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July 17, 2015: Members Show n Tell—Jigs and Fixtures

According to the program subject survey, the number one requested program is “Jigs and Fixtures: Members Show n Tell.” Be prepared to come up front and explain how you use a jig, fixture, or any other ingenious item that makes your shop a better place. Pictured below is an item which I will bring in which makes my shop life a little easier.



If you've already indicated that you will be bringing a Show n' Tell item in.... Great! We have a pretty good list already.

The following is what I have (though not guaranteed accurate)

- Lyle Martens: Bread board Jig
- Ted Zabel: Jig to make plane handles
- Jerry Jensen: Wedgie Sled
- Al Osterman: Seg. E-Z
- Rob Martens: Count on Rob to bring something good.
- Steve Lockhart: I will explain what it is and where to get the item in photo above

Don't be shy !! Even if you're not on the list, bring something. All ideas are good.!

Upcoming Events

Upcoming program events include the following:

- ◇ **July 17, 2015:** Guild Members—Jigs & Fixtures
- ◇ **August 2015:** No program— Summer picnic
- ◇ **September 2015:** Kelly Bresnahan and Curt Andersen— Sharpening
- ◇ **October 2015:** Paul Murphy—Artistic woodburning

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Board of Directors Meeting

Meeting Held: June 24, 2015

Present: Rob Martens, Paula Martens, Lyle Martens, Ted Zabel, Bob Welhouse, Steve Lockhart, Fred Juengst

Absent: Dan & Jane Alesch, Pete Schuh, Kathy Kuritz

Meeting brought to order by Rob Martens at Steve Lockhart's home. Prior meeting minutes approved.

- **Treasurer's Report:** Last year: \$8,089.40. Current year: \$8,857.28.
 - Raffle: Ted Zabel offered to phone several candidates to fill the position of Raffle Chair
 - Kathy Kurtiz has been installed as the Guild's new Treasurer. She will obtain a Tax ID for the Guild and change the Treasurer's account to her bank.
- **Membership report:** 3 members dropped. 20 postcards were sent.
- **Programs:**
 - June 19, 2015: Dan Giese—Collecting antique tools and Wisconsin forest history. The membership enjoyed the presentation and were impressed by the extensive library of information.
 - July 17, 2015: Membership — Jigs and Fixtures. Members are encouraged to bring their own jigs and fixtures for Show n Tell.
- **Public Relations / Community Service:**
 - Guild member Jim Sonnleitner dropped off a bag of wooden toys to be distributed
- **Editors Report:** Articles are due July 6, 2015
- **Librarian:** No report
- **Website Report:** No report.
- **Special Activities**
 - **August 16, 2015 Summer Picnic:** Pete Schuh has volunteered to coordinate this year's picnic. Sign up for the picnic will be at the July meeting.
 - **2015 Christmas Party:** Scheduled for December 5, 2015.
- **Next board meeting:** July 21, 2015 at Pete Schuh's house. 7:00 p.m.

Membership

By: Fred Juengst

This month I sent out 21 dues reminder cards because only a few remembered they joined at a show. That is what the dues reminder cards is about. The one reminder card sent out last month was returned with payment so no one was dropped this month. We now have a total of 155 members in good standing.

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, 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).

Raffle Chairpersons

Clete Selissen and Mike Dahlke have agreed to take on the Meeting Raffle duties as a team. Mike and Clete will work with Tom Carlson for a smooth transition of duties in the near future.

We thank Tom for his many years of leading the meeting raffles. Welcome Clete and Mike to their new position with our Woodworkers Guild.



Just for fun

According to The Wood Database, below is a list of the top 10 softest and hardest woods.

Top 10 Softest Woods

10. Western Red Cedar

9. Black Cottonwood / Quaking Aspen

8. Atlantic White Cedar

7. Yellow Buckeye

6. Subalpine Fir

5. Northern White Cedar

4. European Silver Fir

3. Balsam Poplar

2. Paulownia

1. Balsa

Top 10 Hardest Woods

10. Cebil

9. Katalox / Wamara

8. Black Ironwood

7. African Blackwood

6. Camelthorn

5. Verawood

4. Snakewood

3. Gidgee

2. Lignum Vitae

1. Quebracho



Library Report

Pete says that there are a lot of materials that are over due for the library. There will be no library in August because the picnic takes the place of the Friday program, so this is your chance to either return your materials that are due, or pick up some new materials for the rest of the summer. He will also have some excess material for sale at the meeting (if he remembers to load it on the truck. Ha)

Summer Picnic

By: Paula Martens

The summer picnic is a time for guild members **and their families** to get together for a few hours in a casual, picnic setting. We provide the hamburgers/brats, buns, corn on the cob, condiments, coffee, soda, and water. Plates, plastic ware and cups will be provided. You bring the salads, desserts, munchies, whatever you feel like bringing.

As in past years, the grill should be lit around 10 AM to ensure the fire is just right. Food should be ready to eat about noon.

- Coming early? Bring some hors d'oeuvres. We can use some help setting up tables and making last minute preparations.
- Coming late? Bring a dessert. We could always use a hand cleaning up and putting things away.

If you have a few wasp traps, maybe bring them along—we might want to hang a few near the picnic tables. Members who have larger Show n Tell items that are too big, heavy, or delicate to carry to a meeting are invited to bring it along to the picnic. Just pop open the tailgate and show off your item right from the back of the vehicle.

PLEASE RSVP:

We need these RSVP's so we can plan how much food and beverage to purchase. Either sign up at the July Meeting, or contact me directly via email (robertpaulamart@centurytel.net) or by phone (920.655.4952).

Directions to Summer Picnic

Basic directions:

1. Take Hwy 43 to the east side of Green Bay (Bellevue area).
2. Take the Manitowoc Road exit east.
3. Turn east (left) on Eaton Road (at the corner where the new Stein's Garden Center is located)
4. Drive a mile or so until you reach Emerald Drive. (If you reach the round-a-bout at the Fire Department Station you went too far).
5. Turn south (right) on Emerald Drive.
6. Turn west (right) on Brighton Place. The park is located on Brighton Place where the road curves.



Election Recap

By: Paula Martens

Every year elections are held in June. Positions are then held for 1 year (July to June).

Last month's election had 3 positions that needed to be filled. Results include:

- **Web Site**—no volunteers to fill this position. As a result, the Guild currently has no one to update and maintain the web site. So for now, until a member steps forward to assume the duties of Web Site administrator you can assume that the Web Site is outdated and not maintained.
- **Secretary**—no volunteers. Bob Welhouse has graciously offered to continue in this role for another year.
- **Spring Show Chairman**—no volunteers to fill this position. Lyle Martens has indicated if no one volunteers to lead next years show, he may consider leading it again. The 2015 Spring Show Team did such a great job, he feels that leading the 2016 Show should be an easy task—especially if last year's Spring Show Team members repeat.

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

Guild Officers

President: Rob Martens

Vice President Programs, Steve Lockhart

Vice President Publicity, Ted Zabel

Treasurer, Kathy Kurtiz

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, Committee Members

Web Site, Position unfilled

Newsletter, Paula Martens

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