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JANUARY PROGRAM: THE BEST OF BENTWOOD LAMINATION, COMING THIS FRIDAY

Lyle Martens Guild member and President, has been a woodworker for more than 50 years. Lyle has skills in various kinds of woodworking and has completed many unique projects over the years. One of his specialties is bentwood laminating. Lyle is a master of bentwood lamination, which many of us find to be more controllable and more reliable than steam bending.

During his years of woodworking, Lyle has made water skis, recurve bows, chairs and other furniture, hoops and many other bentwood projects. His presentation to the club will include: Selecting and Designing a project, Designing and Making Bending forms, Properties of Wood and the Selection of Veneer, Cutting veneer, Preparing to Bend Veneer, and Selecting Glue.

The presentation will include placing veneers in a form and removing and preparing the project for finishing. Lyle will bring several forms to the meeting for demonstration and viewing.

Lyle gives great presentations, so plan 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 nearby parking is limited – the construction supplies, etc. are using up parking places. So, if you want to be close, come early. Otherwise, there is plenty of parking in the Sports Center lot.

IMPORTANT NEWS! DAVID MARKS IS COMING TO TOWN

by Dan Alesch

David Marks, host of the television program Wood Works on the DIY network will be here in Northeastern Wisconsin at our invitation March 7 through March 9. David will present the Guild Program on Friday, March 7 and will hold classes at Woodcraft in Appleton on March 8 and 9.

The Guild Board and Chris and Mary Rowland at Woodcraft in Appleton have been working very hard together to make this very special event possible. David will be flying here from northern California solely to meet with Guild members, to be at the Woodcraft store, and to offer classes. This is not part of a tour, nor is the Woodcraft Corporation footing any part of the bill. This is something that the Guild and the local Woodcraft store are creating.

The Friday night program will be held at UW-Green Bay, probably in the Rose Hall Theater. We will also essentially dispense with the business meeting. David will present a special slide show and lecture program on design elements that go into great furniture. More info in February.

The Friday night meeting will be **FREE** to Guild members, but each nonmember attending will be asked for a \$10 donation. If a person joins up before the meeting, he or she becomes a member immediately and can attend without making a donation.

VERY SPECIAL PRICES FOR GUILD MEMBERS FOR DAVID MARKS' CLASSES

Guild members will have very special access and special prices for David Marks' classes if they sign up through the Guild in advance.

David's classes typically range in price from \$55 to \$100 for a half-day session. The Guild has arranged for you, as a Guild member, to participate for only \$30 per class, if you sign up now through the Guild. This is a real bargain. The problem is that we have only 25 seats available for Guild members for each class and we expect those to go fast.

If you have cable television, you can get a preview of what you might learn in David's classes. David's cable television series, Wood Works, is shown on the DIY Network, every Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Check your local cable provider for times. Episodes are also available at www.diynetwork.com/diy/shows. Or, you can go to David's web site: www.djmarks.com. Lyle Martens, Jane and I, and other Guild members watch the programs regularly because they are so informative and instructive.

The classes will be held in Woodcraft's shop classroom. Here's a brief description of the three classes that will be offered.

Session 1. Saturday, March 8. 9:00 a.m to 1 p.m. Demonstration of Veneering with a Vacuum Press or Bag. Demonstrating the advantages of vacuum bag veneering and a "how to" on the newest methods. (Episode 212 of Wood Works shows David building a Bubinga-veneer coffee table. Plans are available.) Woodcraft will have a quality veneer and veneering products at special prices, along with a factory rep to answer your questions about the bags after the class.

From 2:00 to 5:00 P.M., David will be at Woodcraft to meet and greet woodworkers.

Session 2. Sunday March 9: 9:00 a.m to 1 p.m. Finishing for the Craftsman. This isn't your father's wood finishing class. David will cover a wide range of professional techniques, including how to use scrapers effectively, gilding, adding metallic patinas, and a host of other really impres-

sive and useful techniques to add to your projects.

Session 3. Sunday March 9: 2 p.m. to 6 p. m. Favorite Jigs and Fixtures. This program includes a slide show and class discussion on making and using fixtures for building furniture, including, specifically, jigs and fixtures for making furniture with curved surfaces.

The Board expects Guild's ticket demand to exceed supply, so it developed procedures for signing up. Here they are:

First, fill out the enclosed form and send it to the Guild with a check to cover the entire amount of your requested tickets by February 15.

Second, tickets will be allocated based on the order in which they are received, unless requests for available tickets arrive essentially simultaneously and exceed the number available. In that case, the tickets remaining at that time will be allocated by random draw.

If more than 25 Guild members want tickets for each event, the Guild will buy any tickets that might still be available from the 10 tickets Woodcraft has reserved per session. Woodcraft is charging \$55 for each ticket, but if Woodcraft has extra tickets, the Guild will acquire tickets and charge the member only \$30 per ticket.

If your request for tickets cannot be met, your check will be returned to you uncashed.

If you know a nonmember who wants to participate in the classes, have him or her contact Woodcraft in Appleton directly. Remember, all nonmember pay \$55 per ticket.

Act now. As you can see, tickets are limited and the Guild is offering them to you at almost 40% off the price everyone else will pay, but only if you act quickly.

Send your completed form and check to Lee Carlson, Guild Treasurer, 489 County D, P.O. Box 116, Forestville, WI 54213 (Phone 920-856-6363).

