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The next Guild meeting will be held on July 20. It will feature Guild Member, D. J. Schroeder. D. J. will provide us with useful information about tree and wood identification. He has given “mini” versions of his presentation at a number of meetings of the Turners’ Group in Neenah to very nice reviews. D. J. tells me that he ordered and has received 70 copies of a Wisconsin DNR publication that he describes as an extremely useful document when trying to identify species of tree and wood. While we don’t expect movies, we are looking forward to a number of overhead slide projections that D.J. will use to help with the presentation.

This promises to be a particularly interesting meeting. It is the last one before the picnic, so be sure to be there. As usual, we’ll meet at 7 p.m. in Room 109 of Mary Ann Cofrin Hall on the campus of the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay. An addition is being built to the Student Union, so close parking is limited – the construction supplies, etc. are using up parking places. So, if you need or want to be close, come early. Otherwise, there is plenty of parking in the Sports Center lot adjacent to the Cofrin lot.

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## ***MORE THOUGHTS ABOUT THE LIBRARY***

The Board brought some ideas about the Library to the assembled Guild members at the June meeting for discussion and got some useful feedback.

The Librarian’s job has become increasingly difficult. Both membership and library holdings have grown substantially over the past few years. The job is demanding: it requires keeping track of holdings, who has what items, buying books and other materials, carrying the library back and forth for each meeting, and, then, handling checkouts and returns at each meeting. It would be considerably easier if we were able to leave the library in a secure place at the University, but we don’t have that option.

The Board has suggested paying a

Guild member \$500 a year to take on the responsibility. It requires having a computer and Excel skills. No one has yet stepped forward, but there is still time.

The Board is developing other options in case this one doesn’t work out.

## ***THE PICNIC!***

The Guild’s umpteenth annual picnic will be held Sunday, August 12 at DeBroux Park in Bellevue. Bellevue, a Green Bay suburb, borders the City on the southeast. If you need directions, go on-line or call Fred (469-1919) or Jane (468-0132). ***There will be no August newsletter.***

If you haven’t been to the picnic before, you’re in for a real treat. The Guild provides cold soft drinks and hot burgers, brats, and hot dogs. And, the Guild supplies corn roasted on

the grill and a variety of condiments.

Your job is to bring a dish to pass, a serving spoon, an appetite, and your spouse, kids, grandkids, or significant other. We never say who should bring what and it always works out.

The picnic begins at noon and last until the last weary woodworker leaves for home.

We like to know how many people are coming so we have enough food and drink on hand. Fred Juengst will pass around a sign up sheet at the July meeting. *If you aren't at the July meeting, call Jane at 920-468-0132 by August 7 and tell her who you are and how many adults and how many children will be in your party.* It is very likely Jane will not answer the phone, so please don't be bashful about leaving a message.

By the way, the Park has a nice building and a covered open area, so, if it rains, we're covered – so to speak.

## **A SPECIAL, FIRST TIME EVENT AT THE PICNIC!**

New Board member, Tim McVey, has been interested in a Guild Used Tool Corral. It was suggested that we have one at the picnic and everyone was enthusiastic about it. So, if you have a tool you would like to sell or trade, bring it to the picnic. We're hoping there will be a bunch of tools there. You can just leave it in your car or truck and people can come up to look. No need to lug those tools across the park.

## ***RICH WARD WON THE BRAD NAILER RAFFLE IN JUNE***

Congratulations, Rich. Use it in good health. The Treasurer reports that the raffle proceeds covered the purchase cost of the pneumatic brad nailer. Except for those of use who didn't win, everything turned out just great! Again, we want to express our collective appreciation to our good friends at Makita and at the Woodworkers Depot for making this raffle possible.

## ***LONG-AWAITED RESULTS OF THE ANNUAL ELECTION***

In an overwhelming show of support – or of gratitude that they weren't called upon to run – the slate of officers offered by the Board was elected unanimously at the June meeting. Here are the results.

