

BENCHTALK



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Jeff Benson—Artist, Blacksmith: Friday, May 20th

By: Guild Member Jeff Benson

I have been a creator all my life using whatever media attracted me at the time. From the first hammer blow on hot steel I was in love, forging hot metal instantly became my passion. The process of transforming linear bar stock into graceful yet strong forms still fascinates me. In 1996, my new interest in wood carving drew me into blacksmithing. Forging my own wood carving tools was the introduction and I was soon captivated by the process of forging steel.

I'll talk about my history as a woodworker and transition to artist blacksmith. We'll look at the differences and similarities between wood working and metal working as well as a brief discussion of metallurgy and why some metals are harder or softer than others. I still do some woodworking and will show examples.



Upcoming Events

Upcoming program events include the following:

- ◇ **May 20, 2016: Room 109**—Blacksmithing and Woodworking, with Jeff Benson
- ◇ **June 17, 2016:** Greene and Greene Furniture Building, with Thomas Gallenburg
- ◇ **July 15, 2016:** Photographing Wood projects by Melanie Wishart, owner of Inkdrop Arthaus
- ◇ **August 27, 2016 (Saturday):** Guild picnic at DeBroux Park, Bellevue

Elections

By: Paula Martens

Board of Directors members hold their positions for one calendar year, July through June. Therefore, *the 2016 election will take place during the June meeting.* So far, the following positions are impacted:

- ⇒ **President:** Rob Martens is stepping down
- ⇒ **Newsletter: Position filled.** Paula Martens is stepping down. Thanks to Maureen Birk who has already stepped up and offered to fill this role.

If you are interested in joining the Board, but maybe not comfortable with the open President's role, just let us know. The current members may be willing to switch roles in order to ensure another member fills the open position.

Board of Directors Meeting

Meeting Held: April 18, 2016

Present: Ted Zabel, Bob Welhouse, Steve Lockhart, Kathy Kuritz, Bob Kurtiz, Rob & Paula Martens, Maureen Birk, Dan & Jane Alesch, Fred Juengst

Absent: Pete Schuh

Meeting brought to order by Rob Martens at 7:00 PM. Prior meeting minutes approved.

- **Treasurer's Report:** Last year: \$8,591.80. Current year: \$8,606.45 Kathy's comparison spreadsheet shows Spring Show expenses and profits for the last three years. It was very informative and interesting. It was felt that this should be shared with the guild members.
- **Membership report:** 3 new members signed up during the Show. Several new possibilities.
- **Special Events:**
 - Summer Picnic— Discussed getting a member who resides in the Town of Bellevue to reserve the park for the picnic. Rich Ward has again agreed to provide the grill.
- **Programs:**
 - May 20, 2016: Jeff Benson - Blacksmithing & woodworking
 - June 17, 2016: Tentatively Thomas Gallenberg furniture
 - July 15, 2016: Photographing Wood projects by Melanie Wishart, owner of Inkdrop Arthaus
- **Editors Report:** Articles are due by May 8, 2016.

Note: A few Email members are not getting their version of the newsletter via email because the emails are being 'returned to sender'. If you are expecting to receive them via email, please confirm they are not landing in your SPAM folder, *and please* send me an email (pmartens3573@gmail.com) so that I can confirm your email address. Otherwise, they need to be sent via snail mail—US Postal. Thanks.
- **Librarian:** No report
- **Website Report:** Maureen Birk—still working out details of the website operation. Discussions were held about getting professional assistance on the website from Jane Benson.
- **Other Business:** Discussed difficulties in arranging room reservations for the monthly meetings at UWGB.
- **Next Board meeting:** May 24, 2016 at Dan & Jane Alesch's home. 7:00 p.m.

Spring Show: By the Numbers

Submitted by: Kathy Kuritz, Treasurer

During a recent Board of Directors meeting, we felt that some members of the guild might be interested in seeing the results of the spring show. So, for those that might be interested, we have included a high level overview of the Spring Show expense and revenue results.

	2016	2015	2014
Expenses:			
Printing/Postage	\$476.80	\$558.21	\$348.76
Prizes	\$426.28	\$ -	\$457.31
Insurance	\$484.00	\$424.00	\$424.00
Southwest High School Rental	\$1,000.75	\$1,196.00	\$1,196.00
Table Rental from Green Bay Expo Srvcs	\$682.60	\$820.70	\$801.80
Other Raffle Related Show Expenses	\$125.13	\$98.48	\$146.14
Total Expenses	\$ 3,195.56	\$ 3,097.39	\$ 3,374.01
Revenue:			
Raffle Ticket Sales	\$3,828.00	\$4,516.00	\$ 4,766.00
Participant table fee	\$685.00	\$ -	\$ -
Total Revenue	\$ 4,513.00	\$ 4,516.00	\$ 4,766.00
Raffle Net Revenue	\$ 1,317.44	\$ 1,418.61	\$ 1,391.99

Membership Report: May 2016

By: Fred Juengst

This month I dropped 6 members for nonpayment of dues. Only 3 dues reminder cards were sent out but still many who joined the Guild around the Spring Show time have not renewed their memberships. Please send in your dues if you remember joining at a show. This will help me out a bit. At our last meeting three new prospective members signed up for three issues of Bench Talk. At this time we have 138 members in good standing. That is a bit lower than our average of about 150 members. One reason is that only a few signed up for new memberships at the Show. We normally had 10 or more new members as a result of the Spring Show.

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). Many years ago members of the Guild resented having to stand and introduce themselves. The name tag solution started because some refused to stand and introduce themselves. They wanted to quit the Guild if this practice continued. Just remember, dues 30 years ago was just \$15 for individuals.

Marquetry, Explained

Source: <http://www.americanmarquetrysociety.com/Marquetry.html>

The guild has a few members who enjoy the art of marquetry, but not many people know much about it.

Marquetry is creating decorative designs by inlaying small pieces of figured and colored thin veneers to create an image. Exact origins of marquetry are unknown, but the earliest known marquetry is dated to 1563 from Germany. Ancient artisans used techniques using inlays of wood, stone, metal, shell, bone, ivory, and other exotic woods. A design is carved out, and then the void is then filled with other materials resulting in a beautiful, colorful design.

Modern techniques include:

- Window method—tracing the design onto veneer using black carbon paper. The shape is cut out and then placed behind the resulting hole (or window) and moved until the desired effect is seen, then secured.
- Pad method—several pieces of waste veneer are stacked into a “pad” and good veneers are interleaved among them for cutting.
- Double-Bevel Marquetry—Uses a scroll saw (or fretsaw) with the table tilted at an angle. Two pieces of veneer are cut, and the bevel created by the angle of the table allows the bottom veneer to fit perfectly into the top veneer.



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

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Treasurer, Kathy Kurtiz

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Librarian, Pete Schuh

Membership, Fred Juengst

Special Events, Dan Alesch

Spring Show, Steve Lockhart

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