



# BENCHTALK

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## February 20, 2015 Program: Figured Woods, Bob Kloes of Seymour, WI

By: Steve Lockhart

Bob has a business, Kloes Custom Woodworking, for which he builds fine furniture to customer's specific requirements. In addition, Bob sells all sorts of native Wisconsin and UP figured wood.

### Some of the woods that Bob will talk about are:

- **Maple:** curly or tiger stripe, birdseye, quilted, bark pocket or bark inclusion, spalted
- **Cherry:** birdseye, curly, spalted
- **Birch:** flame, figured
- **Oak:** birdseye, curly
- **Aspen:** curly
- **Ash:** curly
- **Elm:** birdseye

### Other subjects Bob will discuss include:

- How figure can be seen under the bark or on the end of a log
- How soil affects how a tree grows
- What is considered a defect, but to woodworkers can be beauty
- Examples of wood to look at along with some bark samples
- Where the wood can be found
- What makes some more expensive than others
- How steam treating can affect color
- How to dry figured wood properly
- What are the easiest (and most difficult) types to find
- Some defects that affect pricing on woods

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## Upcoming Events

Upcoming program events include the following:

- ◇ **February 20, 2015:** Bob Kloes of Kloes Custom Woodworking
- ◇ **March 14 and 15, 2015:** Annual Spring Show, Green Bay Southwest High School
- ◇ **March 20, 2015:** No Program

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# Bob Kloes, February Program

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Bob has been buying and selling figured wood for almost 25 years and has been building custom furniture for over 30 years. Finding the best material is what got him into the buying and selling of figured wood.

We look forward to an informative and interesting program!



# 33rd Northeastern Woodworker Show is Ready to Go

**Submitted by:** Lyle Martens

The membership has responded well and we can report that we have a great group of member tables for demonstrating and selling their products. The committee is thankful that so many of the members have signed up to help in setting up and helping after the show is over on Sunday. There are a great number of door prizes, thanks to the members and several woodwork sponsors that have donated some great woodworking equipment and tools.

We have already been on TV 11 and we are scheduled to be on TV 2 the week of the show. Syble Hopp school will be providing food service this year, which is great. Now it is time to sell tickets as this is our only fund raising activity.

Thanks, Lyle

## Membership Report

**By:** Fred Juengst

This month I sent out no dues reminders hoping that those two due in Feb will pay at the show. No one was dropped this month for none dues payment although one member resigned. We have one new member and another member who rejoined so we now have a total of 158 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](mailto: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).

# Board Directors Meeting

**Meeting Held: January 20, 2015**

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

**Absent:** Andrew Detloff, Bob Welhouse

- Meeting brought to order by Rob Martens.
- **Treasury Report:** Current balance \$7,300.85; Last year \$7,090.81. January program raffle: Took in \$133.00 and raffled off \$131.00 in goods.
- **Membership report:** A few members dropped, and one new member joined. We are holding steady at 158 members.
- **Programs:**
  - January 2015: Rob Nelson, woodturning. All comments were positive. There was a really big turnout for this one, larger than normal.
  - February 2015: Bob Kloes, Types of wood. Bob sells wood and will give a presentation on different types of wood (what he sells, how he gets it, etc.)
  - March 2015: No program (the Spring Show takes the place of the March program)
- **Public Relations / Community Service:** n/a
- **Editors Report:** Articles are due Noon, Sunday, February 8th.
- **Librarian Report:** Pete ordered some new books based on recent recommendations from the American Association of Wood turners (AAW)
- **Website Report:** No report
- **Special Activities**
  - Annual Spring Show: Discussed status of overall preparations. "Email" members will receive a reminder of sign-up deadline. Dan Alesch, Bob Yancy, and Roger Young were on TV (Channel 11) Sunday, January 18<sup>th</sup> promoting the upcoming show (Yeah !! Thanks guys!). Channels 26, 2, and 11 have provided positive feedback to scheduling air time for our group, as well. Still working toward radio communications. Craig's List will also be updated with Spring Show information.
  - The 2015 Christmas party has already been reserved for December 5, 2015. Reminder, we cannot reserve the summer picnic locale until May 2015.
- **Next board meeting:** February 24, 2015 at Pete Schuh's house.

