



BENCH TALK

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DAVID MARKS THIS FRIDAY, MARCH 7 AT 6:30

Remember, the March program is this Friday, March 7, not on the third Friday. If you come on the third Friday, no one will be there. **The Friday meeting begins at 6:30 and will be in Room 250 Rose Hall on the campus of UW-Green Bay. See the map below.** We're expecting a good size crowd that we assumed would be too big for our regular room.

Bring a friend or two. If he or she signs up as a Guild member at the door and pays their first year fees (a total of \$25), they get into the program free. Otherwise, we're asking for a \$10 donation to help cover the costs of bringing David here.

David hosts the DIY channel's popular cable show, Wood Works. He has a studio and school in northern California. Check out his work and classes at www.djmarks.com. David will be talking with us and showing instructive slides. His talk will focus mainly on features of furniture design. From everything we've seen and heard, David is a very pleasant person who gives great talks. We're looking forward to a really exceptional program of interest to all. There are some tickets left for each of the three classes on Saturday and Sunday at Woodcraft in Appleton. Give Lee Carlson a call at 920-856-6363 to learn what's available and to learn how to get a check to her so you can participate in one or more of the classes.



Rose Hall is building 9 in this map. (If you have a little trouble getting oriented, building 11 is where we normally meet.) Enter campus from Nicolet Drive onto South Circle Drive. Take the first left into the parking lot. Handicap parking is available in both the upper level of the big lot and the loading dock area next to building 10. Be darn sure you have a handicap permit showing.

Enter building 10 at the lowest level (we call it the concourse) and go through the tunnel system to Rose Hall. Take the elevator in Rose Hall to 2. Or, walk outside around Wood Hall (Number 10) and enter Rose Hall (Number 9) at the ground floor (which we call the second floor). We'll be in Room 250, the huge lecture hall. Old timers will find it right next to the room in which we met for many years before we moved to Mary Ann Cofrin. Because we'll be there Friday night, the parking lot will be relatively free of students' cars.

SPRING SHOW COMING IN APRIL!!

Please read ALL this carefully. Thank you in advance. *Jane Alesch*

Unless something unforeseen happens we have the same big room we have had the past two years at EAST TOWN MALL AT 2350 E. MASON ST, GREEN BAY, WI

We'll be setting up Friday afternoon and evening. Indicate your time on your sheet. Jane will be there Friday by about 11AM. If you can't set up on Friday, get there very early Saturday morning. The door will be unlocked at 7:45, but Jane will try to be there at 7:30. You can park in front to unload (but *not* in the bus stop) and bring your things in through the front. Then you must move your car. Remember to leave space for our customers. The show starts at 9.

Enclosed you should find 1 Volunteer sheet, 1 poster for you to find a place to hang, 2 sheets (please cut into 4 each) to hand to friends or strangers, and the 4 sheets of raffle tickets. (\$20 worth if you sell by the book).

Please buy or sell them, be sure the stubs (esp the name, phone & city/zip) are clearly filled out. If you sell to someone you will deliver to, please put your name (on the BACK.) Mail stubs & money to Jane along with your Volunteer Sheet, or bring them to the March 7 meeting or the show!

VOLUNTEER SHEET: Please fill this out and return it ASAP, March 7 meeting or mail or e-mail or phone. Please confirm anything & everything you have already told me—these sheets are my layout bible—I need all the help at organizing you can give me. Thanks. Please humor me and fill the whole thing out! Thanks.

DEMONSTRATORS & DISPLAYERS: Give me your needs, power, space etc. We can use whatever you want to do (I think.) Action in your area is a good sales tool. If you are selling, try to bring a helper so you don't miss a sale. (If there are more requests than space, which has never happened, people with the most space will be asked to snug it up!) The Guild does not supply extension cords...BRING YOUR OWN.

Raffle prizes: Everything in caps on the tickets was either purchased by the Guild with generous discounts by Woodworker's Depot and Makita, or at Woodcraft which wasn't able to give us as great a discount but donated the Stuffed Goodie Bag. Kreg donated the Kreg K3 Standard Pac Jig.

Thanks to all our benefactors. Show your support and thanks when you shop! I still need your wonderful things to add to the raffle. Thanks to those who spoke up at the meeting **BUT do fill out the sheet with the details** so I can make out all the tags and raffle sheets before midnight on Friday, sometimes even Saturday.

STAFFING: We need five or six people to work the main booth, handing out information, selling tickets, making public address announcements, and chasing down things that need to be done. If we have five or six, it won't be necessary for a couple of people to do it all weekend. We'll try sign up sheets for selling tickets at the show, relief, security etc. You put down your best times and we'll fill in the blanks.

CLEAN UP & PRIZE DELIVERY: Scrollers and turners and members at large. The more good shop vacs we have the faster we can clean and get out of there. Please let Jane know if you are able to bring one...and use it. Last years prize delivery went well, for me, but a couple of couples got stuck with a lot....please help delivery in your area...and perhaps elsewhere. Thanks.

SELLERS: You set your own prices and have your own permits as necessary. I do not police. I do however suggest: nice displays, clear pricing (I rarely buy something untagged.), smiles and paying attention to your potential customer. For curiosity and historic purposes, I'd love to know your sale and special order totals.

PUBLICITY: SPREAD the word. Use the poster and 1/4 posters enclosed. Feel free to make copies or run copies off the internet or ask for more! We always have extras. Talk to people, even strangers, wherever you go. Any other ideas—do them yourself and share! I carry the 1/4 sheets & raffle tickets in my purse.

Lyle is working on TV coverage and it is looking good. I printed a ton of extra posters and 1/4 posters so please, please take them and spread them around.

CHAIRS; We will rent at 75 cents each if reserved on volunteer form. These chairs are adequate but not great. Your Choice!

USED TOOL CRIB**NEW THIS YEAR.** Tim McVey and Tom Carlson are instituting this new venture. We ask that you use the back of the volunteer sheet to list **any and all** items you would like to sell. Router tables and table saws take more room than routers and jig saws, and our show has grown so that space is precious. I can not make a workable plan without knowing what I am planning for. Thanks. There will be more details for those members who have something to sell in the next newsletter. Selling is open to MEMBERS, buying is open to everyone.

FINALLY, almost, you guys are the greatest. I would love to see something from everyone. It does not have to be for sale, and you don't have to love it. Share your talent and inspire others to follow their dream and do something creative and satisfying. Let me know what I forgot and anything I can do to help you make your show the best it can be. Jane Alesch 920-246-1553

Mark Kubiak will have the hats and shirts for sale at the show. Helpers???
Don't forget to wear your Guild Clothing AND YOUR NAMETAG!

Above all, **be sure to come and have fun.** Check out what others are doing. Get to know your Guild colleagues. Talk with prospective members. And, good luck with your sales and orders. **Remember, we are a show, so try to delay pick-up of special sold items until later on Sunday.**

I WILL HAVE MORE RAFFLE TICKETS, BOOKED AND PERFERED AT DAVID MARKS AND AVAILABLE FOR PICKUP OR DELIVERY OR MAILING. ALSO POSTERS AND 4/1 POSTERS ALREADY CUT. Sell, Post, Sell, Post. Let's make it the best one yet.