



BENCH TALK

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IN NOVEMBER . . .

A PROGRAM TO DYE FOR

Our meeting is this coming Friday, November 21. It features long time member **Tom Charlier**, who, besides building dogsleds, is heavily into staining, dying, and finishing woods. Over the years, Tom has collected a ton of recipes for stain, dyes, and finishing. Some are from the 1800s and others are contemporary. He plans to bring samples Friday night, to share recipes with us, and to demonstrate some of the dyes and finishes for us. He'll be bringing handouts so that you can try some of his favorite recipes yourself at home. Among the many recipes, there is one for making hide glue, another for Linda's honing lubricant, a veneer flattening solution, a very old recipe for milk paint, and techniques for "aging" wood.

I'm looking forward to this one and hope you are, too. We hope to see a lot of folks on Friday, November 21, for an informative presentation.

Where: Room 107 Mary Ann Cofrin Hall, UWGB Campus.

When: 7:00 P.M., Friday, November 21.

THE DECEMBER CHRISTMAS PARTY SAME GREAT PARTY NEW LOCATION

By Jane Alesch

This year's Christmas Party will be held on Saturday, December 13, at the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay Ecumenical Center. That is across the road from MACC Hall and shares the parking lot with the Kress Center. Instead of turning left into the meeting, turn right for the party. Food and festivities will begin at 5:30 P.M. Follow your nose when you come through the door. I will have that same hot beef and beef BBQ hot and ready to go. As usual, it will be a pot luck dinner and you bring the rest of the food. Newcomers most welcome; everyone brings

an appetizer, a dessert, or something to go with hot sandwiches, such as a potato dish, beans, Jell-O, salad, and so forth. Salads and desserts are especially popular. Ellen and whomever: Don't forget the deviled eggs. Please bring an appropriate serving utensil for your dish (and take it home). It looks like Tom Charlier will be bringing a smoked salmon again this year! There will be door prizes, maybe a game, and lots of good conversation.

We will pass around a sign-up sheet at the November meeting for you to indicate whether or not you are coming and, if so, how many of you there will be. We need that information to know how much food and drink to order. If you don't come to the

meeting, please RSVP to Jane at 468-0132 or 920-246-1553 or jalesch@new.rr.com. If no one answers, please leave a message.

Diane Kaster and I are going over this week to check out the room and plan the decorations (most of which will also be door prizes -- including the tree, I hope).

WE NEED SOMEONE TO HELP SPEND THE GUILD'S MONEY

- 1) To buy, chill and deliver soda and water. Extra coolers are available in my garage.
- 2) To buy and deliver and help set up buns, olives, pickles, coffee, cream, sugar and whatever condiments I am forgetting. I will do a pot of spiced cranberry for old times' sake and Diane and I will acquire the "paper and plastic service" as they will be part of the decor.
- 3) Anyone else interested in helping to PLAN AND SET UP?
- 4) A VOLUNTEER CLEAN UP COMMITTEE. We need to leave the place as we find it. They set up the round tables and chairs and sweep the floor. The kitchen has a microwave and two stoves with ovens and a refrigerator for our use and convenience.

I am looking forward to having the same huge, wonderful party we had at our house and being able to sit down and enjoy it with you and going home with nothing to do the next day but clean two slow cookers and a coffee pot. THANK YOU FOR ALL THE GREAT PARTIES AT THE ALESCH HOUSE! LET'S KEEP OUR HOLIDAY TRADITION ALIVE, BUT RELOCATED.

A WORD FROM THE PRES

I suppose it would be in order to write a note to the members seeing as I have been in office a couple of months now.

It seems like we've been hearing the word change every time we turn on the TV from most of our favorite political candidates.

They say they'll do a better job than the last guy. You won't hear that from me! In fact I would be flattered to think I did half as good a job as the last two (NEWWG) presidents combined.

I volunteered to be president to do my part in continuing the good work of my predecessors and maybe help come up with some new ideas. I think we have a good thing going with the Guild now. I think there is something inherently good about woodworkers and getting together is always fun.

One of the main purposes of the Guild is to have good programs at our meetings. My philosophy on our programs is that they should be about some aspect of woodworking. (Imagine that!) We may not be able to please all the members with any given program but I hope we can have a good enough variety to keep all the members interested. In fact, if any member has an idea for a program, please don't be shy. Besides that, if any member is willing to put on a program, bring it up to a board member or at a meeting. As a small compensation for the effort of putting on a program, the presenter is paid a \$100 honorarium.

Also, I have asked the board to review their duties and make suggestions for improvements in how to do them as well as document what they do. Any suggestions from the membership will be carefully considered as well! Hope to see you at the next meeting!

Steve Lockhart

LOOKING BACK AT THE NOVEMBER MEETING: THE TWISTS AND TURNS OF MAKING SAILBOATS.

By Don Kaster

At the October meeting, **Mark Dauplaise**, Ron's son, provided a DVD he made about the manufacturing operations of Pearson Composites, a premium sailboat maker located in Warren, Rhode Island.

The video covered mostly the process

of laminating, bending, and forming the wood trim that goes around the portholes and hatches. Seat construction and inlaid table tops were also covered.

Large shaper cutters (router bits on steroids) are used to round the corners of support framing of heads (bathrooms) and cabinets. Techniques and procedures shown in the video can be applied to some of our own wood projects or to trigger some new ideas for other projects.

Many thanks to both Mark and Ron for their time and effort in bringing this very interesting video to us. Look for the video in the library.

NOVEMBER MEMBERSHIP REPORT

by *Fred Juengst*

Seven members have their dues up for renewal in November. Please check your mail label to see if the renewal date is marked with a magic marker. *I won't be able to get to the November meeting, so send your dues to me or pay me at our December Party.* Four memberships are now one month overdue and four others are two months overdue. We hope you still find the Guild a benefit to you. Please consider remaining a member of the Guild and pay your dues today.

Those more than three months overdue will receive a postcard attached as a reminder to pay your dues as soon as possible. If you choose not to renew your membership, just sign the card and slip it into the mail. 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 get a postcard but 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. My address should be on the card as well but this has not always proved to be the case. 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.

Remember, if you are leaving the Guild, return your library books! You do not get to keep them!

FOR SALE

Lyle Martens, has the following for sale: A Delta full size lathe, model 46-700 with a stand. It Includes 6" face plate and a tool rest. \$200.00. Contact Lyle Martens at 920-406-3027.

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

- ❖ It would be a good idea to promise yourself that you will make one item before Christmas for the less fortunate. **Dale and Bev Kozicki** are always at work on such projects. You can talk with Dale at the November meeting or give Dale or Bev a call at 920-468-4092. Make someone really happy this holiday season.
- ❖ **Tom Charlier** tells me that men collect scrap lumber because they don't collect and save buttons, fabric, dolls, figurines, snow villages, anniversary napkins, margarine tubs, or Englebert Humperdinck concert ticket stubs. Men tell him that you just never know when you might need it.
- ❖ Every once in a while, one of the carvers draws a little blood. This past month it was **Cal Knaid**. He survived both the cut and the embarrassment.