

# BENCHTALK



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## Quick Facts: Guild Spring Show & Sale

There is no program in March as the annual **Spring Show & Sale** takes the place of the monthly program.

**Date:** March 22 and 23, 2014 (Saturday and Sunday)

**Location:** Southwest High School, 1331 Packerland Drive, Green Bay, WI

**Time:** 9:30 am to 5:00 pm

**Set-Up:** Participants in the show can set up their tables Friday afternoon between 1pm and 4 pm. Saturday morning set-up begins at 7 am and your table must be up and ready to go when the doors open to our guests at 9:30 am.

**Raffle:** Double-random draw of many prizes to include hand-crafted items, power-tools (or cash substitute), etc. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Drawing takes place Sunday, March 23 at 4:00 pm.

**Refreshments:** Southwest DECCA Group will make beverage, breakfast donuts/Danish and lunch food available for purchase.

**Questions:** Contact the event coordinator, Jane Alesch, at 920-468-0132 (Home), 920-246-1553 (Cell), or [jbalesch@att.net](mailto:jbalesch@att.net).

## Upcoming Events

Upcoming program events include the following:

- ◇ 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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# March Annual Show & Sale

**By:** Paula Martens

**Date:** March 22 & 23, 2014

**Location:** Southwest High School, 1331 Packerland Drive, Green Bay, WI

If not participating in the annual Guild Show & Sale, we hope that you make it a point to attend and support your Guild members. To understand the benefit of holding this event, let's look at how Guild members, the Guild itself, and the community benefit:

- Members can show off some of their finest work
- Members who can, depending on their craft, demonstrate their craft to curious "wannabe" woodworkers (turners, carvers, scroll sawers)
- Children who attend watch the demonstrations in awe and enjoy seeing all the handcrafted items
- The event generates interest in woodworking and usually generates increased membership
- Rental of the venue provides revenue to Southwest High School
- Students selling food, chips, soda, etc. at the event raise money as a fundraising effort for their student activities
- The Guild can showcase our participation in Community Events, such as work completed for the Cerebral Palsy Center of Green Bay.
- Guild members get an opportunity to meet other members who enjoy the same craft and can share stories, techniques, etc.
- Free admission, free parking and wheelchair accessibility
- Raffle with lots of prizes

Woodworking is what we do. Hope to see you there.

## February Program Review: Paul Jensen , PJ's Woods / Jensen Originals

**By:** Steve Lockhart

As Paul said "the wood tells him what to do"

Paul has a business designing and building unique kitchen utensils and other functional items designed to take advantage of unique grain patterns in exotic wood and burls. Paul also takes commissions for items which would have unique significance as gifts with the wood coloring, grain pattern and shapes taking on a personal meaning to the recipient.

The bowl and spoon sets he builds have provisions including concealed rare earth magnets and built in dowel and sockets which allow them to be assembled together as an art object suitable as a centerpiece to display on a buffet or mantle.

Paul gave us some hints on technique and details included in the items:

- Rare earth magnets available from K&J magnets
- Finish items suitable for food contact with Mineral Oil which is available at any drug store. The least expensive mineral oil would be available from pet supply sources.
- Paul recommends the best wood (to carve) for beginners is cherry
- Baking powder is useful to remove food odor from wooden utensils

Paul has just about every wood removing tool available including chain saw grinder wheels, carbide grit grinder wheels, Forstner bits, band saw, and lots of sanding!

# Carl LaBelle, One of our Founders Passes Away

By: Dan Alesch

Carl LaBelle, long time Neenah resident and a co-founder of the Guild, passed away this past week at age 87. I have very fond memories of Carl. His was the first segmented turning I had ever seen. He showed a 16 inch platter of maple and walnut consisting of more than 1600 individual elements at a Guild meeting. It was spectacular and inspiring. At one of the first shows in which I participated, Carl brought his incredibly beautiful handmade seven foot workbench. It was without blemish even though he used it constantly.

