEAST WISCONSIN WOODWORKERS GUILD MEETINGS

When: Every 3rd Friday of the month, unless specified otherwise

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Where: Maryann Cofrin Hall, UW-Green Bay campus



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www.newwg.org

Guild Officers

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Ray and Joan Kroc Community Center

By: Rob Martens

Mission Words Sign for
the new Center.

Lime Kiln Road,

Green Bay, WI



RAY AND JOAN KROC
CORPS COMMUNITY CENTER

