

# BENCH TALK

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## THE ANNUAL GUILD PICNIC

### AUGUST 24

Make plans to join your fellow woodworkers at the Guild's Annual Summer Picnic on 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 and lunch begins at noon. The Guild provides burgers, brats, corn, soft drinks, condiments, paper plates, plastic tableware, and paper napkins. Bring your spouse or significant other and the kids. Bring a dish to pass and a serving implement. Bring show and tell things. If you have a tool or such to sell, bring it, too.

Here are two things to note. **First**, if you haven't signed up and told us how many of you are coming, or don't remember whether you did, do it today so we don't run out of food. Call Jane at 920-468-0132. If she doesn't answer, please leave a message. Or, e-mail her at [jalesch@new.rr.com](mailto:jalesch@new.rr.com). **Second**, there is road construction in the park area.. Here's how we recommend getting to the park. Use Exit 181 on I-43.. Head east. Turn left on County JJ. Note the barriers on the road about 100 yards in. If you can use JJ, continue carefully to Emerald and turn right. When you reach McAuliffe School, turn right on Brighton Place. You should be at the park in a couple of blocks. If you choose not to drive on JJ (which is probably a good choice) turn left onto Servant Street at the barrier. Turn right on Blue Spruce Street and take it until it ends in a T intersection. Turn right. Cross JJ and continue to McAuliffe School. Turn right on Brighton Place to arrive at the Park.

Here is the current list of Guildies who said they were going to be at the picnic: Schroeder-1, Friday-2, Everson-2, Schuh-2, Dishmaker-2, Charlier-2, Lockhart-2, Juengst-2, Berken-2, Surowiec-1, Brienen-1, Kaster-2, Beyer-2, Alesch-2. That totals 25 people. I

can't help but think that number should and will be higher. LET'S HEAR FROM YOU!  
SEE YOU SUNDAY!

## **NEWS FROM WOODCRAFT**

Last June, Dan Lozon from Delta/Porter Cable demonstrated Porter Cable's new dovetail cutting lineup and new low profile palm sander. He handed out Porter Cable cards with a \$25 discount on the sander and a \$50 discount on the jig at Woodcraft, but they hadn't been shipped yet.. Well, at long last Woodcraft got delivery of the low profile sanders. "We've been waiting with bated breath!" writes Mary. So, if you kept one or both of those discount cards, Chris and Mary tell me that they will honor them now.

Mary, who just returned from the great wilderness with the Boy Scouts, also tells me that Woodcraft is holding a sidewalk sale from Saturday August 16 through Saturday August 31. It includes closeouts, overstocks, and discontinued products, as well as selected Classroom equipment. She says, "We'll be adding new merchandise throughout the two weeks! Stop in often!"

## **ELECTION RESULTS**

There were no great upsets and no rioting at the Guild's elections in June. It was so predictable, it reminded me of an election in China. **Steve Lockhart** is the new president, **Don Kaster** is the vice president for programs, **Tim McVey** is vice president for public information, **Pete Schuh** is librarian, **Linda Suroweic**, who has held almost every office over the years, is secretary, **Lee Carlson** will continue as treasurer. **Lyle Martens** will serve as member at large.

Appointed positions include **Dan Alesch** as editor, **Fred Juengst** as membership chair, **Jane Alesch** as spring show chair, and **Mark Brienen** as webmaster. **Jane and Mark** will also coordinate the August picnic.

## **ADOLPH VANDERTIE, A FRIEND OF THE GUILD PASSES ON**

*by Linda Suroweic*

Adolph Vandertie (1911-2008) was known as the Grand Duke of Hobo Carvers. Who would think that the Green Bay area would be home for the Grand Duke of Hobo Carvers. The Guild and many Guild members, were lucky to have him as a friend and having him join us at our Christmas party just prior to his passing. His most famous quote is "I am a not a carver. I am a whittler"

At a young age, Adolph was exposed to the "hobo jungles" where he carved his first ball-in-the-cage. Adolph was given a piece of tramp art, which sparked his interest. It led to his large collection of tramp art and hobo art, which filled the home he shared with his wife Adeline. He was well known for demonstrations in our community.

Adolf's famous carved chain was featured in the Guinness World Book of Records. This chain can be seen at the Ashwaubenon Historical Museum along with a large part of his collection. The hours are Wednesday and Saturday from 1 to 4. Admission is free but a donation is appreciated. While there check out the photos of the farms that were here before the Mall and fast food restaurants. The other major portion of his work resides at: John Michael Kohler Arts Center 608 New York Ave. Sheboygan, WI: [kohlerfoundation.org/collections.vandertie](http://kohlerfoundation.org/collections.vandertie).

## THE CHRISTMAS PARTY

As you probably know, Dan and Jane have made the tough decision not to hold the annual Christmas party at their house this year. After conferring with Guild members, the Board chose to continue the tradition of holding a pot-luck dinner. It will be held December 13 ~~in Dan and Jane's driveway~~ at the Ecumenical Center at the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay. The exact starting time will be listed in a subsequent *Benchtalk*, once we figure it out.

The Ecumenical Center was selected because it is within a couple of hundred yards of where the Guild holds its regular meetings, has ample parking immediately adjacent to the facility, has a wonderful room in which to hold the event, and is inexpensive. Mark your calendars now. This is always a very enjoyable event.

## RECENT PROGRAMS

Reviews of **Curt Andersen's** June and **Jeff Alaire's** July presentations will be published, but they will be in next month's *Benchtalk* for all kinds of reasons..

## AUGUST MEMBERSHIP REPORT

*by Fred Juengst*

Our membership now stands at 188. Pretty good for a small woodworking group at the edge of the great northern forest!

As usual, some members are up for renewal. This includes six for August, seven for July, and nine who are more than two months overdue. Please check your mail label to see if the renewal date is marked with a magic marker. Please pay your dues at the picnic or mail it to me.

You can tell you are overdue if the date on your address label is highlighted or, if you get *Benchtalk* only electronically, Dan will send you an e-mail saying your dues are due.

For those significantly overdue, we've attached a postcard to your *Benchtalk* to remind you to pay your dues or get dropped from active membership. If you do not want to renew, please sign the card and slip it into the mail. Please keep your nametag in the event you wish to join at a later date. 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.

Some folks send 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 join with a family membership, you do get two name tags for free.

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 my computer still makes mistakes.

## FOR SALE

★ **Mary Bajorek** (Dick's wife) reports that a good friend of hers was recently widowed. She wants to get some of her late husband's woodworking equipment out from the garage. She has a very lightly used Shopsmith, training VCR tapes and manual, a box of assorted saw

blades and cutting devices, and a vacuum system. The best offer will take it. Call 920-5102. Give her a fair offer.

## **CHIPS AND AIRBORNE PARTICLES: Miscellaneous stuff from the editor's shop.**

★**Roger Young** and **Dan Alesch** appeared on Channel 26's local morning show in mid-June showing carvings and the like. This is a result of **Lyle Marten's** efforts to keep the Guild in the public's eye. Rumor has it they were brilliant. TV really does add at least ten pounds.

★Mark your calendar or make a note On your electronic notebook. The September Guild meeting will be September 19. We always like to kick off the new year with a great program, so plan to be there.

By the way, be careful in the shop and on the road. No point in getting hurt now. And, just to prove you are not a frog, most of your parts do not grow back.

And, make sure you support the organizations that do so much to help the Guild:  
Woodworkers Depot, Woodcraft, and Bay Hardwoods.