President: Lyle Martens  
Vice President for Programs: Ron Dauplaise  
Dan Hallada: Vice President for Publicity  
Lee Carlson: Treasurer  
Steve Lockhart: Secretary.  
Dan and Jane Alesch: editors.  
Tim McVey: Member at Large

### Appointed Positions

Mark Brienens: Web-master  
Tom Charlier: Special Projects  
Jane Alesch: Spring Show.  
Fred Juengst: Membership Chair.

## ***JUNE PROGRAM REVIEW***

*by Dan Alesch*

I've been to a lot of Guild programs over the past 15 years or so and I have never been to one where I didn't learn something special to file away in my brain for later application. Whenever I listen to Steve Lockhart, I know that he is going to say a lot more of great interest than I'm going to be able to remember. I like listening to Steve: it makes me feel like I'm hobnobbing with wizards.

Steve presented a wonderful session on making inlays and inlay patterns at the June meeting and it happened again. More than I can remember, but I know that I was inspired to try. This fall, it will happen for sure.

One of Steve's particular skills is engineering tools, jigs, and fixtures. He created his own bushings and patterns for inlays that are not just a few millimeters thick – his go entirely through the wood and are functional as well as beautiful.

Steve was kind enough to supply me with a CD of his presentation. My intent was to include most of it in this issue of *Benchtalk*, but I'm leaving on a business trip in a couple of

hours and that just isn't going to happen this time. Stick around for more later.

## **APRIL MEMBERSHIP UPDATE**

*By Fred Juengst*

July is one of the months with the fewest membership renewals. Four new members have their *Bench Talk* marked. Please check your mail label to see if it is marked with a magic marker. Please pay your dues at the July meeting.

We have 11 memberships one month overdue. Decide today to pay your dues and continue your support for your Guild. Five memberships are more than two months overdue. Thanks to those who already paid your dues. We hope you still find the Guild a benefit to you. Please consider remaining a member of the Guild and pay your dues today.

For those overdue by more than three 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 five individuals: Tom Anderson, Lee Binz, Adolph Hendriks, Andre and Mary Hendriks, and James Rose.***

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.

Some folks have sent in more than the amount required to renew their membership. Individual membership renewal is \$15 for the year. Family membership is \$20 and business membership is \$35 per year. If you pay too much, I just add extra months to your renewal date to cover the amount paid.

If you feel I made a mistake with your

membership due date or 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. All new members and members who just paid their dues should check the date on the mail label to be sure it reads 2008 or later.

## **THE CARVERS NOTES**

Summer schedules, trips, and frolic mean that the carvers will not be meeting as often this summer as they typically do. They met Tuesday, July 3 (and then watched fireworks on the 4<sup>th</sup>). The next meeting will be **Wednesday, August 8**. Following that, they will meet August 15, 22, 29, and September 5.

### **FYI:**

*by Dan Alesch*

- ***THIS IS IMPORTANT.*** Postage is up to 41¢ a letter. If you are willing to receive your copy of *Benchtalk* *only* by e-mail, please let me know. Send me an e-mail. [Dalesch@new.rr.com](mailto:Dalesch@new.rr.com). This issue, we saved \$10.66 in postage, not to mention paper and printing, by not sending copies to members who have already said "Just send it to me by e-mail." But, be sure to share important dates, etc. with your spouse.
- Don't forget to give Dale Kozicki a hand with his toys for special tots. It's worth doing. Inner satisfaction for you and joy to some kids who could use some.
- Jane and I saw Milt Schmit on television the other day. He was shilling for the Darboy Chicken Fest. Did you know that they do the Chicken Dance there every hour on the hour? Hmmm. Milt, you looked and sounded great!
- Here's an important reminder. Be sure to support those firms that support the Guild in so many way:
  - **Bay Hardwoods**
  - **Woodcraft**
  - **Woodworkers Depot.**
- Things have gotten backed up this

month, but there are some interesting things to tell you. Ron Dauplaise had a really interesting set of adventures on his woodworking exploration out East last month. He's feeling poorly right now, but I'm going to ask him to write it up and we'll put it in Benchtalk when he's feeling better. Steve Lockhart gave me a copy of his PowerPoint presentation and we'll figure out a way for you to get access to it. Right now, though, I'm up to my ears in alligators and have to sign off.