



BENCHTALK

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September 18, 2015: Sharpening with Kelly Bresnahan and Curt Andersen

Curt will talk about sharpening with a Tormek grinder.

Long-time member, Curt Andersen, will demonstrate the use of the Tormek slow-speed, water-cooled grinder that he has demonstrated at numerous Spring Woodworking shows. The real value of the Tormek system is that it uses a series of jigs to maintain proper angles on chisels, plane irons, and so on. When I started out my career, I had lots of difficulty trying to grind chisels, that's when I saw the Tormek being demonstrated at one of the wood shows in Milwaukee, I bought it and have never looked back. It eliminated all of the issues that made chisel sharpening difficult and left the chisels less than stellar. Let's face it. When we are young we have no patience to do it right.

The slow speed, water cooling mean that you will not burn the chisel, which would then require grinding off all of the blue steel. If you hurry to sharpen a chisel using the old, high-speed system, it was easy to burn it. The Tormek jigs keep the chisel at the proper angle, allowing for a perfectly sharp edge.

Kelly will talk about sharpening for Woodturners

The focus of Kelly's portion of the meeting will be on sharpening woodturning tools. The main component is a slow speed grinder, a fixture to position the tools on the grinder and set up tool for the correct angle. A variation of this system is what the majority of woodturners use to sharpen their tools. The set-up tool I use makes the difference in ease of use. The grinder itself works with either friable wheels, CBN or diamond. We will also discuss the positives and negatives of different grinding wheels. This system is sharpening made easy. It is the easiest way there is to make repeatable grinds in a classroom setting, even easier at home.

Curt at Spring Show



Kelly's Sharpening Set Up



Upcoming Events

Upcoming program events include the following:

- ◇ **September 18, 2015:** Kelly Bresnahan and Curt Andersen—Sharpening
- ◇ **October 16, 2015:** Paul Murphy—Artistic woodburning
- ◇ **November 13, 2015:** Bill Robillard, Topic to be determined
- ◇ **December 2015:** No program (replaced by Holiday Party)

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Board of Directors Meeting

Meeting Held: July 21, 2015

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

Absent: Dan & Jane Alesch, Fred Juengst

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

- **Treasurer's Report:** Last year: \$8,108.02. Current year: \$8,684.95.
 - New regulations governing club finances are being researched. The treasurer is still in the process of acquiring a Tax ID for the Guild. The treasurer's account has been changed to Kathy Kurtiz' bank.
- **Membership report:** 2 new members: Bob & Kathy Claycomb.
- **Special Events:**
 - August 16, 2015: Summer picnic is set to go.
 - December 5, 2015 Christmas party is set to go
 - Meeting raffles: Welcome Mike Dahlke and Clete Selissen. Board would like a monthly spreadsheet for raffle expenses (in/out). Ted Zabel to discuss plan with Mike and Clete. Board agreed to seed a raffle fund in the amount of \$200.00
- **Programs:**
 - July 17, 2015: Membership — Jigs and Fixtures. Well received, but would like more contributors in the future.
 - No program in August 2015 because of the picnic
 - September program is tool sharpening with Curt Andersen and Kelly Breshahan
 - October program is wood burning with Paul Murphy
 - November program is by Bill Robillard (topic undecided)
 - Other possible programs: Vacuum bagging, revisiting Woody Cars with David Martin
- **Editors Report:** Articles are due August 10th
- **Librarian:** No report
- **Website Report:** No report.
- **Public Relations/Community Service:** No report
- **Next Board meeting:** September 22, 2015 at Ted Zabel's house. 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.

Library

As usual, Pete will have the library available for everyone at the September meeting. If you have materials that are due, you can return them then. He will also have some materials for sale.

The guild library is full of materials for all kinds of woodworking techniques and projects for our membership to use. We hope you are taking advantage of them.

