

# BENCHTALK



The Northeastern Wisconsin Woodworkers Guild Newsletter

November 2014

## November Program: Tom Dumke / Thomas William Furniture

By: Steve Lockhart

**IMPORTANT REMINDER:** Program is November 14th (not November 21st)

Tom spent twenty-five years of his career as a CNC machinist. During this time, Tom was a hobbyist woodworker and realized he could make much better furniture than he saw in any store. Tom began to study the craft of fine woodworking, using various trade publications, periodicals, historical furniture schematics and plans. "That is when I began to closely examine pieces and really think about the designs and intentions of the 19th century craftsman" muses Tom. In 1996, Tom turned his woodworking hobby into a career, as the Thomas William Furniture Company was open for business.

Tom will be speaking about his journey as a woodworker and how the Shaker style has influenced his work.

Tom has presented to the Wisconsin Woodworkers Guild (Milwaukee)



For more information about Tom's business, see [www.thomaswilliamfurniture.com](http://www.thomaswilliamfurniture.com)

### Upcoming Events

Upcoming program events include the following:

- ◇ **November 14, 2014:** Thomas Dumke, Shaker furniture design and build

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** The November program will be one week earlier than normal on November 14th ( **not** November 21st)

- ◇ **December 6, 2014:** Holiday / Christmas Party
- ◇ **December 19, 2014:** NO PROGRAM
- ◇ **January 16, 2015:** Robb Nelson, lathe turning

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# Board of Directors Meeting

**Meeting Held: October 21, 2014**

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

**Absent:** Andrew Detloff, Fred Juengst

- Meeting brought to order by Rob Martens
- **Treasury Report:** Current balance \$7,955.58; Last year \$7,801.34.
  - Raffle: Tom raffled off \$122 in merchandise at the program and has \$43 left in the raffle fund.
- **Membership report:** No report.
- **Programs:**
  - October 2014: Positive response—interesting and informative. A follow-up to the Bill Robillard adhesive presentation, WoodCraft Reps discussed everyday adhesives, glues and clamping.
  - November 2014: Tom Dumke on Shaker furniture
  - December 2014: No program
  - January 2015: Robb Nelson, lathe turning
  - February 2015: Bob Kloes, figured native hardwoods
- **Public Relations / Community Service:** Lyle has started on advanced PR for Spring Show. Organization discussion.
- **Editors Report:** Articles are due Noon, Sunday, November 2, 2014.
- **Librarian Report:** Pete has some donated carving books to be evaluated for inclusion in the collection.
- **Website Report:** Rob has decided to take on some website duties with coaching from Andrew.
- **Special Activities**
  - Holiday/Xmas Party— Saturday, December 6th. Guild funds will be used for prizes. Members who attend the party are invited to donate items for prizes as well.
  - Spring Show— Jane Alesch relayed her notes from previous shows. Various preplanning scenarios were discussed.
- **Miscellaneous:** Open positions still include Treasurer.
- **Next board meeting:** November 18, 2014 at the Alesch home.

## Wood you Contribute?

**Submitted by: Paula Martens**

With November's arrival, the holiday season is fast approaching. Many members are probably getting started on small projects for family gift-giving (a small toy, a small keepsake box, a necklace tree, etc.). As long as you have the wood, tools, and templates in place, it's just as easy to make 2 as it is to make 1. Consider making an extra while you are at it. You can either donate it as a raffle item for the Guild Spring Show, or donate it as a holiday gift for someone in need. (The Guild can help make sure it gets donated to a local charity, if you'd like).

# October Program Recap

WoodCraft's Chris Rowland provided an informative presentation on everyday adhesives, glues and clamping. A few important points include:

- Adhesives—There are two types: a) Thermoplastic, and b) Chemically Reactive
- Important factors for glue selection: Setting time, Initial tack, Curing time, Viscosity, Water Resistance/Waterproof, Color, Flexibility, Ease of Sanding/Scraping, and Gap filling properties
- The 5 Keys to Success: Properties of the glue, Properties of the Wood, Condition of the wood, Gluing process, and the Environment
- Gluing Environment: Considerations including temperature, cleanliness and humidity
- Eight Types of Glues: Aliphatic Resin (Yellow glue), Polyvinyl Acetate (White glue), Hot Melt, Polyurethane, Contact, Cyanoacrylate (CA), Epoxy, and Natural Protein (hide, fish)

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## Get Ready for the Spring Show

**By: Lyle Martens**

Your Guild Show committee is hard at work with planning for implementation of the spring show scheduled for March 14 and 15 at Southwest High School. We remain in need of volunteers to help with the planning so if you are interested, please call Lyle at 920-819-4976.

Sometime late December or early January, Guild members will be receiving the schedule of activities for the show. There will be few changes from last year, but there will be some **DEADLINES** to be aware of.

### **Some Expectations for your planning:**

1. Decide to have a table at the show. There is no charge for the table, but there is an expectation that each member who has a table will consider donating a door prize and purchase or sell at least \$25 of tickets.
2. Guild members should begin planning on building something for the raffle.
3. The Guild show requires a lot of work, so please volunteer if you can. Sign-up sheets will be available in January.

