*** CHANGES TO MEETING DAY AND LOCATION***

STARTING IN FEB. 2017,
MEETINGS WILL BE ON THE 3RD WEDNESDAYS of the month
AT SOUTHWEST H.S, (the location of the Spring Show) still @ 7pm
(map and more details pg2.)

**Wednesday February 15** Program

**Working With Exotic Woods with guild member Barry Bender**

*By Steve Lockhart*

Barry will be covering many aspects of working with exotic woods including:

- Intarsia
- Incorporating exotic woods into projects for added appeal
- Pros and Cons of exotic woods
- Finishing exotic woods
- Sources of supply
- Which woods are “banned” from being imported
- Species most likely to cause allergic reactions
- Effect on tool life when used with exotic woods

Barry volunteered to do this program because he has lots of experience working with these woods and will be showing photos of some of his projects as well as photos taken at shows he has attended. Barry will also be showing some actual examples of some of his projects.

I look forward to learning from Barry's presentation.
New meeting location: Green Bay Southwest High School 1331 Packerland Dr.

Watch for signs directing you to NEWWG meeting, 2nd floor study hall  Rm 4225

Directions to Woodworkers Guild Meeting room (room 4225)
Enter from North parking lot
Go directly South through the “commons” area to stairs
Go up stairs from first floor to second floor
Go straight South to room 4225
Board of Directors Meeting
Meeting Held: January 24, 2017 at the home of Fred Juengst
Present: Ted Zabel, Bob Welhouse, Maureen Birk, Pete Schuh, Steve Lockhart, Fred Juengst, Dan Alesch, Paul Murphy, Pat Williams, Kathy & Robert Kuritz
Meeting brought to order by Pete Schuh at 7:00pm. Prior meeting minutes approved.
- Treasurer’s Report: Last year: $7,797.95. Current year: $4,380.34. The most significant difference was the cost for developing the webpage.
- Membership report: 3 new members, 1 new trial member and many renewals.
- Special Events: Spring show - Discussion re $20/table to defray costs of Spring Show and cost of membership.
  a. continue planning for March 18 & 19, 2017 Spring Show
  b. Tickets/flyers - any mailing issues
  c. Show prizes - possibility of having picture of bandsaw in lieu of actual item from Woodworker’s Depot. Other prizes are being worked on.
  d. TV coverage, public advertising (see PR/Community Service)
  e. Discussion re profit-sharing re food concession.
- Programs:
  - January 2017 - members show and tell projects - fixtures and jigs - was a big success. Better than expected!
  - Feb 2017 - Barry Bender - exotic woods
  - Mar 2017 - Spring Show
  - May 2017 - Bennett Hardwoods is going to discuss grading lumber
- Editors Report: Maureen Birk says articles are due by February 6, 2017.
- Website Report: Maureen add note to look for pictures at bottom of events section.
- Librarian Report: Nothing new to report
- Public Relations / Community Service:
  - Ted Zabel reports he has had communication with TV stations and will follow-up for publicity for Spring Show.
New Business:
- Discussed nonprofit organization - handled by Pete Schuh.
- It was decided that when people have something to say at our monthly meetings, they should go to the front so all can hear.
- Vendor advertising in newsletter discussion.
- Change to Southwest High, study hall, Wed nigh Feb 15th - include map to the study hall in the newsletter.
- Next board meeting:
  February ? 2017 tentatively at Dan & Jane Alesch home.

FEBRUARY MEMBERSHIP REPORT by Fred Juengst
Thanks to all for paying your dues at the meeting and by mail. We had one member resigned and 5 new members joined at the meeting. We also had 2 former members renew their membership after a short absence. As detailed last month, our membership renewal process has changed and seems to be working very well. When your renewal date comes up at the end of the month, your name will appear in the next month Bench Talk Membership report. Please renew at that time or at the next meeting. If you do not respond, you will receive a postcard reminding you to pay your dues. If no response is received from the postcard reminder by the end of the month, your name is removed from the active membership list. For this month 6 memberships are due.

Curt Anderson
Earl Beyer
Al Conard
John Nowak
Al & Steve Ostermann
Merl & Char Stingle

Please pay your dues as soon as possible.
Ted Zabel will handle dues receipts for our meeting in Feb and our March Show. Please send your dues payments to him at 2683 Whitegate Trail, DePere, WI 54115. If you have any question please give him a call at 920-491-4964. Ted will also accept payment of dues at the March Show and will sign-up new members.

No one was dropped this month for non-payment of dues. I sent out 10 dues reminder postcards and all responded. At this time we have 123 members in good standing plus 1 prospective new member. Dues are $15 for individuals, $20 for family, and $35 for business. Make your check payable to “NEWWG” and send it to Ted Zabel.

