

BENCHTALK



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February Program: Paul Jensen, PJ's Woods

Paul D. Jensen is a self-taught woodcarver from Northern Wisconsin. His avid interest in woodworking began during childhood when his father, a carpenter and cabinet maker, introduced him to the inspiring qualities of wood. For 26 years Paul demonstrated his appreciation for the beauty of wood following his father's footsteps in cabinet making, furniture design, fabrication, and creation of decorative accessories.

In 2001, Paul designed and carved his first wooden spoon upon his wife's request for the 'perfect' cooking spoon. His creativity sparked and evolved in complexity and design leading to a merger of his enjoyment in woodworking with his love for cooking to start his own business specializing in culinary wood art. Initially Paul crafted individual wooden utensils including spoons, coffee scoops, rolling pins, spatulas, serving trays, ladles, and much more. He then began adding bowls and other serving pieces to his repertoire. Inspired to create art that is both functional and beautiful, Paul began combining the elements of spoons and serving pieces to create original sculptures. Today, Paul uniquely specializes in the design and precision carving of spoons and bowls that join together to create multidimensional sculptures. The individual components disassemble to be used as functional serving pieces. Simply stated, Paul describes his art as "Serving pieces that pose as sculptures".

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Upcoming Events

Upcoming program events include the following:

- ◇ February 21, 2014: Paul Jensen, PJ's Woods / Rhinelander, WI
- ◇ March 21, 2014: No program
- ◇ March 22-23, 2014: Spring Show
- ◇ April 18, 2014: Bill Robillard, Encore Restorations / Green Bay, WI
- ◇ May 16, 2014: Curt Andersen, Guild member, woodworker, teacher
- ◇ June 20, 2014: Kevin Seigworth, Sam Maloof-style rocking chair

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SPRING SHOW MARCH 22 AND 23, 2014

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RAFFLE TICKETS ARE READY FOR YOU TO SELL!!! **PLEASE READ ALL THIS NOW!**

Plans are screaming right along. If you are planning on being in the show and have not sent your volunteer form in or called me in the past week, I need to HEAR FROM YOU NOW! SPACE IS FILLING, and is limited. The wood guy from 2 years ago is back. Curt Andersen will be sharpening knives and gouges. DJ Schroeder and Mike Gurlaski, Joe Ferrier, and Ron Cuyler and grandson Cody (new) will be turning. (Mark Brienen???) Gerry K will be assembling intarsia, Paul Murphy woodburning, Bruce Kornely & Bob Fruzen scrolling, Chuck Druckery dovetails, Rob Martens bent lamination, Andrew Detloff, NO CLUE, but will require power. Mark Lochman is bringing a canoe. The usual suspects of carvers will also be at work.

Refreshments will be by the Southwest DECA Group. Menu will be in the March newsletter, but will be similar to last year. If you have any special requests let me know ASAP. Please support them. They bailed us out at the last minute. Mary and her trio of musicians will be back again in that area.

The purchased prizes are MAKITA 18V LXT437 4pc Combo Kit Lithium-ion or \$200 and a MAGSWITCH WorkHolding System Starter Kit or \$50 and a PORTER CABLE Low Profile 5" Sander or \$100 and a Dremel 3000 Rotary Tool Kit or \$50 and a WOODCRAFT TOOL TOTE Filled with Assorted Woodworking Goodies.

A special thank you to **Woodworkers Depot, Makita and Woodcraft of Appleton** for their support.

Raffle tickets will be available at the February 21 meeting. Please buy or sell at least 5 books, try for more, as the room and the tables are expensive. **To those of you who have not** specified any detail on your raffle donation, please get it to me ASAP. I hope to have this under control by the end of the month.. Still hoping for more prizes.

If you sell to people you will deliver to, **please put your name on the back of the stub**. Before you leave the show please double-check to see if you can deliver any prizes to the people you sold tickets to or to your neighborhood. **BE PATIENT**, we need to keep track of what goes where, so please do not grab and snatch. We must re-write the winner's address for you. I keep the stub. Once again, Thank You!

Don't forget to bring your old catalogs or unwanted magazines for the "take one free" table.

Trudy Ferrier will be at the Friday meeting with all the show stuff I usually have. I ask that you each take at least 5 books of tickets, some full posters and some ¼ posters, and SIGN THE SHEET she will have. Tickets and posters will be sent to all who are not there. If you know you will not be there, let me know and I can get yours out earlier (how many more than 5 can you buy or sell.) They also can be picked up at my house.

You **MUST** be a paid up member to be in the show. Send any dues **to me** at 909 Forest Hill Dr. Green Bay 54311. I will have someone collecting at the Friday Meeting (Volunteers???) or make arrangements to pay at the show. John Nowak has volunteered to be Fred at the show.

There will be extra volunteer forms (Trudy) at the Friday program. We have a real shortage of people who have signed up to sell raffle tickets, security, greeting and giving breaks.

If you are planning on bringing your prize on Friday let me know so I can bring an extra bag, and be sure to include some padding. I will be at the meeting to drop everything off before seven and then we are running across to the Kress for a ladies basketball game. Trudy will be gathering all leftovers for me. Thank you very much Trudy.

IMPORTANT FOR FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST MEETING: With a UWGB basketball game the same evening, overflow parking is in "our" lot. Your best access is from Nicolet Dr. or they will circle you through the green lot if you come down the big hill. The road from the bottom of the hill that goes in front of the Kress Center will be restricted. Expect way more traffic than usual.

