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# BENCH TALK

## GOOGLE SKETCHUP



Mark Brien and Bob Wellhouse will present a tutorial-style program about Google SketchUp 3D modeling software. This 3D drawing package is available FREE from Google's web site for both the Windows and Macintosh computer operating systems, but some woodworkers are also able to run the software on Linux machines under the WINE enabler.

The presentation will be done in two-parts, followed by a question and answer session. Bob Wellhouse will start with a brief and informative run through of the various tools and commands. Mark Brien will follow with setting up a project file to generate plans for a small table.

There is a professional version of SketchUp which adds features ... for a price. This software has been available since 2000, and is at revision 7.1, so it might just be about time for it to filter down into our shops. Let's see if Bob and Mark can convince us that the right time is now.

[Some SketchUp links from Mark Brien on page 4.]

**Where:**

**Room 107 - Mary Ann Cofrin Hall, UWGB  
University of Wisconsin - Green Bay Campus**

**When:**

**7pm-9pm, , Friday, November 20, 2009**

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## Finishes of Illusion

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by Don Kaster, Program Director

At the October meeting Patrick Pozarski demonstrated many more ways of finishing wood than just the usual stains. Patrick creates custom finishes for clients at Deleers Millwork, Inc., and refines the techniques for use in a production environment. Using standard sets of dyes and colorants, foils, and even drywall compound, produces wonderful custom wood finishing effects. Key to his method is creating detailed clearly labeled sample swatch-boards for future reference, and repeatability. Patrick's professional presentation and obvious expertise in answering questions was appreciated by all present.

The Guild and I would like to thank Patrick for an excellent and informative meeting. \_DK

## Tool Philosophy

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by Steve Lockhart, President

Whenever I buy a new tool, folks ask me 'WHY?'

Over the years I have found that if I couldn't answer that question logically the tool hardly ever got used and ended up relegated to a hidden corner in the shop and then really never got used.

The other extreme would be justifying a new tool purchase solely on a known individual project.

Somewhere in between is what I consider my philosophy... . If I have a project which could be helped by a new tool, and I can imagine a future use of the tool, then I start to shop.

Sometimes unexpected projects come my way and it is great to be able to have the tools to do them.

Recently a friend asked me to help on a boat project which could end up rewarding both of us handsomely. It involved replacing the mahogany plywood decks of the boat. I am not aware of any local source of marine grade mahogany plywood so this would require the mail order of one sheet of plywood. (\$\$\$) Eureka! I could resaw some mahogany lumber into the needed thickness and edge glue it.

I knew that band saw I purchased last year would come to good use!.

Now all I need is a 48 inch wide thickness sander (but that's another story). \_SL

*Last minute addition:*

*Mrs. Lockhart has a new unopened crate for sale... best offer. Stains appear only on the outside of the crate... best guess. She noted that Steve had lived a full life, passed-over with a smile on his face, and appeared not to know—but would have appreciated—what hit him (Stanley No. 8, like new, no rust, no fingerprints, minor staining). The crate must contain that "horridly large" sanding device.*

*Steve will be sorely missed by many machine and tool dealers throughout the known world. \_GP );->*

## CHRISTMAS PARTY - December 12, 2009

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by Jane Alesch, Special Events Director

THE CHRISTMAS PARTY IS THE DECEMBER MEETING

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Like last year, the Christmas Party will be held at the University's Ecumenical Center. The date is Saturday, December 12. The time is 5:00 p.m.

This party is for Guild members and their spouses or significant others. *It is for adults only.*

We need to know who is coming and how many of you there will be for name tags and door prizes. Sign up at the November Guild meeting or call or e-mail Jane Alesch (920-468-0132 or [jbalesch@att.net](mailto:jbalesch@att.net)). Please let her know one or before December 1.

Your Guild will provide coffee, spiced cranberry drink, soda, water, shredded meet sandwiches, plates and utensils, pickles, and olives. Your job is to bring 'a dish to pass', such as hors 'doerves, beans, or whatever ' oh ' and desserts.

*Volunteers are needed!*

1. To buy, chill, and bring the soda and water.
2. To shop for and buy a few really good door prizes.
3. To come early and help decorate. Jane will shop for decorations.
4. To greet folks as they arrive and to get the 'dishes' to the right table.
5. To wander about and make sure no one is alone.
6. To help clean up after the fun and frolic.

**Jane would really like to have volunteers for the first four jobs by December 1.**

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We'll be collecting handmade gifts at the party and at the November meeting for children and younger people who fall into either of two categories, including those of families suffering financially in the recession and those who have contracted or developed serious illnesses or handicaps. Bob Yancy, our newest member, has already contributed some awesome cares. I hope others are working on toys or boxes or whatever to donate to families having a challenging holiday. God bless.

