

# BENCHTALK



**Northeastern Wisconsin Woodworkers Guild**

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## Program for April 17, 2019, 7 pm at Ashwaubenon High School

### **Making a Mountain Dulcimer, Lamination Style, by Rob Martens**

This presentation will cover the techniques my father, Lyle Martens, and I have developed to design and fabricate dulcimers and ukuleles. Even though Lyle never had a set of plans, he followed instructions through an instruction manual included with a kit. The side parts were steam bent veneers with many flaws. He decided at that point to build with parts we would make. The end result was much improved dulcimers.

I have since used similar techniques to build ukuleles as well. Including the dulcimer constructed for this presentation, I have made five dulcimers and three ukuleles. My father made four dulcimers before his passing.



## 2019 UPCOMING 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](http://newwg.org)

April 17 Building a Dulcimer *by Rob Martens*

May 15 How to setup and use Hand Planes *by Ken Quade*

June 19 Taking a treadle powered lathe to Kenya *by Kelly Bresnahan*

## LIBRARY

Please return any materials you have checked out. It's been two months since we had the library at a meeting.



## Editor's Note

Much of this newsletter is devoted to review of the spring show in March: what went well, what could have gone better, and how best to proceed in the future. We invite you to read all the comments, and share your ideas. This is your guild, and we need your input.

### 2019 SPRING SHOW RECAP From Pete Schuh:

I would like to thank everyone that helped with the show. Steve Lockhart and the show committee did a lot of work to make it happen. The show would not be a success without the help of our members. I heard a lot of comments about the people at the tables show casing their talents and willing to share their knowledge with the people attending the show. There were a lot of new faces helping with set-up, ticket sales, tool crib, and the welcoming table. Also thanks to everyone selling tickets, putting up flyers and notices on social media. Thanks to Ted for manning the membership table both days.

Anyone that has any ideas or comments about the show, please come to the April 17<sup>th</sup> members meeting. We are looking for input either good or bad and ways to make the show better.

### Bucket Raffle Experiment From Jane Alesch & Tom Short

Congratulations and many thanks to Pat Williams and Paul Murphy for putting together the great "Bucket Raffle" experiment, for providing the buckets, and donating a very fine bucket prize. The experiment is now over, was a success, and kudos go to Pat and Paul. I really enjoyed sitting at the raffle desk because everything had been set up. Tom Short and I were happy to help out by manning the ticket sales table. There are a few procedural things to tweak, but, overall, things went very well, especially for a first-time event.

The raffle had nine buckets the first day and added a spalted maple bucket the second day. The sale raised \$888 the first day and totaled \$1,762 for the weekend. Most people bought \$10 or \$20 in tickets (they were 10 for \$10) and many were sold at three for \$5.00. Several people bought one for \$2.00. Tom and I began contacting the winners when the main raffle began. The winner of Glenn's walnut table was at home in Manitowoc, but got in the car and drove over to the show to pick it up almost before the big raffle ended! All the prizes were picked up and delivered that afternoon or evening. With Pat's blessing, counted the tickets in the buckets to complete the experiment. There was a total of 1,584. They were distributed as follows.

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>TICKETS</u>	<u>WINNER</u>
*Makita 1 ¼ HP compact router	309	Mike S.
Walnut table by new member Glenn Koehler	286	Steve Strouf
**Festool ETS 125 5" dia center	248	Bill Dolan
Kreg donated JIG K5 Master System	192	Sherwin Schleif
*Rikon slow speed bench grinder	180	Curt Andersen
Kreg donated Accu-cut XL	160	Joyce Norland
Eagle Print donated by Paul Murphy	147	Kyle Richards
Two pieces of spalted maple from Bob Kloes	24	Jarrold
Walnut wall coat rack donated by Glenn Koehler	21	Cathy Wocking
Porter Cable drill from Power Tool Store	20	Lee Ulmer

\*Purchased by the Guild from Woodworkers Depot at a discount.

## Spring Show 2019 by Steve Lockhart

The Guild's board held a "wrap-up meeting" for this year's show on Tuesday, April 9. I will attempt to capture the main points of the meeting in this article. Members are encouraged to submit suggestions for future show(s) to me via email: salockhart@gmail.com

The main difference at the show this year was we had a "bucket raffle" for some select prizes. The bucket raffle was quite well received but seemed to take away sales from the "main" raffle. (per the financial report compiled by Chuck Druckery) Total of the bucket and "main" raffle seemed to be average.