Linda Surowiec, Cal Knaide, & Don Carlson will be skipping this year. The following people had tables in the show last year and I am assuming you are NOT planning on returning, as I have not received your sheet or e-mail or call: Bill Wright, Eric Rintamaki, Dave Meisel, Mark Brienen, Steve Doubek, Kevin Carpenter, Ira Ferrier, Bob Radtke, James Schumacher, Regan Buchholz, Dave Mariucci, Wayne Stoegbauer. I have a few new people to take your places, but I'm hoping a couple of you are quietly planning on attending. Also explains why I am down many raffle prizes.

THANKS FOR READING ALL THIS AND COMPLYING WITH MY MANY REQUESTS. I WANT TO MAKE YOUR SHOW GREAT!

Board of Directors Meeting

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

Absent: Andrew Detloff, Tom & Lee Carlson

Date: January 21, 2013

- **Last month's meeting minutes:** Approved
- **Treasurer's Report:** Current balance \$7,090.31; Last year: \$6,620.69
- **Membership Report:** Several members dropped, but several prospective members attended the January program.
- **Programs:**
 - February 2014: Paul Jensen, PJ's Woods— designer kitchen utensils
 - March 2014—No program. (Spring Show replaces the March program)
 - April 2014— Bill Robillard presentation on finishing
 - May 2014— Curt Anderson, drawers
- **Public Relations / Community Service**
 - Spring Show Prep Discussions
 - Discussions regarding
 - Promotions for the spring show including CraigsList, gas stations. Rob Martens to contact CP Center for possible telethon mention
 - Food vendor discussion. Post-meeting results— Green Bay Southwest DECA group will handle concessions, rep this year, replacing the Music Parents group.
 - Exhibitors are continuing to sign up
- **Editors Report**—Articles are due by noon, February 9, 2014.
- **Librarian report**— No report
- **WebSite Report**—No report
- **Special Activities**—Spring show
- **Next board meeting:** February 25, 2014 at the Alesch home.

February Membership Report

By: Fred Juengst

We have three new members who joined since our last meeting. We extend a warm welcome to Ron Cuyler, Cody Raygo and Steve Heil. I dropped one former member for non-payment of dues. We now have a total of 160 members. With our new nametag policy, our three new members will have name tags at the next meeting or at the show for sure.

If you have any questions about membership, name tags, 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. If you change your home or e-mail address please let me know.

If you wish to pay your dues, renewals are \$15 for individuals, \$20 for family, and \$35 for business. Make your check out 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. Add \$10 for individual, add \$15 for family (2 name tags), and \$15 for business members (3 name tags).

Wood-Word Thoughts

By: Rob Martens, Guild President

Design

I thought I would share a few thoughts on my design process this month. Typically form follows function. This thought concept surrounds us in our daily lives of convenience. So how did we get here? More precisely for now, what constitutes a successful, useful project?

As we move through our daily routine we realize occasionally a need for some conveyance to store something, or move something, or exhibit something, or maybe just to be something.

I have obtained several pieces of fine artwork from the desert southwest. These pieces include a wedding vase, small knick-knacks, and three small sand paintings by the local Indians. I would like to display the pieces together as a group on the wall, but how?

I consider the amount of wall space I have, the number and size of the pieces, how I would like them arranged. I decide that a shelf made of wood species that have similar color characteristics as some of the pieces would enhance the composition. Since I have the ability to laminate wood, I also decide to make some of the shelf components curved.

There is enough space to place the sand paintings in the center of the piece, with the smaller pieces on the shelves on either side and below. I make some sketches in pencil of the composition. I give the drawings some dimensions. I enhance it some with more sketches, perhaps some details of the wood joinery – i.e. – how the shelves intersect the curved supports.

My next step is to draw the shelf on the computer to exact scale and proportion. If the computer was not available to me, I would use graph paper, scale, and french curves. The goal here is to get an accurate picture of the shelf piece sizes and assembly methods.

With this drawing now in hand, I can begin to build my shelf. So you are saying “well, he didn’t say much about how he arrived at the *design*”. And this is true. It is difficult to quantify subjective design decisions. If you are having difficulty with design and cannot come up with ideas from within, look to woodworking periodicals, books, and other experienced woodworkers for ideas. This is one of the priceless values of being a Woodworkers Guild member!

Tool Crib—Spring Show

By: Tom Carlson

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. Have you notified the Spring Show Chairman (Jane Alesch) that you have items for the tool crib?

Provide Jane Alesch with a list of the **number of items** you wish to sell. Jane's phone number: **920-468-0132** or email her at jbalesch@att.net

3. 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**.

4. 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.

5. 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; write out a sales receipt and cross off the item on the Tool Crib Inventory sheet. All sold tools must have a receipt. **All sales are between the seller and buyer. The Guild will not handle any money.**

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

7. 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.

Tom will bring a box of Tool Crib tags to the February 21st program to make them available for anyone who is interested. Each member is limited to a maximum of 10 tags at one time. More tags will be available at the Tool Crib during the Spring Show.

February Program: Paul Jensen, continued

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Paul is a nationally recognized woodcarver having received over 30 awards of distinction from fine craft and art professionals. His work has been showcased in art galleries, highlighted in local television news interest stories, and featured in newspaper and magazine articles including the on-line 'Wood Workers Journal Ezine' and the cover story in the February/March 2013 Boomers and Beyond. Two of Paul's unique spoons are depicted in a book authored by Norman D. Stevens entitled 'A Gathering of Spoons The Design Gallery of the World's Most Stunning Wooden Art Spoons'. You may preview Paul's work on line at Jensen Originals.com and PJswoods.com.



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

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