

# BENCHTALK



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## May 15th Program: Design—The “What” and “How” Presentation, with Rob Martens

By: Rob Martens

Rob will share the way he creates and builds his functional art. He will present the means and methods by which functional need is translated into built beauty.



## Environmentally Friendly in the Shop

By: Paula Martens

Source: [www.thisoldhouse.com](http://www.thisoldhouse.com)

Spring is that time of year we think of 'spring cleaning'. But spring cleaning isn't just for the house. Here's a few environmentally friendly ideas for the shop:

1. Unplug chargers on power tools you don't use very often. Most cordless tools have nickel cadmium batteries which hold some charge up to a year—it's easy to just plug it in a few hours before you need it to power up again.
2. Dampen superfine sawdust shavings from the dust collection system & push them around to sweep concrete floors.
3. Save used paint thinner after cleaning oil-based brushes. Let it sit overnight. The sludge settles to the bottom. The next day put the clear thinner in a clean jar, cover and use again.

## Upcoming Events

Upcoming program events include the following:

- ◇ **May 15, 2015:** Rob Martens—Design
- ◇ **June 19, 2015:** Dan Giese—Collecting antique tools
- ◇ **July 17, 2015:** Guild Members—Jigs & Fixtures
- ◇ **August 2015:** No program— Summer picnic

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# Board of Directors Meeting

## Meeting Held: April 28, 2015

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

**Absent:** Andrew Detloff

Meeting brought to order by Rob Martens at Lyle Martens' home. Prior meeting minutes approved.

- **Treasurer's Report:** Last year: \$8,591.80. Current year: \$9,061.99. Profits from the Spring Show were better because more prizes were donated than purchased.
- **Membership report:** Fred reports that 7 letters were sent out. One member has dropped. One new member has joined.
- **Programs:**
  - May 15, 2015: Rob Martens— Design
  - June 19, 2015: Dan Giese—Collecting antique tools
- **Public Relations / Community Service:**
  - Fox River Heritage is looking for someone to build a cabinet
  - Toys for kids.
- **Editors Report:** Articles are due May 3, 2015
- **Librarian:** Library will not be available at the June 19, 2015 meeting.
- **Website Report:** No report. Management of website discussed
- **Special Activities**
  - **2015 Annual Spring Show Recap:**
    - In order to make it easier for committees and organizers, Spring Show-related materials and supplies should be consolidated for storage
    - Suggestion was made to have professional banners instead of posters and signs
    - The results of Steve's survey regarding suggested topics for Programs was discussed
  - **Elections:** The Guild is still in need of members to fill open Board of Directors positions. There is a strong possibility that the Treasurer's position may be filled.
  - **2015 August Summer Picnic:** We are planning for a summer picnic, but the dates are tentative until the park reservation can be secured. If not a lot of interest, the possibility of holding the picnic at a member's house instead of the park was discussed.
  - **2015 Christmas Party:** Scheduled for December 5, 2015.
- **Next board meeting:** May 19, 2015 at Dan & Jane Alesch's house. 7:00 p.m.

## Membership

By: Fred Juengst

This month I sent out 4 dues reminders and hope those of you who joined at a show will pay their dues because lots will be due in the next two months. I dropped 6 member for non- payment of dues after receiving a reminder card. One member resigned. On the plus side, we gained one new member, Jessica Patza. We now have a total of 156 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).

# July Program: Jigs and Fixtures—Member Show n Tell

By: Steve Lockhart

By popular demand (see survey results) the number one requested program is “Jigs and Fixtures Members Show n Tell”. Soooo..... Now is the time to start thinking about what you will bring.