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN FEBRUARY? IT'S A MEMBER-BASED PROGRAM

Our February Guild meeting will be Friday, February 15, 2008. The format is a little

out of the ordinary. A number of Guild members will present very short “programs” on some aspect of woodworking about which they have a special skill or special knowledge. We’ve got several people lined up already, but we have room for more. If you know something you think other Guild members might like to know, have a special tool or jig that works really well for you, or have a woodworking story you think is worth sharing, let Ron Dauplaise know so he can schedule you into the program. You can reach Ron at 920-866-9425 or at ron170@centurytel.net. By the way, the February meeting will be the last regular Guild meeting at the regular time in the regular place before the Spring Show in April so make a special point of being there.

SPRING SHOW NEWS

Our 26th Annual Spring Show will be held at East Towne Mall on April 12 and 13. Set up will take place on Friday, April 11. Make plans now to participate.

As of this writing, the big room in which we’ve held the show that last two years has not been leased out. We think it will be available to us for the show, but, in case it isn’t, our backup plan puts us elsewhere in the Mall, but still accessible.

For first-timers, here’s how the show works. Each Guild member decides whether to display, demonstrate, provide support services, and/or sell their crafts on Saturday and Sunday. Guild members bring their stuff in Friday afternoon and evening. Together, we help with unloading and setup to get the show ready.

The Guild supplies the space, tables, table covers, publicity, and, sometimes, coffee and doughnuts. Guild members supply the talent, energy, and person power.

The Guild holds a giant raffle in connection with the show. Guild officers buy a few deeply discounted prizes from longtime Guild supporters, Woodworkers Depot in Green Bay and Woodcraft in Appleton. Guild members donate items they have made as additional raffle prizes. Last year, we had a total of about 60 prizes. Guild members sell tickets like crazy both before and during the show. The proceeds keep the Guild going through the year and keep dues low.

Jane needs a few prizes to list on raffle tickets. Dick Foley and others, please call her ASAP. Both she and Dan have other commitments Friday night and will not be at the January meeting.

Raffle tickets, an initial list of prizes, and full information will be sent out in the February **Bench Talk**. If you have any questions or comments, call Jane at 920-468-0132

CARVERS NOTES

by The Olde Carver

Those wild and crazy carvers will meet in January and February. The dates that have been set so far are January 15 and 22 (Tuesdays), January 30, February 5 (Tuesday), February 13, and February 20.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

By Fred Juengst

Our current membership on January 6, 2008 was 169 woodworkers.

There was no **Bench Talk** in December so we could not send postcards indicating this is your last **Bench Talk**. The postcards included in this **Bench Talk** include some who overdue by more than four months.

Seven memberships are due in January. Please check your mail label to see if the renewal date is marked with a magic marker. If so, please pay your dues at the January meeting or mail them to me.

Four memberships are one month overdue and four are more than two months overdue. Thanks to those who already paid your dues. Please consider remaining a member of the Guild and pay your dues today.

Those who are overdue by more than three months will find a postcard attached to their newsletter as a final reminder. If you choose not to renew your membership, please sign the card and slip it into the mail. This will let me know you actually plan to quit the club, but keep your nametag in case you rejoin later. If you don’t respond, I’ll simply drop your name from our active list. This month we dropped one person.

If you get a postcard and want to renew,

just slip the UNMARKED postcard in an envelope with your dues and mail it to me at 846 Cornelius Dr., Green Bay, WI 54311.

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.

YOUR MEMBERSHIP DUES MUST BE UP TO DATE FOR YOU TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE SPECIAL RATES FOR THE DAVID MARKS CLASSES!

FYI: CUT-OFFS, CHIPS, SPLINTERS, AND SAWDUST GLEANED FROM SECRET SOURCES

- The Guild recently presented plaques to Merl and Char at Woodworkers Depot, Chris and Mary at Woodcraft, and Steve and Lisa at Bay Hardwoods in recognition of their long and faithful support for the Guild. The plaques were purchased from Tom and Sue Sorenson who created them with their amazing laser cutting technology.
- Our founder, Bob Platten, looks healthier than he has been in many years. Following surgery a few months ago, Bob is pumping iron, has put on about 40 pounds, and is looking buff. Sami Lee must be keeping him on the right track.
- The January meeting will feature some great raffle prizes. One item in the raffle

will be free. When you get to the meeting, ask Tom Carlson for your free ticket and get in the running for a \$20 gift certificate from one of our supporters.

- Jane and I were happy to have the annual holiday party at our house again this past December and hope everyone had a good time. Steve Lockhart did an amazing job of gathering first class door prizes and the edibles that everyone brought were also first class. More than 70 members and guests were here for the event.
- It isn't too early to think about making yourself available to be a Guild officer this year.
- It isn't too early to start making a raffle prize for the Guild Show coming up in early April.
- It isn't too early to start making toys for Dale Kozicki and the Guild who will distribute them to children and teens who need them.
- It isn't too early for you to think about what kinds of programs you'd like to see coming up this coming fall and winter and telling a Board member.
- It isn't too early to decide to participate in the Spring Show and to sell raffle tickets.
- But, in just a little while, it might be too late to order your tickets for participating in one or more of the David Marks classes that will be offered in Appleton through the efforts of the Guild and Woodcraft.

