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The November Meeting will be Friday November 17th. 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.

NOVEMBER SPEAKER,

By: Ron Dauplaise, Program Coordinator

The November Guild meeting program will be for members to bring a jig, or a new or favorite tool, to demonstrate. We have had a program like this in the past and it was quite successful, but the success of the program depends entirely upon the members. If everyone comes prepared to do a "show and tell" for just a few minutes, we will once again have a great program. We can all expect to learn much from each other!

We need everyone to help out. We look forward to seeing some creative jigs, and likely some tools many have only read about, or seen pictures of. Let's make this a truly special night!

THE CARVER'S CORNER: CHIPS AND DIP

By the Olde Woodcarver

We're rapidly moving in on the Christmas season, so like all other woodworkers, the carvers are burning the midnight oil getting holiday projects finished. So many projects, so little time. "Next year," everyone vows, "I'll start in July." Sure you will. The Olde Carver knows how that goes.

The carving group is a clump of Guild members who are both carvers and friends. They meet informally, usually about once a week to carve, converse and joke, eat dessert, and learn from one another. At any given session, the group ranges in number from six to ten. They meet at Dan and Jane Alesch's house starting at 7 in the evening.

It was very good to have Roger Young back at the last session. Roger had open heart surgery and is doing fine. He is currently limited to carving projects weighing less than 15 pounds, but expects to be able to carve heavier stuff as he continues to recuperate.

The carvers will meet at Dan and Jane's house on November 8, 15, and 29 for sure. November 22 is a maybe and will be decided at one of the prior sessions. They will also meet December 6, with other December sessions decided upon on the 6th. It's an "iffy" time of the year, so play it by ear.

NOVEMBER 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.

October Board Meeting Minutes: NEWWG held 10/23/2006

Submitted by Steve Lockhart

1. **Present:** Ron Duplaise, Dan Alesch, Jane Alesch, Trudy Ferrier, Wayne Blanke, Mark Brienens, Steve Lockhart
2. **Secretary:** Minutes from the last meeting were accepted as submitted.
3. **Library:** Trudy is looking for the list (on CD) of books Wayne will give it to her.
4. **Programs:** Ron (and all) the following programs are planned at this time:
 - November: Jigs and Tools: Members will be asked to bring in their favorite tools and or jigs for show and tell.
 - December: Holiday party at the Alesch's
 - January: Tom Carlson is working with a woman who does rosemaling and other painting to give a presentation. The board is requesting that the presentation cover mostly painting on wood (as opposed to painting on deer or rabbit skins)
 - February: Not set yet. Dan Alesch and Steve Lockhart will work together to see if we can find a presenter for mortise and tenon joinery.
 - March: Spring Show
 - April: A gentleman who builds Christmas wreaths from wood.

Other Ideas to look into:

Tour of Arcways (this tour was well received several years ago. Steve L. will talk to Bob Welhouse to find out if this would be possible)

Woodcraft could present Festool products

Presentation by Sorenson's on laser cut plaques and what they can do.

5. Treasurer: Tom Carlson provided printed treasurer's reports. Last year at this time our assets totaled \$6685 vs. currently \$7598
6. Spring Show: The preferred dates are March 24 and 25 Jane will confirm their availability at East Town
7. Christmas Party: Steve requested an increase from \$100 to \$150 in the budget for door prizes. It was approved.
8. Wayne volunteered to bring the Guild wear to the party for sales. Wayne will get the Guild wear from Rich Ward
9. So far there are 44 yes's from sign up's at the meeting.
10. Newsletter: Deadline for the next newsletter is Nov. 1 Instead of transmitting the newsletter as an attachment on the email for the next newsletter; the email will reference the NEWWG website where it will be posted.
11. Change of Venue: Dan is working with Curt Andersen to find out if it would be feasible and advantageous to move our monthly meeting to NWTC
12. Special activities: Dan is working with Woodworker's Depot and Woodcraft to see if we can work out a "deal" whereby we could share the cost of bringing in a nationally known presenter/seminar host. Both have shown some interest but Woodcraft seems closer to being ready to do something. As part of this plan, guild members would possibly be able to attend a special session of the seminar and the presenter could possibly do a Friday night guild presentation as well.
13. Next board meeting: In lieu of meeting next month, we will communicate issues/items of interest via email.

THE CHRISTMAS PARTY – SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16

by Jane Alesch

This is the last notice you will get in *Benchtalk* about this year's Christmas Party, but we can answer questions at the November Guild meeting. **There is no regular December meeting and no December Benchtalk.**

