



BENCH TALK

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THE MEETING THIS COMING FRIDAY, JUNE 20: ALL ABOUT NEW TOOLS AND TOYS!

By Ron Dauplaise

Have you been looking for an easier way to cut dovetails? Come see a demonstration of the all new Porter Cable Omnijig. Daniel Lozon from DELTA/Porter Cable will be on hand to explain everything about the newest addition to Porter Cable's dovetail cutting lineup. He'll first walk us through the features that make this jig one of the easiest to use for repeatability and accuracy. We'll then get to see the Omnijig in action for a full demonstration on what sets it apart from many other jigs. Time will be left to answer any questions and to get a closer look at the jig.

Dan will also show us some of the other new products released by DELTA/ Porter Cable, including their new low-profile random orbit sander. This electric sander is the size of a pneumatic with many new features, including one that allows it to last around five times longer than current electric sanders. How is that possible? Come see the presentation and all your questions will be answered.

We'll meet, as usual, in Mary Ann Cofrin Hall at UWGB at 7:00 p.m. Friday. See you there.

STUFF YOU NEED TO KNOW: There will not be a Benchtalk in July, but there will be a meeting on July 18 and the picnic in August. There will be a Benchtalk in August. I don't have the information on the program right now, but we will have the info at the June meeting. The August meeting is the annual picnic, about which there is more information in this issue. Thanks, Dan.

THE ANNUAL DECEMBER PARTY: SOME CHANGES

For about 15 years, Dan and Jane made their home available for the Guild's annual December party. All good things have to come to an end, and this past year ended that long string. The time has come for the Guild to find a new location for the party.

The Board has been looking at some options and is looking for your opinion about what we should do. There appear to be two basic alternatives. The first is to find a place where we can hold a pot luck dinner party, just as we've been doing for so many years. There would be

conversation, good food, and door prizes. We would set up for the party and clean up after ourselves. The second option is to find a nice restaurant with a room for us. We would have a place for conversation, and have door prizes and/or other entertainment. Arrangements would be made for Guild members and their guests to order their dinners in advance from a short list of available entrees.

Here are some things to think about. Depending on availability, the pot-luck alternative could be held at the Ecumenical Center on the UWGB campus. It is very close to where we hold the Guild meetings, has plenty of parking places, has a very pleasant room that would hold us comfortably, and would, like previous

parties, be alcohol free. Clean up is not very difficult there. The restaurant option means we could go any of several places. Brett Favre's steak house and several other locations have been suggested. We would pick a location that is relatively easy to get to for members from the north, south, east, and west. There would presumably be a cash bar in an adjoining room. The Guild normally contributes several hundred dollars to the party to cover the costs of meat, soft drinks, and so forth. It has been suggested that, for restaurant meal, the Guild could contribute the average cost of the past to reduce the cost of the meal to members and their guests.

So, what do you think? We'll discuss this at the June meeting and the Board will take its cue from those in attendance.

THE ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD AT THE JUNE MEETING

June is the Guild's annual meeting at which we elect officers. The Board is required to present a slate of officers to the membership.

Proposed 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 Brien**

The Board is eager to bring people onto the Board who have not served before. 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 for next year. Tom has been a real help 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. He needs to step down because he has been elected to a public office that will take lots 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.

THE LIBRARY

Pete Schuh reports that there are still a ton of overdue books, videos, etc. from the Library.. Bring yours to the June meeting. The Board has initiated a massive effort to get overdue books back from serious offenders. Make sure you aren't one of them.

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*.

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. The cooks usually arrive about 11. The Guild provides burgers, brats, corn, soft drinks, condiments, paper plates, plastic table ware, and paper napkins. Everyone brings a dish to pass. Dinner starts a little after noon. Bring some

show and tell things. More on the picnic in the August newsletter.

MEMBERSHIP STUFF

by Fred Juengst

We still have more than 190 members. Thirteen members have their dues up for renewal in June. Please check your mail label to see if the renewal date is marked with a magic marker. Seven memberships now one month overdue and a whopping 17 memberships are more than two months overdue. Please pay your dues at the June meeting or mail them to me, Fred Juengst.

For those overdue by more than three months, a postcard is attached to your newsletter (or Dan sent you an e-mail) 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. Keep your nametag in the event you wish to join at a later date. If you don't respond, I will drop your name from our active roster and e-mail list. This month we dropped two individuals.

If you get a postcard but 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 a 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 join with a family membership, you do get two name tags for free.

FOR SALE

☐ Mike Guralski wants to know: Can you help me with some windows? No, not getting on a ladder to clean them, but to save them from the landfill. Do you have a use for FREE double pane, low E windows? Like making a cold frame greenhouse garden starter or experimenting with glass etching for your next project or product for sale? Maybe you know someone who could. If

so, please pass this message along.

I am replacing my Anderson double hung sash windows. They come in an upper and a lower unit to make up a pair. They have a terra tone painted exterior with a pine wood interior stained to fruitwood. If you can use these free windows, I would bring them to our June NEWWG meeting and you could collect them off my pickup. But before I bring all these windows along for the trip, please email me what you could use. My email is mguralski@hotmail.com. I would prefer not to populate the landfill with these windows if someone could come up with a unique use for them.

ANDERSON WINDOW SIZES;

Model 2421: 7 pair, consisting of 7 upper and 7 lower units. Upper: 27 7/8" wide X 31 high

Model 2446: 8 pair, consisting of 8 upper and 8 lower units. Upper: 27 7/8" wide X 27 1/8 high. Lower: 27 7/8 wide X 31 7/8 high.

Model 2446: 2 pair, consisting of 2 upper and 2 lower units. Upper: 23 7/8 wide X 27" high. Lower: 23 7/8" wide X 27 7/8" high.

Model 2046: 1 pair, consisting of 1 upper and 1 lower unit. Upper: 27 7/8" wide X 19" high. Lower: 27 7/8 wide X 19 7/8" high.

Thank you.

By the way, if anyone likes scaling a rickety ladder to clean windows, do give me a call. Michael Guralski

☐ Linda Suroweic reports that someone she works with has a bandsaw for sale. RYOBI, 9 inch Band Saw, Model BS901. It's on a hand made base. \$175, negotiable . They bought it and only used it for a few cuts. Call Mary Ronsam at 655-0155 .



Have a great summer!