



BENCH TALK

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH AT UWGB

KEVIN SMITH ON WOODTURNING

The next Guild meeting is Friday, February 20 in Room 107, Mary Ann Cofrin Hall at the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay. It starts at 7 P.M. For directions, check the map at www.uwgb.edu or call 468-0132.

Our presenter will be Kevin Smith on woodturning. Kevin, a long-time friend of the Guild and a well known area woodworker, will present the basics of woodturning for those of us who want to begin turning, those of us (like me) who turn in ignorance, and those of us who want to refresh our understanding of how and why. Kevin always puts on a great meeting, so we'll see you there.

Where: Room 107 Mary Ann Cofrin Hall, UWGB. When: 7:00 P.M., Friday, February 20, 2009.

NOTE: Most of this month's regular Benchtalk features will be included in the March issue. This Spring Show takes up most of this issue.

FEBRUARY MEMBERSHIP BRIEF by *Fred Juengst*

The following people are in danger of being dropped because their dues are overdue: Floyd Bucher, Dan Pleshek, Len Yanda, Robert Baird, and Lyle Kronberg. You can send them to me at Fred Juengst, 846 Cornelius Dr., Green Bay, WI 54311.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: Fred Juengst's house, February 23rd at 7 PM.

WANTED: Ray Voight in Neenah is looking for a heavy duty 10" or 12" **table saw** in good shape, true and accurate with a single phase motor. You can reach him at 920-725-2326, 838 Congress Street, Neenah, 54956-3438.

CARVING LESSONS AT WOODWORKERS DEPOT. The Depot has scheduled carving lessons. Call or stop in for more information.

Feb 14 - Greg Wirtz, Intaglio Carving

Feb 21 - Isaac Middlemiss, Faces in the Round, 3D carving

Feb 28 - Isaac Middlemiss, Faces in the Round, 3D carving

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ONE DAY SALE AT WOODCRAFT IN APPLETON February 28. Ten percent off almost everything.

SPRING SHOW COMING IN MARCH!!

Please read ALL this carefully. Thank you in advance. *Jane Alesch*
We Have Moved! We'll be at the RIVERSIDE BALLROOM in Green Bay
1560 East Main Street

It is easy to find. Take Mason Street exit off I-43 and head west past East Town Mall. Turn right on Main Street. At the 4th light (Elizabeth St.) turn left into parking lot. There is a metal sculpture of 3 musicians in front. If you miss it, stop anywhere and ask where it is.

Because it would cost us an additional \$500, there will be no Friday set-up. **Set-up is from 7 am to 9:15 am on Saturday.** Almost impossible, unless you come organized! And willing to give a little. Layout will be untested and definitely smaller and snugger. We'll have 8 ft tables with white linen skirts and covers in place -- hopefully. There is one door in for loading, no steps, and no carts. **Follow the signs!** Bring your own wheels or strong backs. There is a large parking lot so when your vehicle is empty, move it to a back row to save room for our guests. **HELP EACH OTHER!!!**

The show starts at 9:30 AM.

Enclosed you will 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 Feb 20 meeting or the show! **Sell, Sell, Sell and Buy, Buy, Buy.** We are paying rent this year for the first time.

VOLUNTEER SHEET: Please fill this out and return it ASAP, February 20 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, especially with a new room. Thanks. Please humor me and fill the whole thing out! Thanks.

DEMONSTRATORS & DISPLAYERS: Give me your needs, power, space etc. on the sheet. We may be limited so don't wait until the last minute. A demo usually helps your sales but try to bring a helper so you don't miss a sale. (If there are more requests than space, which has never happened before, people with the most space will be asked to snug it up!) The Guild does not supply extension cords...BRING YOUR OWN.

Raffle prizes: We purchased the Delta saw, Freud router and Flex-Cut tools at great prices. Thank you **Woodcraft of Appleton** and **Woodworker's Depot**. Lyle and his crew got us the Porter Cable and Ridgid sanders and Kreg Jig donated by said companies. I have heard from some of you and it's looking good for Guild prizes...**BUT**...please fill out your donations and details on the volunteer sheets anyway. You may bring your prize to the Feb meeting or the show. Include your card if you have one. **Thanks to all our benefactors.** Show them your support and thanks when you shop! I will appreciate your prompt notification and fabulous support for your Guild so I can make out all the tags and raffle sheets ahead of time. I used to stay up past midnight on Friday to catch up on raffle paper work, but I won't have that "luxury" this year!

STAFFING: We need five or six people to work the raffle booth, handing out information, selling tickets, making public address announcements, and chasing down things that need to be done so that a couple of people don't have to do it all weekend. Would someone volunteer to organize a schedule? 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. We also need greeters because the front door and the raffle prizes are on opposite sides of the room.

CLEAN UP & PRIZE DELIVERY: No shop vacs this year. The floor is wood. Chip and dust makers sweep up as necessary. Last year's 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. I will be leaving town shortly after the show so I especially need help. 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 historical 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! The printer misread our order and we have extra extras. Talk to people, even strangers, wherever you go. Any other ideas—do them yourself and share! I carry the 1/4's & raffle tickets in my purse. Pass them out wherever I go. Tom Carlson made holders for the 1/4 cuts. We'll have them at Feb meeting.

Lyle is working on TV coverage and it is looking good. March 3 on Channel 2 noon show booked, but we need more!

CHAIRS: Free this year. Request on Volunteer sheet or bring your own.

USED TOOL CRIB is back by popular demand. Tim McVey and Tom Carlson are willing to do it again. 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. We can not make a workable plan without knowing what's coming. 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. Call Jane Alesch 920-246-1553 cell or home at 920-468-0132 or jalesch@new.rr.com.

We will have a "take one" table for your wood magazine and catalog discards.

Don't forget to wear your Guild Clothing AND YOUR NAMETAG!

Does anyone know where Guildwear is???

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 & PERFORATED AT THE FEB 20 MEETING 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. **Remember, being in a new location means we have to work harder so people can find us.** Thanks!