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CONGRATULATION ON THE SUCCESSFUL SPRING SHOW!
THE MAY MEETING STILL TOO MANY OVERDUE BOOKS

CURT ANDERSEN TO HELP GUILDIES COPE!

By Ron Dauplaise

Long time member, **Curt Andersen**, will help Guild Members cope at the May meeting this coming Friday. I'd like to think he was going to help us cope with $4 a gallon gasoline, but he's actually going to demonstrate how to cope with coping. Curt will present a hands-on session on using coping saws to help install fantastically professional wood trim.

Curt will bring what he calls "several tons of leftover molding" on which members can practice. Members will need to bring a coping saw and a replacement blade for insurance. A medium cut is best. Curt will show us how to prepare for the job, plus several tricks of the trade that will make this a fun job instead of one that fills the house with naughty words! He will have a handout so we can save time for cutting.

Curt, who is sometimes prone to hyperbole, said "You may not know that a coping saw was named for dealing with nasty corners where a mason left a stone proud, or a plasterer left too much plaster where mitered joints do not work. The workman would utter to himself, 'How am I going to cope with this problem?' Thus, the coping saw was born."

Even so, plan to join us at the Guild meeting in the regular place on Friday, May 16. The regular place is Room 107 in Mary Ann Cofrin Hall at the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay. The regular time is 7:00 P.M. Curt is always both entertaining and informative, so be sure to be there. And, don't forget to bring those overdue library books you may have forgotten about.

Remember: **BRING A COPING SAW**!

SPRING SHOW UPDATE

by Jane Alesch

WOW! You guys were great. I cut the raffle off at 80 prizes. Special thanks to all who got there stuff to me early. Yes, there was still one more late-comer so I bought it! ..for MY TREE..We had the scrolled #4 portrait done by the Radtkes stolen so we ended with 79...75 different winners. Do you want me to put the whole list in next month?...feedback please. 45 of you signed up to display, and 2 new members brought items to the show for a total of 47. In addition to all of those who gave prizes, 6 others donated prizes. 9 additional members signed up to help and fortunately, others just showed up.

Thanks to all who put up posters and sold and bought tickets. Special thanks to Lyle Martens for his dogged effort to get great TV coverage and to Steve Lockhart for putting us on Craig's List. My usual clean up- pack up

crew lead by Ferriers welcomed Michael Guralski and Kevin Doherty and his son, all of whom stayed to the bitter end. Don Berken and Mary delivered the most prizes again this year..me second. But the overall number picked up was better. We came quite close to last year. I estimate profit of $2596.19. Lee will give you the final next month because she hasn't received my totals yet. Out of space...***THANK YOU***. Maybe I'll do it again next year...how about an apprentice?

THE ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD IN JUNE, AS USUAL

June is the Guild's annual meeting. That means it is time to elect officers. The Board is required to present a slate of officers to the membership the month before the election, so here goes.

Proposed Slate of Officers:
o President: **Steve Lockhart**
o Vice-President: Programs: ***YOU?***
o Vice-President: Public Information: **Tim McVey**
o Librarian: **Pete Schuh**
o Secretary: **Linda Suroweic**
o Treasurer: **Lee Carlson**
o Member at Large: **Lyle Martens**

Proposed Appointed Positions
o Editor: **Dan Alesch**
o Membership: **Fred Juengst**
o Spring Show: **Jane Alesch**
o Web-Master: **Mark Brienen**

If you or someone you know wishes to run for Guild office, please call one of the Board members or speak to him or her at the May meeting. The Board is eager to bring people onto the Board who have not served before. It isn't difficult and it is rewarding. If you would like, you can work with a Board member to prepare yourself for office next year or just to help out.

It is a good time to give special thanks to **Lyle Martens, Tom Charlier,** and **Ron Dauplaise.** Lyle served two terms as president, during which time he successfully juggled the presidency, fishing, health issues, family life, and woodworking. We've asked him to serve as our member at large. Tom has been a real boon as special activities chair. His advice has always been solid and he pitches in to help with everything. Ron has given us two years of stimulating programs. Ron is stepping down because he has been elected to public office and that will take a considerable amount of his time and energy. He has several programs already set for the months ahead, so whoever takes the job will have a big head start. Many thanks, both of you. You can bet we'll be calling on you for help with special projects..

THE TOOL CRIB AT THE SHOW

Tim McVey lobbied hard for a used tool crib at the Spring Show. It turned out to be a great idea. More than 30 items were sold for a total of more than $800. With that kind of success, it sure looks like we'll have an bigger and better used tool crib next year. Thanks, Tim, for the great idea and many thanks to **Tom and Lee Carlson** who worked out the details of how to do it and handled the financial and record-keeping end of things.

THE LIBRARY

Pete Schuh reports that that there are still a ton of overdue books, videos, etc. from the Library.. Bring yours to the May meeting. The Board has initiated a massive effort to get overdue books back from serious offenders. Make sure you aren't one of them. We don't think there is any truth to the rumor that the Board will be using methods they learned while watching the Sopranos.

We have some serious library problems. Many expensive items are missing or have been kept by people who are no longer members. More than 100 items are missing. It seems that the honor system has fallen apart.

There are some possible solutions, some more drastic than others. If you have long-overdue books charged to you, expect a phone call from a board member or to see your name in ***Benchtalk.*** We may have to go to a cash deposit system, with the amount of the deposit depending on the value of the item being borrowed. You get your deposit back when you return the item and it is checked in.

AUGUST PICNIC

Mark your calendar now. The Guild's Annual Summer Picnic will be held Sunday, August 24 at DeBroux Park in Bellevue. It's the same place as it was last year and the year before. More on the picnic later.

MEMBERSHIP STUFF

by Fred Juengst

Holy fright! Our membership has been around 165 to 175 for the last 5 years or so, but our current membership is 195. We have never before had as many members. The David Marks seminars and the Spring Show resulted in 15 new members. Thank YOU for making the Guild such an interesting and vibrant group.

We always have a ton of memberships that come due in April and May. Be sure to Check your mail label to see if the renewal date is marked with a magic marker. If so, please pay your dues at the May meeting or mail it to me.

April has the most membership renewals; this year we have 22 April memberships overdue by a month. Four memberships are more than two months overdue.

For those more than three months overdue, 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 do not intend to renew your membership. 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 two individuals. If you want 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.

If you think I may have 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 to let me know. I have been known to make mistakes.

FOR SALE

Former Member, Marv Beulow, has a saw for sale. It is a very slightly used Proxxon table saw model FKS/E. This is a small German-made precision machine. I had hoped to set it up for my 90 degree cuts and leave it set up. I found it would just barely do the 90 deg. cut in 3/8" material and it was laboring. After a few cuts I put the saw aside and it's been gathering dust since then. The saw would be great for someone using thin material, but it really doesn't work for me. You can get details on the saw at http://www.proxxon.com/us/html/38070.htmlt Generally retails at around $415, which is about what I paid for it at Woodcraft. I was thinking I would sell it for $300. If interested contact me at 800-732-1018.

Old Doors for Sale. A nonmember named Mike has some old doors for sale. His dad got them from an old nursing home. Mike says they are solid wood and 28" wide. Possibly maple veneer. Two of them appear to be matched French doors with glass in them. Beyond that, we don't know much. Call Mike at 494-7443 for more information or to see the doors. They are on Green Bay's west side. Mike's dad is hoping for $50 each.