

BENCHTALK



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October 16, 2015: Pyrography Art with Paul Murphy By: Paul Murphy



To me, this is a higher form of wood burning.... Steve Lockhart

“PRESERVING THE FOREST” By Paul Murphy

I would like to tell you a story about what it takes to create my Pyrography Art.

Lets start at the beginning, in the forest where a small seed is germinated to start the growth of a tree. Most of my wood has been growing 40 to 100 years. I often will travel quite a distance to personally select a piece of wood to enhance the scene I am going to burn into its fibers. Then I will work on a piece of wood until it is a fine 800 finish. My drawing is then applied so my design and the wood work together.

I use very fine tips to create the finest detail of realism in each piece. Each step along the way of creating, the burn is evaluated to determine what needs more shading, texture, or details to accomplish what is set out in my drawing.

As the burn is getting finished, I then start to evaluate what I can do to enhance this piece. Often, It will become a much better piece of Art, with that **WOW** factor, by adding color to parts of the overall design. I then apply 2 coats of a UV protecting lacquer.

After weeks of work, I will personally sign my name to it with great pride. Each piece of art is given a title, and an inventory number.

“IT TAKES MANY HOURS AND YEARS OF EXPERIENCE TO CREATE EACH PIECE”.

Upcoming Events

Upcoming program events include the following:

- ◇ **October 16, 2015:** Paul Murphy—Artistic wood burning
- ◇ **November 13, 2015:** Bill Robillard—Finishing Tips and Techniques
- ◇ **December 2015:** No program (replaced by Holiday Party)

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Board of Directors Meeting

Meeting Held: September 22, 2015

Present: Rob Martens, Paula Martens, Lyle Martens, Ted Zabel, Bob Welhouse, Steve Lockhart, Kathy Kuritz, Pete Schuh, Fred Juengst

Absent: Dan & Jane Alesch

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

- **Treasurer's Report:** Last year: \$7,981.05. Current year: \$8,700.78.
 - Ted Zabel talked to Clete Selissen regarding seed money for the program raffles. Clete will submit bills when he has expenses.
- **Membership report:** 3 new members
- **Special Events:**
 - December 5, 2015 Christmas party. The party room is set at UWGB. Pete Schuh will take care of the food.
 - Detailed discussion took place regarding reserving Green Bay Southwest for Spring Show March 19-20, 2016.
- **Programs:**
 - September 2015: Tool Sharpening with Curt Andersen and Kelly Bresnahan. Focus was mainly on sharpening turning tools.
 - October 16, 2016: Wood burning with Paul Murphy
 - November 13, 2016: Bill Robillard—Finishing Tips and Techniques
 - January 15, 2016: James Wilsing—Native American Flute Carving
 - Other possible programs include Jeff Benson (Woodworking and Blacksmithing), Greene & Greene Furniture Building with Thomas Gallenberg, Urban Wood Lab Milwaukee, Martin Antaramian (Sculpted Furniture), Curt Andersen (Cabinet Layout)
- **Editors Report:** Articles are due October 4th
- **Librarian:** One new book donated by Jane Alesch regarding toys
- **Website Report:** Steve Lockhart is in discussion with a possible candidate to handle the guild's web site.
- **Public Relations/Community Service:**
 - Trying to possibly find groups that would be looking for hand-made wooden toys
 - Lyle Martens and a small group helped organize Green Bay East Wood Shop and machinery
 - We have a list of projects local Volunteer Network organizations would like our help with for anyone willing to help out.
- **Next Board meeting:** October 20, 2015 at the Kuritz estate in Sherwood. 7:00 p.m.

Important: Room Change for Friday's Program

The Guild has been informed that Room 109 is not available for the September 18th program.

Instead, **Room 107** has been reserved for the Guild. Room 107 is of equal size, and should be right next door and easy to find.

Room 107 will be used for the **September, October, and November** programs. December, there is no program because the holiday picnic replaces the program. Room reservations for 2016 will be confirmed during the last semester.

Programs

By: Paula Martens

Steve Lockhart has provided the following program information and asked that it be shared with the group:

Confirmed Programs

- Pyrography—Paul Murphy
- Finishing Tips / Techniques—Bill Robillard
- Native American Flutes—James Wilsing
- Urban Wood Lab (Milwaukee) - August Hoppe

Potential Future Programs

- Woodworking and Blacksmithing—Jeff Benson
- Greene and Greene Furniture Building—Thomas Gallenberg
- Sculpted Furniture—Martin Antaramian
- Cabinet Layout—Curt Andersen

If you have any ideas for a program, please pass the information along to Steve.

Membership

By: Fred Juengst

This month we added three new members and one who rejoined after a short absence. A special welcome to Bob Beaupre, Susie Kehoe, and Al Herwig. Please make a point to introduce yourself to our new members. I dropped 3 people who were sent dues reminder cards but did not respond. If you notice no Bench Talk for October, but still want to continue your membership, give me a call or send in your dues payment. One member resigned. We now have a total of 135 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).

Green Bay East Woodwork Shop is now a Major Guild Project

By Paula Martens

A relationship between Green Bay East High School and the NEWWG Guild has been formed, thanks in part to the driving force of Lyle Martens.

Recently, the Green Bay East High School underwent a major renovation. To complete the renovation, all of the power tools and miscellaneous shop equipment had to be moved out of the shop during construction. However, construction employees (who obviously did not have a woodworking knowledge) did not take a lot of care handling and moving the equipment. After construction was completed, all the tools and equipment were left in piles. With school already underway and the shop in total disarray, the shop could not be used. Green Bay East now has a beautiful shop, but due to the construction the tools are now in need of some care.

Lyle reached out to a few fellow Guild members and they spent a few days helping the Green Bay East instructor (Marc Fry) get his shop back together. Lyle, Ted Zabel, and Steve Lockhart helped to get the power tools set back up, new knives put on the jointer, and basically recalibrating the tools so the kids can learn with safe, properly running equipment.

Although they have accomplished a lot, there is still some work left to do and they could really use some help. If you've ever been interested in seeing what the inside of a high school woodwork shop looks like in 2015, here's the perfect invitation. Just offer to volunteer for a few hours helping to get their shop "ship-shape" and you get your chance to see. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Lyle at 920-819-4976.

We are hopeful that more Guild members can help to get the shop up-to-date. By offering to spend just a little time sharing our knowledge of the tools and equipment, in a small way the Guild can help promote woodworking to the next generation.

Photos: Marc Fry (Green Bay East Instructor), Ted Zabel, Steve Lockhart, and Lyle Martens.



Idea Center

Looking for ideas. Simply go on-line and Google Images of Wood Work and see the beautiful things created by other woodworkers.



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

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Librarian, Pete Schuh

Membership, Fred Juengst

Special Events, Dan Alesch

Spring Show, Committee Members

Web Site, Position unfilled

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