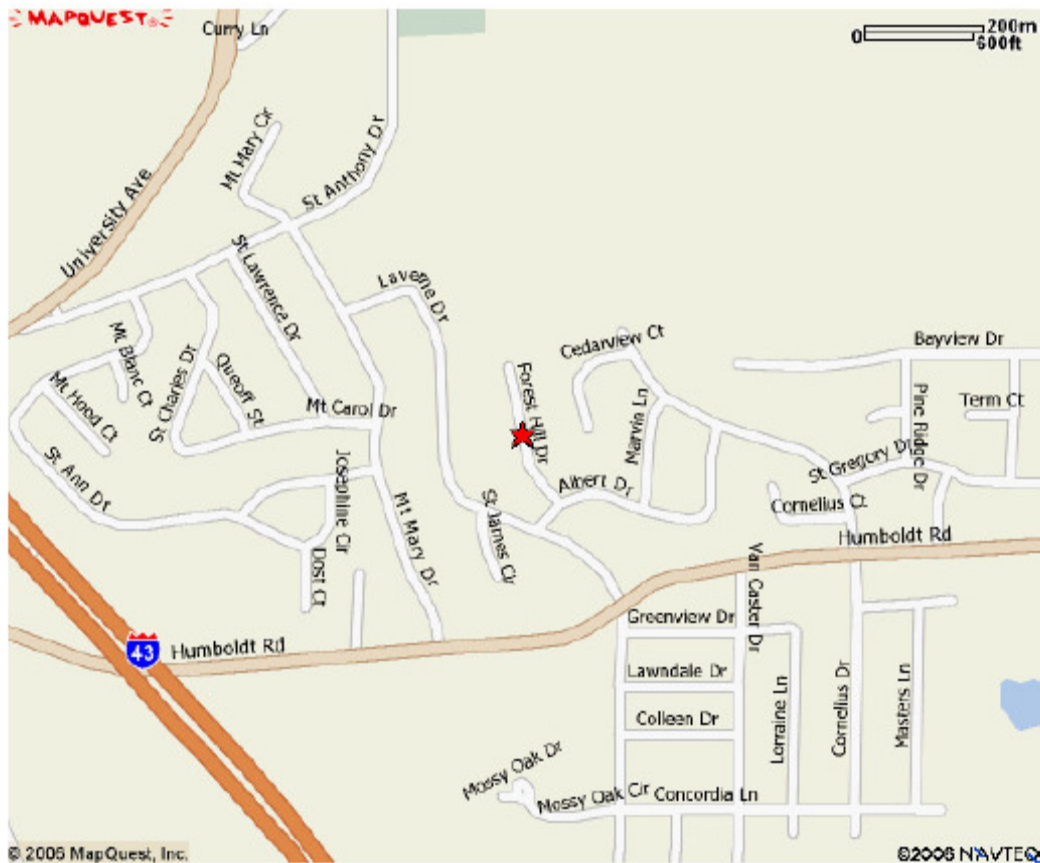
This year, the party will be on Saturday, December 16. If you haven't signed up already and want to participate, please call me at 920-468-0132 to let me know who's coming and how many of you there will be. I'll pass around a sign-up sheet again at the November meeting, but if you aren't at that meeting, please do call. We need names for name tags and to make sure we have plenty of goodies.

Once again, here are the party basics. All Guild members are invited. Each member can bring a spouse or a close friend. As much as we love them, children are not invited. The doors open at 5:45 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 your favorite food. We don't make a list of who should bring what, because it usually works out pretty well without doing that. And, we've only run out of food once and, then, just barely. The Guild party is alcohol and smoke free. This year, as in some unknown number of years past, the party will be held at Dan and Jane Alesch's house at 909 Forest Hill Drive, in Green Bay.

We live on the northeast side of Green Bay near the Mental Health Center, north of the Humboldt Road (County N), west of Huron, and south of State 54-57. If you can get to County N, go East past the Cliffhanger (old Stratosphere) Restaurant to Laverne. Turn north (downhill) on Laverne

and take the first right (Albert). Take an immediate left on Forest Hill. We're half way up the cul de sac on the left. Check for us on Map Quest, call for directions or check the map included in this *Benchmark*. **As always, we encourage car pooling. Parking is really limited on our street.**

Plan to attend and plan to have a good time! Dan and I even got some trim work and molding done in the house and it is ready for your inspection.



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GIFTS FOR LESS FORTUNATE PEOPLE

by Jane Alesch

Every year, Guild members make holiday gifts for children, teens, and even adults. Some of the young people are from families that can't give them much, if anything, for Christmas. Others are seriously ill. Some older people have no one to care about them. They are all in need of something comforting and a handmade treasure is very comforting. For those of you who have many talents, the gift doesn't have to be wooden. It could even be cash.

Please consider making one or more items for someone you don't know this holiday season. 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 has made many hundreds of gifts for children with serious illnesses over the years. He has lots of good ideas and always appreciates donations that he can distribute through physicians and care centers.

Before Christmas, Dan and I get the gifts to places that will make sure they get into the right hands. If you have a suggestion about a charitable group that could really use the gifts, let us 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 just bring it to the party. It's never too late to make someone happy.

SPRING SHOW

Yet another article by Jane Alesch

We're planning for our 24th Annual Spring Show. We're expecting to hold it at the end of March. It depends on what space is available and where it is. There will be more information in the January *Benchtalk* about the show. In the meantime, continue (or start) working on handmade woodcrafts that you plan to display and sell at the show. Don't forget that I'll be begging for door prizes again. Thanks and Blessed Holidays to everyone.

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 November meeting and if you are unable to make the meeting contact a board member. It will also be available at the Christmas party. 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.** Just received a call from Katie Lubinski who was referred to me by ??? Katie is looking for someone to make a replica of a butter mold. She said that it is about 7" long. I know nothing else. I told her I do not do this kind of work, but thought that by getting this request out via e-mail, someone might be found. She lives in De Pere. Her phone is 920-338-1481. Her e-mail is: katiemama04@hotmail.com.
- 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 a need for some custom sawing of logs or want that tree in your yard turned into boards for that special project? Then you will want to contact Lloyd "Yogi" Tadisch from Tree House, LLC. He will do the custom sawing on your site. He can work with logs up to 36" in diameter and up to 26' long. Give him a call at 920-391-9868. A chance to support a NEW Guild member.
- 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.** **For Sale or trade: Porter Cable Model 2410, Dove Tail Jig. I used it to build 6 drawers and it worked great but I am not planning on any further cabinet making projects. Bought new at Woodworkers Depot for about \$150.00. Will**

sell for \$100.00 or will trade for tools used for making log furniture. Contact Wayne Blanke at 920-680-6432 or E-mail cloverfarm@mwwb.net

8. 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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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.