



Bench Talk

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Guild Picnic: August 21st at deBroux Park

By: Jane Alesch

This picnic is for members AND THEIR FAMILIES! Let your spouse meet the kind of folks you hang out with. We provide the meats, buns, corn and condiments, plates, plastic ware, coffee and cups as well as soda and water. You bring the salads, desserts, munchies, whatever. Someone please bring some deviled eggs, Ellen moved to Texas.

At about 10 AM, Mark Brien and Rich Ward will start the fire in the NEW GRILL that Rich built. Food should be ready to eat about NOON. Thank you both very much for all you do for the picnic. I'm anxious to see this new masterpiece in action.

Coming early? Bring hors d'oeuvres and help set up. Coming late? Bring dessert. No matter when you come, help clean up!

Wasp traps are always worth a try! I'm going to try to remember a laptop to show Carlson's pictures from the Turning Expo. Bring Show & Tell items which are too big, heavy or delicate to carry to a meeting. Any new games? Anybody have excess tomatoes or pickles. Call me, otherwise I'll buy them.

So far there are 43 people RSVP'd. Add yourself to the list by calling **Jane Alesch** at 920-468-0132 (home) 920-246-1553 (cell) or jbalesch@att.net.

Tom and Margee Charlier plan to attend the picnic and are looking forward to visiting with everyone.

Picnic Snapshot:

10:00 a.m.— Grill is started

Approximately Noon—Eat lunch

Approximately 4:00/4:30 — Wrap up

Picnic Prizes: (Not an all-inclusive list):

- Tool bags
- Clamps
- Wood River Forstner Bit Set
- Wood River 23 pc. Hobby & craft tool set

Directions: Refer to the last page of this newsletter for directions and a map.

Points of Interest:

- Upcoming Events
- Woodturners Chapter

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New Woodturners Chapter

By: Paula Martens

We have been notified that a new woodturners group is forming and have been asked to pass this information along to woodturners in the NEWWG.

The new chapter being formed will be called **Baylake Woodturners** and is a new chapter to the **American Association of Woodturners**. Beginning on Saturday, September 17th, meetings will

be held every third Saturday of the month.

- ◆ **Location:** NWTC Artisan and Business Center, 1417 Cedar Street, Green Bay, WI
- ◆ **Time:** 9:00 a.m.

More detailed information will be provided to interested turners at that time. If you have questions, please call Kelly Bresnahan at 920.655.7029.

Board of Directors Meeting

Meeting Held: July 19, 2011

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

Absent: Dan and Jane Alesch,

- **Last months meeting minutes:** Approved
- **Treasurer's Report:** Lee C.— Current assets \$8,361.64. Last year \$8,151.41.
- **Membership Report:** Fred J— 13 members are overdue, 5 have dropped and 1 new member was added.
- **Public relations:** Work continues to improve communication with the Press Gazette. Contact will be made with PBS to help promote the Tommy Mac program and possibly our guild.
- **Programs Review:** August program will be the summer picnic. September is Steve Kratzer on Sam Maloof-style rockers. October 7th is Tommy MacDonald. November is Freud Representative George Malley. January program will possibly be Bob Kloes on wood dying.
- **Editor's Report:** Articles due by noon, August 7th. Suggestion for next Member of the Month: Len Hervas.
- **Librarian's Report:** A book on spray finishing and one on scrollsawing have been added. It was reported that 16 of the 20 overdue books have been returned.
- **Special Activities:** Ribbon cutting ceremony for the CP Center is scheduled for July 28th.
- **Web Report:** Information has been compiled and is ready for transfer to the site & should be ready by the next Board meeting.
- **Spring Show:** Spring show is tentatively set for March 31—April 1, 2012. Discussion included whether or not non-woodworking raffle prizes should be added.
- **Other Business—Picnic:** Pete Schuh to get beverages, Mark Brien will arrange for the meat. RSVP by August 14th.
- **Next Board Meeting:** August 23rd at Rob & Paula Marten's home.

Free to a Good Home

Submitted By: Lyle Martens

Are you a clock maker? Have you ever thought about making a grandfather clock but haven't pursued it yet? We've got a deal for you.

