



Bench Talk

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January Program: Shaker Boxes and Carriers

By: Steve Lockhart

Points of Interest:

- January Program
- Upcoming Events
- Web Site Update

Due to scheduling issues, the January program with Steve Kratzer on the making of Sam Maloof—style chairs has been canceled. While we hope to re-schedule the Sam Maloof chair program for another time, we are very happy to present Carl Freeland and the making of Shaker Boxes and Carriers.

What do you do with that scrap wood you have been hoarding that's too good to burn or throw out? You make Shaker Boxes out of it! Carl Freeland, a master carpenter and cabinetmaker who has been working with wood for over 40 years and making shaker

boxes for 25 years, will present the procedures, methods, tips and tricks to making Shaker Boxes and Carriers. Topics covered will be the tools required, wood selection, re-sawing and stock preparation, steam bending, construction, finishing and where to obtain the required supplies.



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Upcoming Events

By: Paula Martens

Upcoming program events include the following:

- **January 20, 2012:** Carl Freeland / Shaker-style boxes
- **February 17, 2012:** David Martin / Restoring high-end, vintage woody cars
- **March 16, 2012:** NO PRO-

GRAM

- **March 31 & April 1, 2012:** Annual Spring Show / Green Bay Southwest High School
- **April 20, 2012:** Tentatively, Kevin Smith

Mark your calendars.

Wood-Word Thoughts

Guild President Rob Martens

Now that we have passed through the season of giving, there is time to do some of those projects in our shops we have put off. I was lucky enough to have the whole holiday season off during which time I spent a good deal of time in the shop. I worked on a few projects for myself, one for the company for which I work, and one for the CP Center.

We had a good number of guild members attend the Christmas Party, where a few members signed up for some CP Center Projects. Our members have continued to step up and donate their time and resources to provide a number of items the CP Center needs.

Items on the CP Center list this year included adjustable slant boards, custom tables for therapy, spin boards, a bench, and some other items. By the time of the spring show, our Guild will have completed almost all of the CP Center's wish list.

I would like to thank all those who have contributed in the past and continue to donate. Keep up the good work!



Joe Danielson with slant board donated to the CP Center

2011 in Review

By: Paula Martens

With 2011 in the books, I felt it important to reflect on some of the things guild members have enjoyed, and accomplished, this past year:

Jan-Feb: Members built projects for CP Center clients

March: Appearances/publicity on both the CP Telethon and Today's "Noon Show", as well as a successful Annual Spring Show

@May: Field trip to **Arcways, Inc.**

June: Elections, CP Pergola construction, Field trip to **Oshkosh Designs** facility

July: Ray & Joan Kroc Center sought interested Guild members to create a commissioned piece for their new location in Green Bay

August: Summer picnic

October: Presentation by nationally-known television personality, Tommy Mac

December: Christmas party

Looking forward to what 2012 will bring !!

To the Finish Line

Resource: <http://sawdustmaking.com/Finishing/finishing.html>

Selecting a finish is a very individual choice, each woodworker has his/her own preferences on how best to finish a project. Below is a refresher on different kinds of finish, as explained on the web site noted above:

- **Straight oils:** Tung oil, linseed oil, mineral oil, walnut oil. These do not provide much scratch or scuff resistance. Best suited for cutting boards, butchers blocks and workbenches

- **Oil & Varnish Blends:** Made by mixing a small amount of varnish with a larger amount of a curing oil like tung or linseed oils, thinning with mineral spirits and adding metallic dryers (i.e.: Danish oil). Not suitable for high wear items like kitchen tables, but good for end tables, beds, night tables.
- **Varnish:** Oil with a resin added. Can be used on anything **except** items used to cut or pound on as it will crack & flake off. *Continued on next Page*

Board of Directors Meeting

Meeting Held: November 29, 2011

Present: Pete Schuh, Rob, Paula & Lyle Martens, Steve Lockhart, Lee and Tom Carlson, Fred Juengst, Dan and Jane Alesch, Bob Welhouse, Ted Zabel

Absent: Andrew Detloff

- **Last months meeting minutes:** Approved
- **Treasurer's Report:** Lee C.— Approved. Current assets \$7,598.26. Last year this date \$8,074.20.
- **Membership Report:** Fred J— Two possible member drops, but Jane will call to confirm.
- **Public relations:** Ongoing
- **Programs Review:**
 - November 4: George Malley of Freud: All agreed the presentation was good, but the demo truck was not as useful as was hoped for.
 - December 10: Christmas party
 - January 20: Steve Kratzer—Sam Maloof style chairs is cancelled, being replaced with Carl Freeland presenting Shaker Boxes.
- February: Dave Martin—Wood body work for vintage cars.
- April: Tentatively Kevin Smith presentation
- **Editor's Report:** No newsletter in December, but articles for the January 2012 issue are due by January 8th.
- **Librarian's Report:** Guild received 13 complimentary DVDs from Tommy Mac—these are now available.
- **Special Activities:** a) Spring Show raffle prizes need to be finalized in order to be printed. Other show details are being worked out.; b) CP Center Projects—Rob Martens to meet with CP to determine projects, dimensions and other details.
- **Web Report:** No report
- **Spring Show:** March 31 & April 1, 2012
- **Next Board Meeting:** January 24th—Lyle Marten's home

A New Year brings a New Web Site

By: Paula Martens

Andrew Detloff, the Guild's current web master, has completed initial work to upgrade the Guild's web site. Among other things, the web site has received a brand new look with a new page design, as well as a few more pages to allow us to expand our options.

The initial transition from the old web page design to the new one has been made and is now accessible (www.newwvg.org). More work is still in progress to provide even greater enhancements which you can look forward to, such as a discussion forum for Guild members and a section intended to provide links to our Guild members own personal web sites.

In order to maximize the full potential that the new web site has to offer, we need help from all of you. If you wish to be a part of the new web site, please provide us the following:

- Photos of any completed projects you wish to share
- Personal Web Site address— If you have your own web site and would like the Guild web page to include a link to it

Send your information to Andrew at ravinheartrenditions@gmail.com, or to Paula at robertpaula-mart@centurytel.net.

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- **Water Based Finishes:** Excellent wear and scuff resistance, often used on hardwood floors. Dries clear, so very suitable over top of light stains.
- **Shellac:** Natural shellac is sold as flakes to be dissolved in alcohol, or already prepared ready for use.
- **Lacquer:** Natural lacquer is sap from the lacquer tree and is semi-transparent light brown. Black lacquer is made by adding iron. Synthetic products have been developed because once the lacquer is extracted from the tree it is destroyed. There is no chemical change, so the next coat will dissolve the previous coat. Minor scratches on furniture finished with lacquer can be repaired by spraying the entire piece.

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, Room 109



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This and That

By: Paula Martens

Guild Logo:

Previous newsletters have provided information on how to obtain Guild logo clothing from Embroidery Express, which holds the Guild's logo design. However, many of our guild members are not local so it is not convenient to get to the Embroidery Express Green Bay store. While the store itself does not maintain a large inventory to shop, I've been provided the web site of the merchandise distributor that the Embroidery Express uses. Out-of-town guild members can:

1. Access www.sanmar.com to browse the many items available
 2. If interested in any of the items, you may contact Embroidery Express at 920-490-5555 with the details and discuss cost/payment, etc.
 3. Embroidery Express can then get the item from their distributor and place the guild logo on it for you.
- Categories of items available include: shirts, polos/knits, t-shirts, infant/toddler, caps, bags, accessories, fleece, outerwear and workwear.