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The October Meeting will be Friday October 20th. Remember to bring your pictures or projects to share along with any questions to the meeting. Where else can you get this much knowledge just waiting to be shared.

OCTOBER SPEAKER, RON DAUPLAISE:

Ron Dauplaise will describe the process he went through to build an 18th century reproduction Queen Anne tea table. He used Honduras mahogany, with poplar as the secondary wood. The top is made out of a single piece of mahogany 19"x30." The molding is integral to the top. This was done by dishing the top but leaving a 1 1/4" border. This border allowed space to carve the molding edge. This technique avoided attaching molding, thereby eliminating the possibility of screws or glue damaging the top through time. The cabriole legs were cut to rough shape on the bandsaw, and then carved to final shape with gouges, spoke shaves, and files. The table was stained. Shellac was used for the finish coat. This finish process was described by Jeff Jewitt, but was developed at the Smithsonian and at Williamsburg to obtain the appearance of 18th century furniture. Ron will bring the table, which was a gift to his wife for their 45th anniversary last April, for display.

Procuring mahogany of the width necessary for the top for this project (minimum 31"---actual of 37"---)was quite a challenge! He will let you know what he experienced to obtain it. Ron will also bring a piece of mahogany that he plans to use to make the top of a pie crust tea table---32" diameter---out of one piece 37" wide by 1 3/4." This will be another 18th century piece.

In order to carve the cabriole legs, Ron acquired a special clamp (\$300+!) to be able to hold such a large piece. This clamp will also be on display.

Since Ron took many photos during the construction of the Queen Anne tea table, you will be able to see many phases of the work in progress.

Packer Lambeau Field Tour: Ron had been working to organize a tour of Lambeau Field for the guild members and their friends and family. Unfortunately, not enough persons showed interest at this time and the tour was canceled. However, if enough persons show an interest in the future he will put this together. Thanks Ron for all of your work on this project.

THE CARVER'S CORNER: CHIPS AND DIP

by the Olde Woodcarver

In a recent issue of *Benchtalk*, it was suggested that my secret identity is Dan Alesch. How little you know, Grasshopper! Dan is nothing more than the conduit I use to communicate with Guildies. *No one* knows the true identity of the Olde Woodcarver. And we're going to keep it that way.

Speaking of Dan, he recently developed a new line of fishing floats called "Danners." "Why should someone named Bob corner the market on fishing floats?," Alesch asked. His line of hand-wrought floats should be hitting the market shortly. Perhaps in time for Christmas giving. "Nothing says love to an angler more than a hand-crafted Danner," he announced.

Fred Juengst finally drew blood at a carving session. No sutures were required. Fred did his best not to cry out in anguish, but nothing gets past **Dan Hemminger** who saw the almost arterial flow of blood and Fred's paled expression of horror. Later, Fred was heard to say, "I think I'll paint this carving's jacket red."

Health news abounds. **Linda Suroweic** returned to the carving group after an extended absence. She is recovering from major back surgery and is now able to rejoin the group. **Roger Young** will be sidelined from the group for a few weeks following successful bypass surgery October 2nd. **Rich Valenta** reports that Roger is recovering quickly and will be back soon. We're happy for both Linda and Roger. Not as happy for Fred who tried to brush off the cut as "really tiny."

Bob Decker had a fun and profitable day demonstrating Carving in Crivitz last week. Sold a bunch of carvings and had a good time. Alesch will demonstrate carving at Woodworkers Depot Saturday, October 7.

The carvers will not meet October 11 or 25, but will meet October 18 and November 2nd (That's a Thursday!!) and November 8 (back to Wednesdays). Mark your calendar.

OCTOBER MEMBERSHIP REPORT

by Fred Juengst

We have 7 members with membership renewal due this month. Your mail label is marked with magic marker. Our October meeting is an excellent time to renew your membership. Please remember that renewal dues are \$15 for an individual, \$20 for a family, and \$35 for businesses.

We have only 1 member with a membership renewal in September 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 5 members with memberships overdue by more than 2 months. This is a friendly reminder for David Plamann, Patrick Pozarski, Luther Snyder, Paul Thoppil, and Roger Young 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 and e-mail list. This month we dropped three individuals.

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. I am pleased to report that many cards are returned with dues payment.