New member, Art Uher, has grandfather clock building jigs for which he has no use. If you've ever thought about building a grandfather clock this is an offer for you. The grandfather clock

jigs are free to a good home, but the only requirement is that you must take ALL pieces.

If interested, contact Art at 920.336.9723 or by e-mail at ajuher@netnet.net.



Upcoming Events

Upcoming program events include the following:

- **August 19, 2011:** NO PROGRAM
- **August 21, 2011: Special Event**—Guild picnic to be held at deBroux Park, Bellevue.
- **September 16, 2011:** Bob Kloes discussing "Dyeing Figured Wood". (See Program Notes section for details).
- **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
- **November 18, 2011:** Tentatively George Malley from Freud
- **December 2011:** NO PROGRAM
- **December XX, 2011:** Christmas Party
- **January 20, 2012:** Steve Kratzer / Sam Maloof-style rockers

Thanks a Million!!

By: Paula Martens

On July 28th, the CP Center held a ribbon-cutting ceremony to officially open the newly donated pergola to its staff members and clients. Additional tables and seating were provided, along with a light lunch of hot dogs, booyah, chips, veggies and cookies.

CP Center representatives spoke on behalf of the Center to thank members of the NEWWG, Immel Construction and WI Building Supply. Both Rob Martens (NEWWG) and Paul Martzke (Immel Construction) were present and each took the podium to say a few words on behalf of their respective organizations.

Two CP Center clients presented each organization with hand-made thank you cards and also assisted Rob Martens and Kelly Hafeman (Immel Construction) with the actual cutting of the ribbon.

Left Photo: Rob & Paula Martens (NEWWG), Paul Martzke & Kelly Hafeman (Immel Construction) and Tanessa Klug (CP Center)



Program Notes: September / Dyeing Figured Wood

Due to an unforeseen scheduling conflict, a few minor changes were made to the upcoming events calendar. The September program on Sam Maloof-style rockers is now postponed until January.

However, in its place, we are happy to present a program on "dyeing figured wood" by Bob Kloes of Kloes Custom Furniture in Seymour, WI. Bob is an accomplished woodworker who won best in class at the Ap-

pleton Art in the Park event on July 31st. Winning best in the Appleton show for a first-timer is rare! He also won two other awards at other shows. The program will include: surface prep-sanding, defect filling, blending, pre-dyeing and grain raising, final sanding and dyeing with color choice, sealing and coating. He will also share information on companies whose products he uses. For additional information, access his web site: www.bobkloes.com.

For Sale: Lumber

Submitted by: Tom Carlson

There is a good selection of kiln dried rough lumber in narrow and wide widths available. Lengths range from 8-10 feet. Pricing is reasonable. Subject to availability are:

- Cedar 4/4 and Pine 4/4
- Red oak 4/4 & 6/4 and Ash 4/4 & 6/4

- Maple 4/4
- Walnut

Call Jerod Kerscher for pricing, availability or an appointment (920.856.6800). Jerod is in Forestville, WI, and is available weekends and after 6:00 pm evenings.

Wood-Word Thoughts

Guild President Rob Martens

It is interesting to note the opportunities we have as Guild members. Our organization strives to be as informative and helpful as possible to members, those that surf our website or read our newsletter, and those of need in the community.

Some months ago a number of our members were given a tour of Arcways, Inc. – a company that manufactures custom staircases. Those that attended were inspired by the creative fabrication of wood they saw.

I recently visited Arcways, not so much to be inspired again, but to pick up some more wood. They have a fair amount of scrap lum-

ber, very nice lumber, that they will sell for half price. I found this to be very advantageous for the home woodworker or hobbyist. Not only can we get very good lumber for our projects, but the waste lumber that is purchased is further put to good use.

So, associate Guild Members, I encourage you to take advantage of the opportunities that the Woodworkers Guild has to offer. Everyone will benefit as we contribute to our Guild, our companies, and the community.

Membership Report

By: Fred Juengst

We dropped nine members this month and we now have 153 members on our roster. I sent out 5 reminder post cards this month 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, I would much appreciate that you place your name on the postcard and drop it in

the mail. I would feel better if you let me know you wish to resign from the Guild.