Carl remained an active member until he suffered a stroke and was unable to continue his woodworking. After he became confined to a wheel chair, one of his daughters brought Carl to our annual spring shows until he became confined to a nursing care facility. Carl was always willing to share his knowledge and was always cheerful and friendly with a pleasant smile. I know that Jane and I will miss him and remember him as a truly fine woodworker and person.

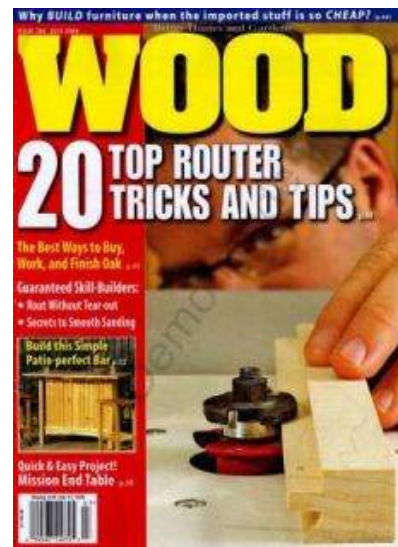
## Wanted: Old Woodworking Magazines and/or Catalogues

By: Paula Martens

Do you have an excess of old woodworking magazines? How about some old 'How To' books that you no longer use which are currently collecting dust? Consider donating them to the Guild for the annual Spring Show.

Each year, a table is set up at the annual Spring Show displayed with old magazines/catalogues for visitors to "Take One Free". This table does generate attention at the show and sparks interest and creativity for those attending. By donating them, you clean out your magazine rack of unwanted material, other woodworkers can benefit from the information, and the material gets an extended life and stays out of the recycle bin.

If you have questions about donating magazines and/or catalogues, feel free to call me at 920.845.9395.



# Tool Crib—Spring Show

By: Tom Carlson

For Guild members who wish to place items in the Tool Crib, below are the Tool Crib rules:

## 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](mailto: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 by 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.

# Spring Show

By: Jane Alesch

Please read this whole huge article, thanks!

This is your last newsletter before SHOWTIME! The commons is full and the decoy guy, the wood to turn and carve guy are again in the hallway, by request.

Please, as many as possible Set Up on Friday March 21 from 1:00 to 4:00. The rest must do Saturday 7:00 to 9:15. The Show opens at 9:30 and YOU MUST be ready to go. Sunday the doors open at 8:30 AM if you need time to tidy up or look around. The doors will not open to the public until 9:30.



Keep the publicity going. Use your email, FACEBOOK, Craig's list and passing out your flyers and talking to everyone you meet. You get them to the show, we'll sell them a ticket! TWITTER, BLOG, whatever??

You can load in through the front doors on the circle, but they will be closed once the show has started. After you unload, move your car to the parking lot BUT save the best spots for our guests. If we take the 50 closest places, that would be just plain ugly. Many of us have handicapped stickers, well, so do our guests. We will have people who will move your vehicle,

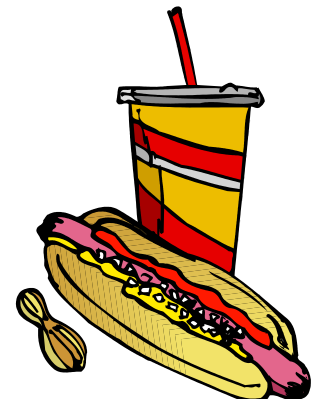
and retrieve it. **Note:** The show closes at 5:00PM on Sunday, NOT at 4 when the raffle starts!!!! Thank You.

Please sell more raffle tickets than you think you can to help pay for rent and tables. We have at least 70 prizes. To those of you who have not specified any detail on your raffle donation, please get it to me ASAP. I still have several "I'll call later" and "probably" and "Maybe," I hope to have the prize list finished by this Friday. 920-468-0132 or [jbalesch@att.net](mailto:jbalesch@att.net)



You should all have received your posters and your raffle tickets by now. If not or you need more, call Jane at 468-0132. 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, snatch, and drive off. We must rewrite the winner's address for you. I keep the stub. Once again, thank you.