For those new members and those who paid dues in July or August, 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

September Board Meeting Minutes: NEWWG held 9/19/2006

Submitted by Steve Lockhart

1. Present: Tom Carlson, Doc Hallada, Dan Alesch, Jane Alesch, Tom Charlier, Fred Juengst, Steve Lockhart, Trudy Ferrier, Wayne Blanke
 2. The meeting was opened by Dan Alesch. We agreed to accept Dan's gracious offer to take over the duties of president from Lyle Martens who is having health problems.
 3. Secretary: Steve L. The secretary's report from the July 25 Board meeting was accepted with one correction: Doc Hallada's name was misspelled.... It will be correct in future minutes.
 4. Treasurer: Tom Carlson Tom runs the meeting raffle with its own "pot" of money. He now has \$255 and will use most of it to buy more gift certificates/gift cards from Woodcraft and WWD. The guild treasury currently has \$7582.61 in assets vs. \$6460.55 last year at this time.
 5. Membership: Fred J. Fred passed around a note from Linda Surowic updating us on her recent (major) back surgery. We agreed I would enter it into the minutes but it must have fallen out of my folder (probably at the Ferrier's house) So....If anyone finds it let me know.
 6. We also discussed how to handle future situations where members are ill, or pass away. We agreed to be cognizant of these situations.. The guild should send cards to members who are ill and to families of members who pass away.
 7. Public Relations: Doc H. Doc passed out a few of the PR flyers he developed at the last general meeting. He is working on some updates and will email them to Tom Charlier to be incorporated in the next run of copies.
 8. Programs: Ron D. Absent no report. Tom Carlson is talking to Donna Fischer, a carver/painter, about doing a future program. At this time it looks like this could happen for the Jan or Feb meeting. Tom Charlier is talking to a log cabin builder in the U.P. about doing a program. Tom will follow up.
- Future programs: Oct will be Ron Dauplaise, Nov to be determined. December: Holiday party at Alesch's
- Note: one of the duties of the program chair is to write up a "blurb" describing the program to be incorporated in the newsletter and also to send to Steve Lockhart and Doc Hallada to put up on the bulletin boards at Woodcraft and WW Depot. The preferred timing for getting the Blurb out is as soon as possible after the general meeting so that it can be posted at the woodworking stores all month. It would also be helpful to have a schedule to post for future meetings beyond the one in the "blurb"
9. Newsletter: Wayne B. Wayne will be emailing as many newsletters as possible to save on postage/copying costs. Ron Dauplaise is asked to get a "blurb" to Wayne describing the Lambeau Field tour so Wayne can put it in the newsletter Deadline for the next newsletter: OCT 4
 10. Library: Trudy, We recommend getting DVD's to go with the popular books if possible. Another suggestion: A book on building log furniture. Trudy and Joe will not be at the November meeting so we need a volunteer to deliver the books to that meeting. Possibly the person could pick them up at the Oct meeting?
 11. Special Activities: Tom C. Tom/Dan & Jane will pursue getting a joint "deal" with a speaker who comes in to do a program at WWD or Woodcraft. This could be a win/win for all. Possibly a speaker could do a special session for guild members at one of the stores.

Next board meeting: Monday Oct 23 at the Alesch's

The HOLIDAY PARTY – SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16

by Jane Alesch

Every year, the Guild holds a holiday party for members. This year, the gala is scheduled for Saturday, December 16. Mark your calendar and make plans now to attend.

These are the party basics. All Guild members are invited. Each member brings a guest; usually a spouse or a close friend. As much as we love them, children are not invited. The doors open at 6 p.m. and people stay until they want to go home. The Guild provides hot meat and buns for sandwiches, condiments, soft drinks, and door prizes. Everyone brings a “dish to pass.” Bring an hors d’oeuvre, salad, dessert, or whatever. We don’t make a list of who should bring what, because it usually works out pretty well without doing that. The Guild party is alcohol and smoke free. This year, as in years past, the party will be held at Dan and Jane Alesch’s house at 909 Forest Hill Drive, in Green Bay. It is fairly close to the University, but we’ll put a map in the November *Benchtalk*.

Here is the secret. We need to know how many people are going to come. A sign-up sheet will be distributed at the November meeting, but if you aren’t at that meeting, please call Dan and Jane at 920-468-0132 to tell us who you are, whether you are coming, and how many of you will be there.

Plan to attend and plan to have a good time!

