February Program: 7 pm, Wed Feb. 21, 2018

Overview of General Finishes Products and Their Use.

General Finishes Representative, Bill Strey

by Steve Lockhart

Bring all your (hard) questions about wood finishing!

General Finishes focuses on state of the art water-base finishes and waterborne coatings, and is the country's leader in waterbased finish technology offering wood stains, dye stains, top coats, gel stains, exterior wood finishes, liquid oilbase stains, water based lacquers furniture paint.

Note: General Finishes Products are available at Woodcraft of Appleton as well as Woodworkers Depot in Green Bay. Bill will be demonstrating and discussing General Finishes’ complete line of wood finishes. As a manufacturer of classic oil-based finishes and modern waterborne finishes, General Finishes blends the experience of almost 100 years of manufacturing with a commitment to advancements in finishing technology. That combination has led to a product line that includes oil-based stains and varnishes, water-based stains and topcoats, milk and chalk paints, and an extensive line of professional products.

Among the topics discussed will be correct product selection, proper application techniques for various finishes, and troubleshooting tips. Bill will also be answering attendee questions throughout the session. This will be a great education on how simple the world of finishing can be!

Originally from Illinois, GF sales rep Bill has lived in SE WI for as long as he can remember and calls himself a native Wisconsinite. He says his loving parents forced him into hard labor at an early age. He was taught a wide variety of hands-on skills, including finishing; a love for the outdoors; blue-collar work ethic. He is a fan of all sports and competition, but has lived and breathed golf since he was 5 years old. Bill lives with his wonderful wife Crystal and enjoys time outdoors whenever possible, usually on the golf course.

EARLY 2018 PROGRAMS AT ASHWAUBENON HIGH SCHOOL 7 PM

Green Bay Ashwaubenon High School 2391 S. Ridge Rd
Enter through the west side of the building, and turn Right to the meeting room.
Map available on our web site newwg.org

Feb. 21 Bill Strey Overview of General Finishes products
Mar. 17-18 Spring Show-at Green Bay Southwest High School (Details elsewhere in newsletter)
April 18 Tom Sveum - building old-time wagon wheels
Anyone wishing to sell tools and other items in the upcoming Spring Show At Southwest High School, you can get your pricing tags at the Feb. meeting. When you fill them out, please include your name and cell phone number on each tag. Start looking for those items you no longer use------this is a prime opportunity to sell them! Make sure they are cleaned up and look presentable for sale. Also remember to pick up a few posters to display in local businesses, lumberyards, cabinet shops, etc. If everyone can pitch in a little, we can make each show get bigger and better every year. I will touch on getting the word out via e-mail and Facebook at the Feb. meeting. If anyone has any questions please call me at 715-851-6418 after 10:30am or email at regkat@tds.net.

Thank You
Board of Directors Meeting
Meeting Held: January 23, 2018 at the home of Steve & Betty Lockhart
Present:  Pete Schuh, Paul Murphy, Pat Williams, Ted Zabel, Bob Welhouse, Steve Lockhart, Chuck Druckrey
Absent:  Dan & Jane Alesch, Maureen Birk
Meeting brought to order by Pete Schuh at 7:05pm. Prior minutes approved.
- **Treasurer’s Report:** No report due to technical difficulties.
- **Membership report:** Ted reports he is a little behind on an update. Discussion was held re a consistent one day a year renewal date.
- **Special Events:**  
  no report
- **Programs:**
  - January 17, 2018 - Dan Wieske - cutting boards and tumbled shapes was well-received.
  - February 21, 2018 - Bill Strey - general finishes overview
  - March 17-18, 2018 - Spring Show
  - April 18, 2018 - Tom Sveum - building old-time wagon wheels
- **Editors Report:** Articles are due February 12, 2018.
- **Website Report:** no report.
- **Librarian Report:**  
  Pete Schuh built a library storage cabinet.
- **Public Relations / Community Service:**  
  Discussion re providing a scholarship. Details to be determined.

New Business:
- a. meeting room site evaluation.
- b. Spring Show detail discussion.
- **Next board meeting:**  
  February 27, 2018 at the Ted Zabel home.

Adjourned

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NOTES FROM GUILD PRESIDENT, PETE SCHUH

As a club, we have not done any community projects for several years. At our January directors meeting we discussed the possibility of doing a $500.00 scholarship. It would be to sponsor some type of woodworking school to serve in the northeastern Wisconsin area. If you have any ideas or suggestions for a scholarship, please contact or talk to anyone on the board.

Please mark your calendars for 19 August. This is the date of our guild picnic at DeBroux Park, 2900 Brighton Place, in the village of Bellevue. Thank you Mary Haen for getting the reservation for us.

We are still in need of ideas for our monthly meetings. If you have a topic you would like to know more about, or saw something on social media that may be of interest please let us know. Out of 130 plus members we should have dozens of ideas. A little input from each member would make our jobs a lot easier. You get the ideas and Steve Lockhart would be glad to follow up. If you feel comfortable about sharing your talents and are willing to do a presentation at one of our meetings, that would be great.

Your input is needed to keep the guild fresh and interesting to our members

Thanks for your support
Pete Schuh
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 Jan. 8, 2018.

NORTHEAST WISCONSIN WOODWORKING GUILD
MEETINGS (Guests and prospective members welcome)
3rd Wednesday of each month, unless specified otherwise.
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Where: Ashwaubenon High School
Visit our web site at: www.newwg.org
How to Get Involved:

For inquiries regarding joining
The Northeastern Wisconsin Woodworkers Guild, contact:
Pete Schuh: pjscls@live.com (920-788-3871)
Or any other Board or committee member.
Regarding this newsletter, or the web page, contact:
Maureen Birk: 920-755-3404 birkmr@yahoo.com

A Fake Bill!  By Steve Lockhart
I have cut back on the number of magazines I subscribe to because of the irritating tactics some of them use to hook me with cheap rates in exchange for a m r hassle if I want to cancel when the rates go up. So far I still subscribe to my favorite woodworking magazine, Fine Woodworking, which hasn't employed these tactics.
Imagine my surprise when I received a bill for a subscription renewal for Fine Woodworking for 1 year at the “bargain” rate of $89.95 for 7 issues. (yikes!) At first I thought about canceling due to the huge rate increase. Then it dawned on me that it was a “fake bill” The place to send the money was not Fine Woodworking but a p.o. Box in California. I called the 800 number for Fine Woodworking Subscription service and they said it was indeed fake and “don't send them any money” So I can't blame the folks at Fine Woodworking but my confidence in humanity dropped another notch.

MEMBERSHIPS DUE
This newsletter reminder is a notice to those members whose membership is due for renewal as of February 1, 2018. They are Earl Beyer, Al Conrad, Bob and Brandon Frusen, Don Johnson, John Nowak, Al and Steve Osterman, and Merl and Char Stingle
To renew, please send me a check for your renewal of $15 for an individual, $20 for a family renewal or $35 for a business renewal. You can pay at the February meeting or send me a check made to Northeastern Wisconsin Woodworkers Guild.
My address is:  Ted Zabel
Guild Membership
2683 Whitegate Trail
De Pere, WI 54115
My phone is: 920-425-4964
If you wish to resign your membership, please send me an email as such.
If I do not hear from you by March 1, your name will be dropped from our membership list and you will no longer receive a copy of our "Benchtalk" newsletter.
Thank you