A sincere thanks to Guild member Glenn Koehler who contributed the live edge walnut table as well as the coat rack. Additionally thanks go to Paul Murphy and Pat Williams who contributed a limited edition print.

### Other observations and suggestions (not necessarily in order of importance) (We need to address all suggestions and negatives)

#### Positives:

Setup and takedown went quite smoothly thanks to many volunteer members.

The food concession staffed by Syble Hopp volunteers was a great asset.

Consensus was that Southwest High commons is a very good venue for the show.

#### Issues/Questions

Too few attendees from the community and weak sales by members who were selling items.

Most tables were veteran show participants. (Few if any newer members had tables)

Is the show on it's "last legs"? Will it happen next year?

It is a significant burden to participants to pay a table fee, build a raffle prize to donate, spend two days at the show and sell raffle tickets. What is the best way to reduce this "burden" while maintaining financial viability?

#### Suggestions

We should have a "carving tool" prize in the bucket raffle

Possibly do demos/classes in a special room or area to minimize disruption to the show: (we need to look into this)

We should publicize and schedule demos or short classes to bring in interested members of the public.

Need more publicity!!! We need to look into paid TV coverage and other paid publicity.

We need to make sure that shows such as the Home Show and Artigas have info referring the public to our show..

It is obvious that scheduling the show in the Christmas shopping season would result in increased sales Should we seriously address this change? This has been discussed in previous years and been rejected but it may be appropriate to re-visit.

Simplify raffle ticket sales: Pat and Paul suggested keeping a record book (common in other bucket raffles) of all raffle ticket numbers including name/address/phone number which would eliminate the need to write on the tickets. (This would work for sure on the bucket raffle and may increase ticket sales)

## We need to devote a serious effort to bringing "new life" into the show if it is to survive!

### Show Financial Report

	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
<b>SHOW RELATED EXPENSES</b>						
Facilities Rental	\$1,551.00	\$1,717.50	\$1,700.00	\$1,000.75	\$1,196.00	\$1,196.00
Table Rental	\$763.20	\$763.20	\$763.20	\$682.60	\$820.70	\$801.80
Insurance (portion related to spring show)	\$459.00	\$459.00	\$484.00	\$484.00	\$424.00	\$424.00
Signage/advertising				\$75.00		
Tool Crib expenses		\$40.94	\$12.56	\$14.69	\$11.08	\$81.14
Misc. (name badges, printing, office supplies etc)	\$73.11		\$13.64	\$32.44	\$62.40	\$40.00
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$2,846.31</b>	<b>\$2,980.64</b>	<b>\$2,973.40</b>	<b>\$2,289.48</b>	<b>\$2,514.18</b>	<b>\$2,542.94</b>
<b>RAFFLE RELATED EXPENSES</b>						
Prizes	\$404.95	\$334.21	\$360.99	\$426.28		\$457.31
Raffle licenses	\$51.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00
Printing (tickets, posters, etc.)	\$319.19	\$322.79	\$429.18	\$438.52	\$487.83	\$281.51
Misc. (postage, office supplies etc.)		\$70.00	\$56.87	\$16.28	\$70.38	\$67.25
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$775.14</b>	<b>\$752.00</b>	<b>\$872.04</b>	<b>\$906.08</b>	<b>\$583.21</b>	<b>\$831.07</b>
<b>SPRING SHOW REVENUE</b>						
Craft Raffle ticket sales	\$2,824.00	\$4,025.00	\$4,937.00	\$3,828.00	\$4,516.00	\$4,766.00
Bucket Raffle ticket sales	\$1,762.00					
Participant table fees	\$825.00	\$880.00	\$700.00	\$685.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$5,411.00</b>	<b>\$4,905.00</b>	<b>\$5,637.00</b>	<b>\$4,513.00</b>	<b>\$4,516.00</b>	<b>\$4,766.00</b>

<b>Total Show Revenue</b>	<b>\$5,411.00</b>	<b>\$4,905.00</b>	<b>\$5,637.00</b>	<b>\$4,513.00</b>	<b>\$4,516.00</b>	<b>\$4,766.00</b>
<b>Total Show Expenses</b>	<b>\$3,621.45</b>	<b>\$3,732.64</b>	<b>\$3,845.44</b>	<b>\$3,195.56</b>	<b>\$3,097.39</b>	<b>\$3,374.01</b>
<b>NET REVENUE</b>	<b>\$1,789.55</b>	<b>\$1,172.36</b>	<b>\$1,791.56</b>	<b>\$1,317.44</b>	<b>\$1,418.61</b>	<b>\$1,391.99</b>

