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# Woodworker's Guild Newsletter July 2006

**Next Woodworkers Guild meeting is FRIDAY July 21, 2006.**

Gerry Mogilka will join us at the July meeting to tell us about General Machinery and General Machinery International. He'll also be giving us a product review concentrating on some of the features that give General and edge in the market.

Gerry's company is GHM International, located in Waukesha. His company is fairly new, but Gerry has been in the business for more than two decades. Today, he represents Kreg, General, Jessem, Chenier, Empire, Excalibur, Snappy, and Sentinel products. He distributes in Wisconsin and Northern Illinois.

We'll meet at 107 Mary Ann Cofrin Hall at the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay, beginning at 7:00 P.M. on Friday, July 14. It is possible to get into Mary Ann Cofrin the old way if you skirt around behind the Phoenix Sports Center through the back parking lot. It's better if you have an SUV, but it works. The other way is to head north to Walter Way and follow the signs in. If you haven't been there since work began on the new Sports Center, give yourself a couple of extra minutes.

See you there!



### Reviewing the June Meeting

By Dan Ales

Jeff Carrels provided an interesting and informative program on the work of the Greater Green Bay Habitat for Humanity at our June meeting. Jeff is Construction Manager of the organization. In that capacity, Jeff is responsible for all aspects of the

building process, including selecting the house plan, obtaining permits, bidding for contractors, and developing and supporting construction leadership for each building.

Habitat for Humanity is international in scope, helping lower income families become owners of homes that meet their needs and fit in with the community. The organization is a not-for-profit private organization, not affiliated with government or any special interests.

The Habitat process is fairly straightforward. Habitat screens applicants to find a good prospect for home ownership. A “good prospect” is a family that has regular income so it can make mortgage payments and that has personal characteristics required of home owners. Habitat finds and acquires a suitable lot. Most often, the organization buys the lot from a private party or from local government, but, sometimes, people donate a building site. A house plan is devised or obtained. All the plans are modest, but the size varies depending on the specific family’s needs.

The house is built, using mainly volunteer labor, some of which is skilled and some of which is definitely not skilled. Plumbing, electrical, and other high tech specialty work is performed by licensed contractors. Skilled volunteers do jobs like finish carpentry. The family participates in building its home and/or other homes to meet the sweat equity requirements of the program and to contribute to the sense and pride of home ownership.

On completion of the project, the family becomes a homeowner with a mortgage. Habitat for Humanity holds the mortgage, which is just like any other mortgage except that it is interest free. Where, then, you ask, does Habitat for Humanity get the money to build these houses? The answer is that the money comes from donations and from the flow of cash from mortgage payments, which is recycled into the building program. Individuals and corporations contribute money to the organization. Corporations are asked to sponsor individual homes, providing some of the up-front construction money. Habitat is dependent on donations for program continuation and expansion.

The organization is always looking for volunteers, especially those with woodworking and construction skills. Some volunteers are asked to head small work groups assigned to specific tasks on a building site. Since many volunteers have more good will than good skill, the experienced are asked to help them learn which end of the hammer to use and so forth.

Some Guild members are already volunteers for Habitat for Humanity and find it very satisfying. Many more volunteers are needed. You needn’t sign on for a set number of hours and there are no long term commitments. If you are interested or even just curious, give Habitat a call at 339-6350 or check with me for more information.



**The Carver’s Corner**  
*By the Olde Carver*

The little group of intrepid carvers has no wounds to report this month. The group is scheduled to meet July 19 and 26 and August 2 at Dan and Jane's house in pursuit of art, frolic, camaraderie, and dessert.

There is one injury to report. Bob Decker suffered a detached bicep while trying to use his right hand as a vise. We cannot, however, classify this as a carving accident. Rumor has it, though, that the surgeon who put his arm back together did a good job of carving Bob up.