And speaking of Christmas: CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR KIDS

by Jane Alesch

Every year, Guild members make gifts for children and teens for the holidays. Some of these young people are from families that can’t give them much if anything for Christmas. Others are seriously ill. They are all in need of something comforting and a handmade treasure is very comforting. For you multi-talented families, the gift doesn’t have to be wooden.

Please consider making one or more wooden items for a young person for this holiday season. It might be a yo-yo, a top, a car or truck, a game or some other toy, a box, a hand mirror, or any one of a thousand different items. If you are stuck for an idea or want to do more than just a little, call **Dale Kozicki** at 468-4092 for some suggestions. Dale, without any ado, has made hundreds (probably thousands) of gifts for children with serious illnesses over the years. He always appreciates donations that he can distribute through physicians and care centers.

Dan and I arrange to get the gifts to places that will make sure they get into the right hands. And, if you have a suggestion about a charitable group that could really use the gifts, let me know. Because the party is later in December than usual, please bring your project or projects to the November meeting, or call me at 920-468-0132 to arrange for pick-up or bring it to the party. It’s never too late to make someone happy.

YOU NEED TO KNOW

Our president, **Lyle Martens**, is busy fighting off another bout with cancer. He has a good record of beating the disease, so we are confident he’ll do it again this time. Lyle is going through some tough chemo treatments, so send up prayers and good wishes for him and his wife Darlene. You might want to drop a note of encouragement to the Martens household. Lyle remains active as always, but the chemo is exhausting, so, while Lyle is busy with his treatment, Dan Alesch is serving as acting Guild president.

Jimmy’s tool column is back again.

Hi, I’m Jim and I’m a tool addict...

This time around I’m reviewing the Irwin Quick-Grip XP one handed bar clamp & spreader.

Now I'm sure you've all at least tried squeezing one of these things from a variety of manufacturers as you walked through one of those big box stores.

But the XP is really different. It's massive. It's balanced. And boy oh boy is it powerful! The manufacturer claims 550lbs of force with one hand...and you can't get the I beam bar or the lever to flex even if you squeeze it with two hands to its 900 # limit.

A quick flip of the fixed jaw makes all this energy into an awesome spreader to fix that poor chair joint. You haven't used a tool this versatile since the Vise Grip (also made by Irwin).

Snoop around on-line at www.Irwin.com, and then go to your favorite woodworking or hardware store and try it for yourself.

You'll be impressed.

Jimmy Haen

This, that and the other thing:

- 1.** A great Christmas or any other reason gift is our soon to be famous Guild Wear clothing. There will be a good selection at the October meeting and if you are unable to make the meeting contact a board member. What a better way to show off your membership than wearing a great shirt or cap especially when you are going to that craft fair or other woodworking event.
- 2.** If you know of a member that is ill or would unfortunately pass away please let a Board Member know. It was agreed upon at the board meeting that the guild should send cards to members who are ill and to families of members who pass away. Don't assume that someone else will let us know. Thanks
- 3.** Dale & Bev Kozicki on behalf of all the NEWWG members, received a very nice "Thank You" from Children's Hospital of Wisconsin for the Cut-Outs that have been donated to "the Special Toys For Special Tots. If you would be interested in joining in and making cutouts or other toys that will be donated to those less fortunate kids that are in the hospital give Dale and Bev a call at 920468-4092 or by E-mail at: DADO159@aol.com. The kids will really appreciate your efforts.
- 4.** Do you have ideas for speakers or anyone that would like to give a demonstration or a presentation on a woodworking skill or project to the club at our regular meeting? "Please call/e-mail Ron Dauplaise with ideas for programs for our meetings. Call 920-866-9425; or e-mail ron170@centurytel.net. Thanks in advance for your help."
- 5.** Do you have ideas for new books, videos or any other materials that would be an asset to the NEWWG memberships? If so contact a board member, or Joe or Trudy to pass on your ideas.
- 6.** The Christmas (Holiday) Season is fast approaching. Please remember the children that won't have a special gift without those great wooden toys, games and puzzles. Questions should be brought up at the October Meeting.
- 7.** Do you have tools for sale or are you looking for a special tool, wood, or need an answer to a woodworking question for that new project? Send me an E-mail and I will include it here and I am sure someone will be there to help. Benchtalk is your newsletter for passing on all of that important information.

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