The survey results listed below is just to start your “wheels turning” about what you will bring. You are perfectly welcome to bring one on the list, or bring one that is not on the list. Be prepared to come up front and explain how you use the jig.

|                            |   |                                   |
|----------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|
| 1. Kreg pocket hole jig    | 4. Circle jig for band saw                            | 7. Dovetail jig                   |
| 2. Shelf pin drill jig     | 5. Claim for jig for band saw (like a mini sawmill)   | 8. Dowel jig (dowelit or Stanley) |
| 3. Taper jig for table saw | 6. Installation jigs for knobs, hinges, drawer slides | 9. Mortise and tenon jig          |

## Survey Results

By: Steve Lockhart

Results of the recent survey to determine interest for programs is outlined below (highest interest to lowest interest).

|                                       |  |   |
|---------------------------------------|--|---|
| 1. Jigs and Fixtures—Show n Tell      | 11. Shop safety: Dust collection, guards, hearing protection, etc. | 21. Mortise and tenon methods                                 |
| 2. Sharpening                         | 12. Finishing: Specialized topics (more advanced)                  | 22. Workbench design and build tips                           |
| 3. Jointer tips and techniques        | 13. Marquetry  | 23. Refinishing   |
| 4. Planer tips and techniques         | 14. Router tips and techniques                                     | 24. Veneering (various methods)                               |
| 5. Finishing: Hand applied only       | 15. Bandsaw tips and techniques                                    | 25. Finishing: Simplified for beginners                       |
| 6. Design: Practical tips/ aesthetics | 16. Chisels  | 26. Timber framing  |
| 7. Resawing methods                   | 17. Vacuum bag veneering   | 27. Greene and Greene furniture                               |
| 8. Table saw tips and techniques      | 18. Installing hinges  | 28. Wooden puzzles  |
| 9. Choosing the right joint           | 19. Hand planes, setup, sharpening, tuning, which type to buy/use  | 29. Building a chair  |
| 10. Dovetail methods                  | 20. Using a Kreg jig   | 30. Carving a Ball and Claw foot (looking for a local expert) |

# Summer Picnic

By: Paula Martens



Plans are to hold the annual summer picnic at our usual spot (DeBroux Park in Bellevue). Arrangements are being made to reserve the park. With last year's picnic cancelled due to low interest, we are hoping that this year there will be added interest to attend.

The picnic will be scheduled for a Sunday in August. The final date and details will be provided as they become available.



# Elections Reminder 2015

By: Paula Martens

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

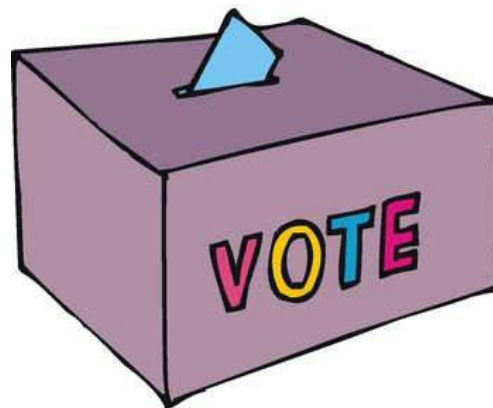
The purpose of annual elections is not only to fill positions that are being vacated, but also to allow everyone the opportunity to run for ANY position that interests them. New energy and new blood is always welcome.

Positions that need to be filled include:

- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Spring Show Chairman
- Web Site

Refer to the last page of this newsletter for a complete list of all Officer and Committee Chair positions.

Ideally, we'd like a number of people represented on the ballot for each position. Let us know if you are interested.



# Date of Interest: Art Street

People who are typically interested in hand-crafted woodwork items are also typically interested in all things 'creative'. Mark your calendars that this year's **Art Street** is scheduled for the weekend of August 28-30, 2015. For more information: <http://www.mosaicartsinc.org/artstreet/details.php>

# Roster: Upcoming Programs

By: Steve Lockhart

Barring any unforeseen problems or late cancellations, this list outlines all programs and activities through the end of the 2015 calendar year.

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| May 15   | Rob Martens—Design   |
| June 19  | Dan Giese—Collecting antique tools   |
| July 17  | Guild Members—Jigs and Fixtures Show n Tell  |
| August   | No program - replaced by summer picnic   |
| Sept. 18 | Kelly Bresnahan and Curt Andersen—Sharpening   |
| Oct. 16  | Paul Murphy—Artistic woodburning   |
| Nov. 13  | <b>Important: Make note that the November meeting is one week earlier than usual</b><br>Bill Robillard—Finishing tips and techniques |
| December | No program—replaced by holiday party   |

## 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, Committee Members

Web Site, Andrew Detloff

Newsletter, Paula Martens

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