**SPRING SHOW "ROGUES GALLERY"** A FEW HIGHLIGHTS FORM THE WEEKEND, courtesy of Steve Lockhart



## **March Guild Membership**

Our Woodworkers Guild continues to gain membership. Thank you to all members who continue to encourage other woodworkers to join through encouragement and through your own experiences. We are at 165 plus members. We recently added 13 members from the show and follow-up applications. I have listed our new members and their home towns below.

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George Brudi	Marinette	Mark Lasee	Kaukauna
Jarrold & Justin Bunyard	Kewaunee	Michael & Joy Mandich	Green Bay
Bill Dolan	Abrams	Boyd Pitney	Green Bay
Joseph Frasch	Oconto	Candy Smith (reinstated)	Green Bay
Timothy Hayden	Green Bay	Dan Wiess	Two Rivers
Chad Hultman	Green Bay		

Please take some time at our meetings to meet these folks and make them feel comfortable and welcome.  
Thank you Ted Zabel

## **Board of Directors Meeting**

**Meeting Held:** February 28, 2019, at Steve & Betty Lockhart home

**Present:** Pete Schuh, Ted Zabel, Bob Welhouse, Steve Lockhart, Maureen Birk, Chuck Druckrey

**Absent:** Dan Alesch, Jane Alesch, Paul Murphy, Pat Williams

Meeting brought to order by Pete Schuh at 7:41 pm. Prior minutes approved.

· **Treasurer's Report:** Last Year: \$5,878.77; This year: \$8,977.02. Format for the Treasurer's Report has been upgraded to accounts being zeroed at beginning of year.

· **Membership report:** Ted Zabel reports 4 new members.

· **Special Events:**  
no report.

· **Programs:**

- Pete Schuh's lathe presentation was very well received
- March 2019 - spring show
- April 2019 - Rob Martens - building a dulcimer
- May 2019 - TBD
- June 2019 - Kelly Bresnahan - lathes provided provided to African village
- July 17, 2019 tentative - ArcWays tour

· **Editors Report:** Articles due by March 6, 2019.

· **Website Report:** Little to report, but a few things were cleaned up. Still working.

· **Librarian Report:** no report.

· **Public Relations / Community Service:**

TV2 Noon show scheduled for March 7, 2019

TV5- Artisan Center March 12, 2019 - 9-10 a.m.

### **New Business:**

1. report due for 2018 taxes
2. new purchase of voice amplifier - \$100 - seemed to work really well
3. newsletter submission requested from members
4. brief discussion on bylaws to be reviewed after Spring Show
5. meeting cancellation discussion
6. Requested link to be added to web site, board approves
7. Membership application modification

· **Next board meeting:** April 9, 2019 at Pete Schuh home.

**Adjourned**

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## NOTES AND UPCOMING EVENTS FROM OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

**April 13, 2019: Kettle Karvers Artistry in Wood, Woodcarving and Wood Sculpture Show, Lakers Ice Center, 1202 South Wildwood Avenue, Sheboygan, WI; 10 am-4 pm.**

<http://www.kettlekarvers.org>

### Lathe Wanted:

A full sized lathe, a Powermatic 90 or similar.

Contact Mark Hawkins at Hands on Deck

[mark@handsondeckgb.org](mailto:mark@handsondeckgb.org)

920-544-1915

### **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](http://www.newwg.org)

How to Get Involved:

For inquiries regarding joining

The Northeastern Wisconsin Woodworkers Guild, contact:

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Or any other Board or committee member.

Regarding this newsletter, or the web page, contact:

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### **Guild Officers**

President: Pete Schuh

Vice President Programs, Steve Lockhart

Vice President Publicity/Membership, Ted Zabel

Vice President, Paul Murphy

Treasurer, Chuck Druckery

Secretary, Bob Welhouse

### **Committee Chairs & Project Coordinators**

Librarian, Pete Schuh

Special Events, Dan Alesch

Spring Show, Steve Lockhart

Web Site & Newsletter, Maureen Birk

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