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.

This and That

By Jane Alesch: On behalf of all the membership I would like to thank everyone who had anything to do with the Pergola, our best ever project, especially Rob and Paula Martens. I have been trying for years to rally the troops to do something charitable and news worthy to aid in getting us better press at show time. You have done it not once, but

twice, in the past year. Thank you all and God Bless.

By Paula Martens: Kristen Jeanquart from Habitat for Humanity thanked the NEWWG for the opportunity to speak at the July meeting and hopes to see some of our members offering their time and talent to their

Member of the Month: Len Hervas

- **What is your specialty in woodworking?** My real specialty is making sawdust. But all kidding aside, I like making cheeseboards and giving them away. I also enjoy making sofa tables (12"x14") which can slide under a sofa.
- **How many years have you been woodworking?** I've been woodworking about 25 years.
- **What is your favorite wood to use and why?** Anything hardwood is good. I really don't have a favorite, I mostly use oak because it is the most reasonable.
- **What project do you take the most pride in?** When I first started woodworking I made a 'take-apart' cradle for my sister-in-law similar to one that I saw in the Woodsmith magazine. It was a long time ago, probably around issue #48.
- **What is the best deal you have ever gotten on a woodworking tool?** No real "deals"....mostly tools that have been given to me. When I needed a band saw for corner cutting my son gave me one. I also got a planer from my son too. A friend (fellow guild member Jim Andersen) gave me a 10" miter saw he got from someone else. I also bought a table saw in 1972 but didn't use it for about 15-20 years. When I did start using it, I found that it still cuts straight and works great!
- **Do you have any tips you can give us?** Can't think of anything right now.
- **Do you have any mentors?** My dad. He only graduated from the 7th grade but he sure knew how to work with wood. He didn't have a lot of money to buy wood, but when he got wood he could use it well. If someone gave him a piece of particle board he could make something really nice out of it.
- **What does membership in the Guild mean to you?** The guild is just a nice place for meeting new people and finding out a lot of new information on woodworking. You get to meet people with the same interest. Also, the spring show is pretty special too. (I've also found that the same people who love getting cheeseboards also love getting tongs too!).

Storage of Burls

Source: http://woodworking.com/ww/Article/How_to_store_burls_3544.aspx

So you have a lot of burls and you wonder what is the best way to store them. According to this website, three opinions were given:

1. Store them while they are still retaining moisture (moisture loss causes checking). You may wish to put a coat of paraffin wax on the burl, or keep it wrapped tightly in a plastic bag and store it in a cool room. (Ian Kirby)
2. Since you cannot keep green wood from eventually checking, you may want to relieve the stresses early on. For example, if you plan to re-saw it into smaller pieces, do it while it is still green. Then sticker it in your shop with a weight on top to keep it from warping and cupping as it dries. If planning to use it in the near future, coat it with paraffin; however, be very careful with molten wax as the vapors can catch fire suddenly and explosively. (Ellis Valentine)
3. Seal the burl with Anchorseal. Afterwards, you may then wish to bury the burl in sawdust to slow the drying process. (Rick White)

Open Spaces

By: Paula Martens

At "press time", I sometimes have space available for more articles (such as this space) but due to a lack of article submissions I must fill the space with something— anything. Please consider submitting something to be shared with fellow guilders. You can either write a brief article yourself, or just point me in the direction of

something of interest (i.e.: an interesting magazine article). I can take it from there and work it into the newsletter. So... since I needed to fill this open space, you get a riddle: "As I went across the bridge I met a man with a load of wood which was neither straight nor crooked. What kind of wood was it". *Answer: Sawdust.*

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

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Special Events, Dan Alesch

Spring Show, Jane Alesch

Web Site, Andrew Detloff

Newsletter, Paula Martens

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Map to Picnic at deBroux Park

Take Hwy 172 east to Hwy 43. Take Hwy 43 north about 1/4 mile and take the Manitowoc Road/Cty JJ exit. Turn left on Manitowoc Road and an immediate left at Steins (which is Eaton Road/Cty JJ). From Eaton Rd/JJ, turn right on Emerald Drive and right on Brighton Place. Follow the map at right.