We realize it is early, but time flies fast and most of the planning for the show must be completed in January. The spring show is the only money raising activity that the Guild has to support programs, community projects, the Guild library and more. So please contribute where you can.

## Membership Report

**By: Fred Juengst**

This month I sent out 11 dues reminders but this covers a two month period. No one was dropped this month from our roster. We now have a total of 159 members in good standing. We seem to fluctuate between about 175 members and 155 members over the course of a year. Many who join never renew but we do seem to hold a long time group. For the first time, the name tags I just picked up before the last meeting found their owners at the October Guild meeting.

If you 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](mailto:mdjuengst@aol.com), or call me at 920-469-1919. If you change your home or e-mail address, please let me know.

Dues are \$15 for individuals, \$20 for family, and \$35 for business. Make your check payable to "NEWWG" and send it to Fred Juengst, 846 Cornelius Dr., Green Bay, WI 54311.

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 (3 name tags).

# 2014 Holiday/Christmas Party

By: Paula Martens



Pete Schuh has offered to once again chair the annual Holiday/Christmas party. The party is only one month away and takes place before the December newsletter goes out—so this is the only newsletter notice being issued!!

The Guild provides the main dish, beverages, and condiments. Members who attend bring a dish to pass.

The Holiday/Christmas party traditionally includes a mini-affle with prizes donated by the Guild (and individual members who voluntarily donate items). Members attending the party who choose to donate a raffle prize can simply bring them to the party.

**Reservations are Important !!** We need to know how many members plan to attend to know how many tables and chairs to set up, and how much food/beverage to order.

**RSVP Deadline: November 25, 2014—Advanced reservations would be greatly appreciated.**  
**RSVP Methods: Sign-up sheet at the November program, or contact Pete via email or phone.**

**Date of Party:** December 6, 2014 (Saturday)

**Time:** 3:00pm—9:00 pm

(Doors open at 3:00 for set-up, guests arrive @4:00 pm, dinner at 5:00 pm)

**Location:** Mauthe Center / UWGB Campus

**Contact:** Pete Schuh at:

- Email: [pjscls@live.com](mailto:pjscls@live.com)
- Phone: 920-788-3871

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- Clamping: Use just enough pressure to spread the glue evenly. Too much pressure can squeeze out too much of the glue, bow the material, or crush the wood fibers
- Clamping tips include:
  - Ensure pieces to be joined have reached equilibrium moisture content (7-10 days)
  - Hand plane joints after the jointer or table saw
  - Remove burns, machine marks, dust oil, etc.
  - Apply just enough glue to put a thin film along the edges
  - Rub surfaces together and let stand for about 4-5 minutes
  - Space the clamps at intervals about twice the width of the individual boards being clamped
  - Use moderate pressure only and let the panel stand for about an hour
  - Scrape off the squeeze out before it's too hard
  - Lean the panel upright and let dry overnight

The entire 34-page PowerPoint Presentation is available. We will attempt to place a copy on the guild's Web site. If interested, you can also contact Paula Martens at [robertpaulamart@centurytel.net](mailto:robertpaulamart@centurytel.net) or call (920) 655.4952 for a copy.

# Help Needed

By: Paula Martens



As Lyle mentions in his article, the 2015 Spring Show will approach quickly. We need others to step up and volunteer to ensure the same level of offerings can continue to be offered, otherwise without sufficient volunteer help usual offerings may not be available.

Approximately 12 members have already offered to assist in a number of areas. Below is a high-level list of what needs to be done. Which area can you offer your help? Contact Lyle at 920-819-4976.

- ⇒ **Tables and Chairs:** Help with Friday afternoon set-up
- ⇒ **Raffle Ticket Sales at Show:** Help with counter sales
- ⇒ **Donated Prizes:** Help with collecting, organizing, labeling, etc.
- ⇒ **Tool Crib:** Help with tool crib sales
- ⇒ **Advertising and Publicity:** Help with printing 8x10 and quarter size posters, drive to local businesses/establishments & hang posters
- ⇒ **Signs/posters for display at show**

# For Sale

Submitted by: Bob Kloes

The following are available for purchase:

- Cutoffs of figured lumber for sale. 1" and 2" thick stock in bundles and some by the piece. 5\$ to 30\$ .
- Curly maple, flame birch, birdseye maple, and curly cherry in all sizes.
- Basswood for carving in 8' boards.

**E-mail:** bobkloes.com

**Phone:** 920-833-7157

**Location:** Off 54 between Seymour and Black Creek.



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## Northeastern 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

### Visit us on the web at:

[www.newwg.org](http://www.newwg.org)

## Guild Officers

President: Rob Martens

Vice President Programs, Steve Lockhart

Vice President Publicity, Ted Zabel

Treasurer, Lee Carlson

Secretary, Bob Welhouse

Public Relations & Member at Large, Lyle Martens

## Committee Chairpersons & Project Coordinators

Librarian, Pete Schuh

Membership, Fred Juengst

Special Events, Dan Alesch

Spring Show, Jane Alesch

Web Site, Andrew Detloff

Newsletter, Paula Martens

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