Old Timer's News

By Jane Alesch

It is with great sadness that we report the death of carver extraordinaire Bob Yancey. Bob died unexpectedly but also planned ahead because he had made one of his characteristic carvings for the front of his urn with a little teardrop at the corner of its eye. A fond farewell to a dear friend!

Virginia Martin passed on Sunday. I'm sure she has her legs back and she and Joe are doing the polka in the heavens. They will live forever through their 25 grandchildren and 31 great grandchildren.

On a happier note, Lee Carlson is recovering from a nasty infection which involved her 40 year old hip and leg. By the time you get this she should be back in Door County and done with daily antibiotic iv's.

She and Tom highly recommend Good Shepherd Rehab Center in Seymour. They also have nursing home, dementia care, and even child care in their complex. 5 stars.



Membership

By: Fred Juengst

This month I dropped 12 who were sent dues reminder cards but did not respond for two months. If you do not receive a Bench Talk for September, but still want to continue your membership, give me a call. We also had two members who resigned their membership. We now have a total of 127 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).

Can You Lend a Hand?

By Paula Martens

It would mean the world to a local non-profit organization!

We all know that woodworkers tend to get busy towards the end of the year—whether it be working their own projects, or working on gifts for family members for the upcoming holidays. But can you spare just a little extra time working a small project for a non-profit organization, or maybe even a different organization that is near and dear to your heart?

For years, the Guild has been inviting the community into our world through the annual Spring Show. In recent years, the Spring Show has even evolved into a venue for our members to sell their unique items as well. Each year, the community embraces us by buying our artwork and making our raffle sales a success.

But what do we as Guild members do with that success? Tuck it all away, only to wait another 365 days and do it all over again? Why not help us give back to the community for the years that they have helped us raise those funds.

I recently sent out an inquiry to the **Green Bay Volunteer Network** to see if any of their participating non-profit organizations could use our help. Below is a list of some of the projects on their “wish lists”. If you can help, or if you know of another organization that has a specific need, please let me know. I can provide you with the name and number of the point of contact for the organizations listed below.

IMPORTANT: While we received requests that ranged from simple to complex, ***I have only outlined the simple projects below.*** The Guild will pay for all lumber and supplies. All we need from you is your knowledge, your time and a sense of volunteerism.

Organization	Immediate Need		Organization	Immediate Need
YWCA Women’s Clothing Closet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A couple of shelving units A means for hanging coats and other hanging articles of clothing A belt / accessories display 		Bay Area Humane Society	1-2 benches (to replace worn out ones on their walking trail)
St. John’s Homeless Shelter	Shelving		Junior Achievement	Shelving unit to fit a specific space (to store laptops and kits that go into the area schools)
CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates of Brown County)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Low balance beams (floor level for younger children) Wooden blocks of various shapes/sizes for kids to play with Shelves for toys Coat rack for CASA guests to use 		Jake’s Diapers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wood-based learning materials for their upcoming fundraiser “Gambling for Missions Gala” (such as nature blocks, rocker boards, lacing trees, etc.). A special project they have in mind (similar to the Salvation Army’s Red Kettle campaign)
Community Gardens Brown County UW-Extension	2 information kiosks		ASPIRO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A standing podium with locking wheels A table top podium

Summer Picnic

By: Paula Martens



Picnic Review

By Jane Alesch

Sunday was an awesome day for a picnic. There was a breeze and no bees.

Rich got the grill going early and Pete and Cindy Schuh had everything going by the time we got there at 11 o'clock. Healthy and energetic.

Margee Charlier and Darlene Martens were busy helping and I don't know who else because it wasn't me. The food, as usual, was excellent. They have great new tables on the patio, which led to a lot more conversation. Thank you Pete and Cindy for taking the reins on the picnic and allowing it to happen. There were 30 very happy woodworkers on whose behalf I thank all the workers. On a personal note, next time more Coke and some hot dogs.



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

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Vice President Publicity, Ted Zabel

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Librarian, Pete Schuh

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Special Events, Dan Alesch

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