## **MEMBERSHIP REPORT** by Fred Juengst

We have 6 members with membership renewal due this month. Your mail label is marked with magic marker. Our July meeting is an excellent time to renew your membership.

We have 10 members with membership's renewals in June and you are now overdue by one month. Please pay your dues as soon as possible to continue your membership in the Guild.

We have 8 members with memberships overdue by more than 2 months. This is a friendly reminder for Jamie Geiken, Clifford Graveen, Ernie Heitzke, Jesse Kirmse, Jan Olgren, Al Ostermann, Clete Selissen and Larry Wohlwend that your dues are due now. Please consider remaining a member of the Guild and pay your dues today.

For those overdue by more than 3 months, a postcard is attached as a reminder to pay your dues as soon as possible. If you choose not to renew your membership, please sign the card and slip it into the mail. This will let me know you intended not to renew. Please keep your nametag in the event you wish to join at a later date. If you don't respond, I simply drop your name from our active roster.

For those getting a postcard but wishing to renew, just slip the UNMARKED postcard in an envelope with your membership dues and mail it to me at 846 Cornelius Dr., Green Bay, WI 54311. My address should be on the card as well but this has not always proved to be the case.

For those new members and those who paid dues in May, please check your label to be sure your renewal date is in 2007 or later. If you feel I made a mistake with your dues, do not be shy, give me a call (920-469-1919) or e-mail (mdjuengst@aol.com) me with your complaint. I double-check all the roster entries but I do make mistakes and appreciate getting them corrected quickly

## **FOOD FOR THOUGHT&IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM LYLE**

Hi All, I believe I have all of the Board's e-mail address except Dan Hallada's so if he has e-mail forward this note to him and send me his address.

I received a call from Steve Danielson the other day about a friend of his from Wrightstown who has offered his store front to the club for a possible project outlet store. It is in a good location and he will offer it to us for \$450.00 per month including heat and light.

While I realize that there are a number of issues to be discussed before we could embark on such a venture, but I believe we should have a discussion on the pros and cons and issues on establishing such a project.

Personally, I would be interested as we have our crafts in stores like Treasure Troves in Depere. It is my understanding that they are closing in July. Their overhead is just too great for the amount of business.

Let me know what you think and whether we should include it as an agenda item and/or put up for discussion at the next Guild meeting.

I have been brief here but I believe there are a number of possibilities to put such a venture forward. Thanks, Lyle

#### BITS and PIECES

I received from Robert platen a challenging word search and an article written by a past guild member, Joe Rupp, from the "*Bench Talk Archives*". *Thanks Bob!!*

Do you have an interesting story, tools that you are looking to purchase or sell, perhaps a photo and a short article about a project that you are working on? Anything that has something that relates to woodworking and will be of interest to the membership then please feel free to send it to the editor c/o wayne @ [cloverfarm@mwwb.net](mailto:cloverfarm@mwwb.net) Please be sure to include your name and phone number in case I should have any questions. If you e-mail articles to me it will work best if you send them in word. If you have photos and do not have the ability to scan them into your e-mail please call me and I will make arrangements to get them from you.

Lets all give a big round of applause for the great job that dan and jane have done for the past number of years in getting the newsletter written, published and sent!! But I will still be calling you for your expert advice.

You might want to check out Darlene Kronschnabel's new book, "Seasons in the Country Kitchen Cookbook." Darlene is married to Guild member Gerry Kronschnabel and is a prolific publisher. Her new book is at Barnes and Noble (ISBN 0-9763539-2-X and is only \$24.95.

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Regular meetings are usually held the third Friday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in room 107 mary ann cofrin hall, university of Wisconsin-green bay, just west of the phoenix sports center. Annual renewal dues are \$15 (single) \$25 (family), and \$35 (business). The first year they are \$25 and \$35 respectively. For membership information contact fred juengst, 846 cornelius drive, green bay, wi 54311 or visit our web site [www.newwg.org](http://www.newwg.org).