If you are joining for the first time, we require you to purchase a name tag. Please add $10 for individual, $15 for family (2 name tags), and $15 for business members (2 name tags).
SPRING SHOW NOTES & UPDATES

Raffle Ticket Sales
We are again asking each Guild member to sell or buy raffle tickets. At our January meeting, many of the members present picked up their tickets. I will again have packets of raffle tickets at our February meeting to distribute to those members without tickets so far. In prior years and again this year, we will send missed members, a packet of 5 sheets of 6 tickets each. It is an extra job that we would like to minimize, so if you do not have your ticket packet as of yet, please try to attend the February meeting to pick up your 5 packet of 6 tickets. If you can’t make the meeting, I live just south of De Pere just off of Hwy I41, you can pick up tickets from my home as another alternative. My goal is to minimize my work and the extra Guild costs of postage etc. Ted Zabel 425-4964

Guild show Posters
Each year we print large (8 ½ X 11) posters intended to be displayed at various businesses to get the word out on our annual woodworker show. We also print ¼ sheet posters that are used as handouts at various businesses such as motels etc. A few members have taken the lead on distributing these posters but we would like to expand the distribution with more members taking just a few each and distributing them to the business that you patronize. I will have the posters at the February meeting and would like to hand out several to each member. Thank you for your help and support of our Guild Ted Zabel 425-4964

SPRING SHOW FINAL DEADLINE FEB 15
The spring show sign up sheet is included in this newsletter because the FINAL final deadline is Feb. 15 (meeting day) Please send the filled out sheet to Steve Lockhart (salockhart@gmail.com) Postal mail address: 2315 Tannenbaum Trail Appleton 54914 or bring the sheet to the Feb 15 meeting. Thanks! Steve

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:
March: no regular meeting, spring show instead, March 18 & 19. See poster next page.

April 19, Wed. At Southwest High School, 7 pm. (Program to be arranged)

May 17, Wed At Southwest H.S., 7 pm Presentation on grading of lumber, presented by
Welcome to the 35th Annual Woodworking Show & Sale
March 18 and 19, 2017
Sponsored by the Northeastern Wisconsin Woodworkers Guild

Saturday 18th 9:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., Sunday 19th 9:30 to 4:00 P.M.

FREE ADMISSION
FREE PARKING

Southwest High School, Green Bay
1331 PACKERLAND DRIVE, JUST SOUTH OF W. MASON ST

LIVE WOODWORKING DEMOS, LEARN FROM WOODWORKERS ON "HOW TO DO IT", IMPROVE YOUR SKILLS, FIND NEW PROJECT IDEAS
WOODBURNING, LATHE TURNING, SCROLL SAWING, INTARSIA, CARVING,
HUNDREDS OF HANDCRAFTED WOODEN ITEMS ON DISPLAY and FOR SALE
CONTINUING DEMOS * BUY USED TOOLS

FREE admission is possible because Raffle proceeds pay show expenses
RAFFLE TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM ANY GUILD MEMBER AND AT THE SHOW
$1 EACH OR 6 FOR $5
RAFFLE-PRIZES INCLUDE
EZ Wood Turning Tool, Freud 10 In Saw Blade, Klein Hole Saw Kit, Bosch Cobalt Drill Set by Bay Verte Machine
Makita 12 V Drill/Driver Set and Bosch Router Kit by Woodworkers Depot
Wood River Wood Chisel Set and Crown Marking Gauge by Woodcraft of Appleton
Select Maple Boards by Kloes Custom Furniture, Seymour
Raffle prizes created by members (40+) including Carvings, Bowls, Turnings, Intarsia, Woodburned Plaques,

Raffle Drawing at 3 P.M. Sunday, March 19 – Need not be present to win.

New guild members welcome and encouraged! Member's skills run from beginner to expert.
Membership is a great way to improve your woodworking skills!
Please shop our supporting trade allies, Woodworkers Depot, Woodcraft of Appleton, Bay Verte Machinery/Power Tool Store, and Kloes Custom Furniture

NEWWG is a 501(3)c Nonprofit, See us at www.NEWWG.org
Lunch and beverages available – Proceeds from food sales donated to Syble Hopp School
**Tool Crib at The Spring Show**

1. **What is the tool crib?** Guild members can bring in new or old tools that they no longer want or need. Only members of the guild may sell tools in the tool crib. Also, members can donate a tool or tools to the guild. The guild will sell them at the tool crib and apply the proceeds to offset the cost of the spring show.

2. **How do I put tools in the tool crib?** You will be given a tag for each tool that you bring. On each tag you will fill out the following information:
   - **Name/Phone Nbr:** (please use your cell phone number)
   - **Tool:** (type of tool)
   - **Condition:** (new, used, excellent, good, working, not working, etc.)
   - **Price:** (what you want for the tool) Attach the tag to the tool.
   The tool tag must then be entered on to the numbered Tool Crib Inventory sheet.
   The line number on the inventory sheet must be written on the tag.

3. **Do I have to be present to sell items in the tool crib?** Yes, you have to be present to sell items. You may designate someone else but either you or your designated representative must be at the show.

4. **What is the selling procedure?** All sales are between the seller and buyer. When a buyer is interested in an item they can call the phone number on the tag or ask the worker at the tool crib where the seller is. Once the seller and buyer have reached an agreement, the seller will give the tag to the worker at the tool crib table. The worker will take the tag; and cross off the item on the Tool Crib Inventory sheet. The tag is our record of the sale as being completed. No tagged Tool Crib items should leave the show. **All sales are between the seller and buyer. The Guild will not handle any money.**

5. **Can I bring in more items on Sunday?** Yes, you may bring in additional items on Sunday.

6. **What happens to the items at the end of the show?** All unsold items must be picked up the seller by the end of the show. The guild will not be responsible for any items not picked up.

If you have any questions contact the Tool Crib Chairman Tom Carlson at: Phone number: 920-856-6363 or email him at leetom@centurytel.net

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**Tool Crib Tags will be available at the Jan & Feb. meetings.**

**Plan ahead to save time by filling out the tags early.**

**Bench Talk** is the newsletter of the Northeast Wisconsin Wood Workers Guild, published prior to regularly scheduled monthly meetings. Submissions from members are welcome (articles, musings, questions, pictures.)

**Deadline for next newsletter is April 5 2017.**