

# BENCHTALK



The Northeastern Wisconsin Woodworkers Guild Newsletter

June 2014

## June Program:

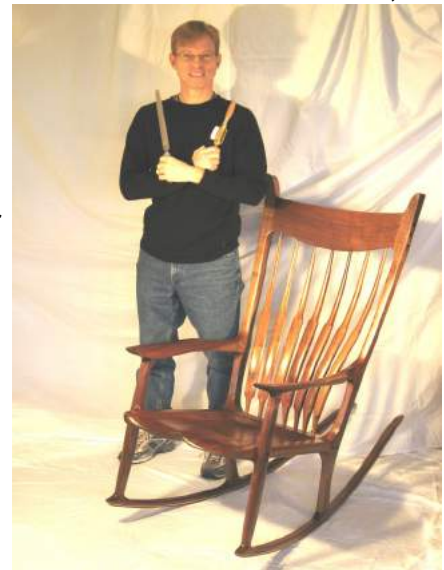
By: Steve Lockhart

One of the most challenging woodworking projects I can think of is the Sam Maloof-style rocker. When I found out that Kevin Seigworth had presented a program about his rocker to the Wisconsin Woodworkers Guild (in the Milwaukee area), I immediately contacted him and was lucky enough to get him to agree to do a presentation for the NEWWG.

Kevin will present the build process of making a Maloof-style rocking chair with photos, some of the tools and jigs used, and of course the rocker itself. Sam Maloof was a brilliant artist, designer, and woodworker who passed away in 2009. Sam was perhaps best known for his rocking chair which featured flowing curves, hard and soft lines, and exposed joinery. His work is displayed in many top museums and the White House.

A number of years ago Kevin apprenticed in a cabinet and studio furniture shop. In 2004, Kevin was named Woodworker of the Year by the Wisconsin Woodworkers Guild. (WWG) Through the WWG, he has numerous opportunities to study and learn from the top woodworkers in America. Kevin currently teaches woodworking classes at Woodcraft in Milwaukee.

Recent projects by Kevin include a sculpted Maloof rocking chair and a Pennsylvania Spice box with line and berry inlay, secret drawers and hand cut dovetails.



## Upcoming Events

Upcoming program events include the following:

- ◇ **June 20, 2014:** Kevin Seigworth, Sam Maloof-style rockers
- ◇ **July 18, 2014:** To be determined
- ◇ **August 15, 2014:** NO PROGRAM
- ◇ **August 24, 2014:** Summer Picnic
- ◇ **September 19, 2014:** Tentatively Jeff Grosskopf, building a cedar-strip canoe

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# Board of Directors Meeting

Meeting Held: May 20, 2014

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

**Absent:** Andrew Detloff, Tom & Lee Carlson.

- Meeting brought to order by Rob Martens
- April 2014 meeting minutes approved.
- **Treasury Report:** Current balance \$8,390.42; Last year \$7,904.95
- **Membership report:** Membership is steady
- **Programs:**
  - June 2014: Kevin Seigworth, Sam Maloof-style rockers
  - July 2014: To be determined
  - August 2014: No program
  - September 2014: Tentatively Jeff Grosskopf, building a cedar-strip canoe
- **Public Relations / Community Service:** Discussion included possible activities such as Boys Brigade, Habitat for Humanity, NEW Zoo, building raffle items for charity fundraisers
- **Editors Report:** Articles are due Noon, Sunday, June 8th.
- **Librarian Report:** Pete Schuh is checking on batteries for the microphone
- **Website Report:** No report
- **Special Activities**
  - Summer Picnic
  - Dan Alesch is working on putting together possible classes with Bill Robillard
  - Art Street tent-workers sought for a NEWWG Guild tent
- **Next board meeting:** June 24, 2014 at Steve Lockhart's home.

## Wood - "Defined"

By: Paula Martens

Who in their right mind would ever think to look up the definition of such a common term as "wood". Well, just for grins, this wife of a woodworker did just that and was surprised to see the humor in its definition. According to the Merriam-Webster online Dictionary, the definition of "Wood" includes:

**Archaic Definition:** Violently mad

**Origin of the Definition:** Middle English—from Old English (wod) meaning insane  
Old High German (wuot) meaning madness

**First known use:** Before the 12<sup>th</sup> century

When looking at some of the beautiful and intricate work some woodworkers put into their creations, I've thought to myself "Wow....that's just crazy awesome, you'd have to be insane to build something like that". Well, now it makes sense. I'd like to think that perhaps it was a 10th century Old English or Old High German wife of a woodworker who penned that definition—and it stuck.

## Wood For Sale

Guild member Bob Kloes has the following for sale:

- Figured hardwoods from Wisconsin and Upper Michigan
- Curly maple, flame birch, curly cherry, birdseye maple, spalted maple, and curly steamed beech: 1" to 4" thickness. Not all species are available in all thickness.

Lumber is sold by the board foot. All stock is select and better, kiln dried stock.

- Small bundles of cutoffs: \$5.00 to \$20.00 per bundle.

Prices vary.

**Contact:**

Bob Kloes  
Kloes Custom Furniture  
Phone: 920-833-7157  
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## Annual Elections

**By: Paula Martens**

As noted on the last page of this newsletter, there are 11 positions held which include both elected Guild Officer positions as well as volunteer Committee Chairpersons and Project Coordinators. The NEWWG has approximately 150 members and its success depends on the willingness of its members to actively participate.

Every June, elections are held to ensure all Guild members have an opportunity to participate and maybe bring a new source of energy and ideas to the Guild.

The election will take place by a vote of hands during the June program.

If anyone is interested in one of these positions and would like their name added to the ballot, please let me know. Thanks.

Paula

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## June Membership

**By Fred Juengst**

I dropped one former member from our roster. We now have a total of 172 members in good standing.

I recognize that some of you object to having your name appear in Bench Talk as owing dues. However, next month I will have to send out 21 postcard reminders unless most of you pay your Guild dues this month. Here are the names of the members needing to pay dues: Kevin Carpenter, Andy Carver, Tom and Margee Charlier, Gail Coleman, Kevin Doherty, Steve Doubek, Clyde Druckrey, Dave Flaig, Gerry Huempfer, Kale Kakac, Terry Keegan, Steve Kratzer, Tony Montag, Bob Radtke, Randy Roloff, Leonard Rudie, Jim Schumacher, Andy Schweitzer, Jim Sonnleitner, John Weich, and Randy Wery. Please help me out and pay your dues this month.

If you have any questions about membership, name tags, 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).

I sometimes find myself searching the internet for custom woodwork galleries, just for the fun of seeing some of the absolutely gorgeous work that's out there. This one looked pretty neat to me, so I thought I would share it.

Paula Martens



# Program Review: Building Drawers with Curt Andersen

**By: Steve Lockhart**

In summary, Curt gave us some valuable tips regarding drawer building:

- Don't use particle board for drawer bottoms. It will sag over time. Cottonwood or poplar are good.
- In addition to the traditional dovetails, French dovetails can be used to join the drawer front to the sides.  
**See example to right →**
- Most kitchen cabinets today use full overlay fronts (versus 3/8 rabbets popular a couple decades ago)
- Recommend KV 8400 , Blum, Gras Full extension slides. Have had problems with the hardware supplied with the "Liberty hardware" brand sold at Home Depot.
- Sides should be ½ inch thick. Drawers will look like they were built by a beginner if they have ¾ inch sides

**Example:** A French dovetail is a single vertical dovetail pocket in the front with the sides cut to slide in from the bottom.



## 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, Jane Alesch

Web Site, Andrew Detloff

Newsletter, Paula Martens

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