The SW DECA club will take over refreshments: Donuts, coffee, cold soda, sloppy joes and hot dogs with chips, cookies or popcorn. Once again they will take orders and deliver to your tables. I don't have their exact menu but they have been filled in on what sold best. Please welcome them and support them. They really bailed us out.

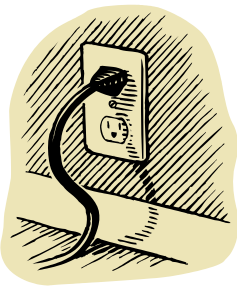


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John Nowak will be collecting dues and new members forms. Don't forget, PAID UP members get free tables. There will be a note on your table with your due date. Pay up ASAP if you are in arrears.

Those requiring power please bring extension cords and/or power strips.



RAFFLE TICKETS AND MONEY ARE TAKEN TOGETHER, AT THE SAME TIME. WAIT TO PAY UNTIL YOUR STUBS ARE COMPLETE. THERE WILL BE NO "I PAID HER OR HIM OVER THERE." AGAIN, THANKS. WE DO NEED PHONE #'S AND ADDRESSES UNLESS WINNER IS THERE. IF YOU ARE WILLING TO DELIVER, WRITE YOUR NAME ON BACK OF TICKET.

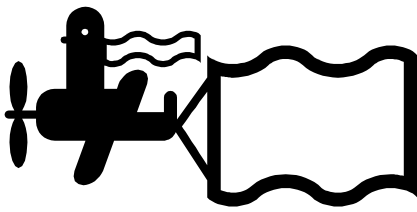
We have some volunteers for security, selling tickets, and bathroom breaks, but we can always use more. We also need people to help park and retrieve cars for members less able. Check in at raffle desk to help.

Curt Anderson will be back and sharpening knives. No serrated, just plain knives of any size. He is charging \$1 per knife and donating the \$1's to charity. He is bringing new equipment to sharpen GOUGES

Please one or two of you bring a shop vac. Anyone who is making a big mess and has one that works, bring it. Not everyone has a good cart, so if you are helping unload, and have a favorite, you might want to bring it.



My cell phone is 920-246-1553. Use it if you are late, lost or whatever.



I have not heard anything about any TV or Radio time. If you have an "in" let us know. Ted Zabel 920-822-8214 and Gerry Jensen 920-857-3598 are working on this. Don & Mary Berken have distributed flyers to 100 places in East De Pere and East Green Bay. If you can help with

West DePere and West Green Bay, call Ted. NO, NO, NO POSTAL BOXES PLEASE!!!! ( We cannot place flyers and brochures in US Postal Mail boxes ).

I understand it is girls state basketball tournament at the Resch. Any good suggestions on how to contact the schools or parents involved? Does anyone know about a craft show near the Resch. We should exchange flyers with them.

# Board of Directors Meeting

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

**Absent:** Andrew Detloff, Fred Juengst, Ted Zabel

**Date: February 25, 2013**

- **Last month's meeting minutes:** Approved
- **Treasurer's Report:** Current balance \$5,962.88; Last year: \$6,111.73
- **Membership Report:** 3 new members joined
- **Programs:**
  - March 2014—No program. (Spring Show replaces the March program)
  - April 2014— Bill Robillard presentation on adhesives and bonding
  - May 2014— Curt Anderson, drawers  
A member suggested a presentation on wood dyes.
- **Public Relations / Community Service**
  - Spring Show Prep Discussions, exhibitors continue to sign up
  - Discussions regarding promotions for the Show including CraigsList, gas stations, and poster distribution
- **Editors Report**—Articles are due by noon, March 9, 2014.
- **Librarian report**— A few books have been donated to the Guild.
- **WebSite Report**—No report
- **Special Activities**—Spring show
- **Next board meeting:** April 22, 2014 at the Alesch home.

## 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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[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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