Image found and shared by Lyle Martens. Now THAT's a turned bowl !!



# Tool Crib

By: Tom & Lee Carlson



## 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.

## 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 Number:** (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 onto the numbered **Tool Crib Inventory** sheet.

The **line number** on the inventory sheet **must be written on the tag**.

## 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.

## 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.**

## Can I bring in more items on Sunday?

Yes, you may bring in additional items on Sunday.

## What happens to the items at the end of the show?

All unsold items must be picked up the seller by the end of the show. The guild will not be responsible for any items not picked up.

If you have any questions contact the Tool Crib Chairman Tom Carlson at:  
Phone number: 920-856-6363 or email him at [leetom@centurytel.net](mailto:leetom@centurytel.net)

# Library Report

By Pete Schuh

There will be no library in March, but if you would like to return any library materials Pete will accept the returned material at the Show.

# Quick Facts: Spring Show

By: Paula Martens

Below is a high-level overview of details and/or special reminders for Show participants:

- **Dates:** March 14 and 15 (Saturday and Sunday)
- **Location:** Green Bay Southwestern High School, Green Bay, Wisconsin
- **Time:** 9:30 am — 5:00 pm
  
- **Set-Up:** Participants in the show can set up their tables Friday afternoon between **1 pm 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**. You can load in through the front doors on the circle, but they will be closed once the show has started. (During show time, only the side door by the main parking lot will be open as a guest entrance).
- **Raffle:** Approximately 50 raffle prizes have been donated by guild members. 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 15 at 4:00 pm. If you are there and can deliver prizes to winners in your area, write your name on the back of the tickets you sell.

Raffle tickets and money are taken together at the same time. **DO NOT allow tickets to be filled in without the money to accompany them!!** It's best to wait to pay until all your stubs are complete. We need phone numbers and addresses (unless the winner is there).



- **Refreshments:** A new provider, Syble Hopp School, is excited to provide food and beverage as a fund-raising effort for the school. In addition to the standard food items (like hot dogs), we've been told they are planning an enhanced menu with additional items not offered in previous years.
- **Old Woodworking Magazines & Books:** Remember to bring in any old magazines or catalogues that you no longer use and are just collecting dust. They can be placed on the "Take One Free" table for other woodworkers to enjoy and make use of.
- **Membership Dues Collection:** John Nowak will again be collecting membership dues during the show. Anyone in arrears can pay John at the show and he will ensure all dues paid get forwarded to Fred for updating the master membership roster.
- **Post-Show Clean Up:** For those that are demonstrating, if you can please bring a shop vac for clean up it will make things a lot easier.
- **Power / Electricity Needs:** Participants who have requested access to power are reminded to bring their own extension cords and/or power strips
- **Questions:** Contact Lyle Martens at 920-819-4976

## Spring Show Raffle Prizes...Member Crafted Items Better Late than Never

Submitted by: Steve Lockhart

Even though we have a number of members signed up to contribute hand made raffle prizes it's not too late to decide to contribute! I am handling the actual raffle drawing at the show and have a new system of keeping track of the items. The system will allow me to accept new donations up to an hour before the show opens Saturday morning. Soooooo..... Even if you are a procrastinator, I will accept your prize! Steve

# What Motivates Us?

Submitted by: Paula Martens



**Motivation:** A force or influence that causes someone to do something.

Each one of us is motivated by something different. One motivation that is common in all woodworkers is a sense of pride and accomplishment once a project is finished. I suspect every woodworker has a few of their handmade items prominently displayed in his/her home to enjoy every day thereafter. There's no better feeling at the end of the day than to say "Yeah, I made that!"

Over the last month, I've thoroughly enjoyed watching the motivation behind 'father and son' while they each created their own musical instrument (a mountain dulcimer). Whether it's completing a '**bucket list**' wish to one day make a dulcimer, or a desire to create '**one of my own**', each one's motivation lead to their own personalized and uniquely decorated instrument. This musical motivation is contagious. It has now infected me to blow the dust off childhood sheet music and periodically sit for a half hour plunking away at the strings.

If you've ever thought of making a dulcimer for yourself, you should come to the Spring Show in March and see for yourself the dulcimers created by Lyle and Rob. It may just motivate you.

## 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

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