I need a volunteer to collect things at the November meeting. We'll have to miss it because we're off to Chicago for our grandson's 16th birthday. Let me know if you are willing to collect them and drop them off at our house. Thanks. \_JA

## SPRING SHOW

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by Jane Alesch

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The Spring Show is just around the corner in March. We're printing the raffle tickets in January, so we need to know at least some of the prizes that Guild members will be contributing. Being able to list them on the publicity really helps sell raffle tickets and get people to the show.

Jane is really hurting for volunteers to help with the show, including people to help with publicity, contribute prizes, work at the counters, sell raffle tickets at the show, and so forth. Please contact her to let her know what you can do. She's at 920-468-0132 or [jbalesch@att.net](mailto:jbalesch@att.net)). \_JA

*DON'T FORGET ABOUT  
HELPING OUT WITH THE SPRING SHOW*

## CHIPS AND CUTOFFS

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By Dan Alesch, Editor/Bon Vivant

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\* Here's a note from Merl Stingle at Woodworkers Depot. His Holiday Sale is going on now, including 15% off all Jet and Powermatic tools the four days after Thanksgiving. Just in time for Holiday gift-giving.

\* Lyle Martens reports that he has just about completed installing his new dust collection system. It is huge! He'd like to sell his current Jet system. [See ad on page 4 \_ed.]

\* Bob Rocque e-mailed me recently with this message. 'You can remove me from the e-mail list. I will be moving to Hawaii next month and it will be too far for me to drive for a meeting. I know you're probably thinking that this is a really lame excuse but it's the only one I can think of. Have a great life. Aloha, Bob.' Good luck, Bob. Maui and Green Bay are so much alike, I'm sure you'll feel right at home, but take sunscreen anyway.

\* New member, Bob Yancy, was kind enough to contribute several very nice wooden vehicles he created to the stockpile we hope to create to give to children and families who are having a particularly hard time during this recession-depression or who have a seriously ill child. If you have a few minutes to make a gift for children or young persons, please do so and get it to Jane Alesch a couple of weeks before Christmas. It will be very much appreciated.

\* Steve Lockhart, our beloved president, suggests the following youtube site for woodworking tips:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BKX1orBiaCI>

## November Membership Report

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by Fred Juengst

Thanks to all who returned postcards with a dues payment. A few resigned, but I appreciated receiving a card letting me know that they wished to resign. We remain at a total of 163 members, the same as last month.

Only three members are overdue by more than three months and should have received a postcard this month. If you feel your dues are not overdue, please do not hesitate to call me at 920-469-1919 or send me an e-mail at 'mdjuengst@aol.com'. I do make mistakes.

Every month, a number of Benchtalk e-mails are returned because the recipients' address has changed or is no longer valid. If you receive your copy of Bench Talk by regular mail instead of by e-mail as you expected, please send me an e-mail with your name and your correct e-mail address. I will make the changes to the master membership list and you will again get your Bench Talk by e-mail.

If you have not yet received your name tag, please see me at the November 20 meeting. I have a lot of unclaimed name tags.

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## Meeting of the Board of Directors

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by Lyle Martens - October 21, 2009

*Present:* Steve Lockhart, Lyle Martens, Dan Alesch, Jane Alesch, Don Kaster, Mark Brienen, Fred Juengst, Greg Puza, Peter Schuh.

*Absent:* Tom Charlier, Tom Carlson, Lee Carlson

Call meeting to order by Steve Lockhart

Minutes of last meeting were approved. Moved by Mark Brienen and seconded by Pete Schuh.

*Treasurer's Report:* Financial report was distributed in absence of Lee Carlson. Current assets at \$9,694.43 compared to \$8,902.44 last year at this time.

*Membership Report:* Fred Juengst reports that we have two new members and no other information at this time.

*Public Relations:* No report

*Programs:* Don Kaster reported. All agreed that the program by Pat Pozarski on dyes in October was outstanding. Bob Wellhouse and Mark Brienen will present a program on using Sketch-up in November. Tentative programs in the future include; Nancy Hardtke on Caning, Precision grinding, Jeff Benson (possible field trip), Bob Martens on cabinet design.

*Editors Report:* Greg Puza. Discussed possible mailing change with Allegra printing.

Discussion on mailing Benchtalk out earlier. Deadline for November submissions is October 28th.

**Librarian Report:** Pete Schuh reported that 15 letters were sent on overdue books and 8 books returned. A new book on Bark Carving was added to the library.

**Special Activities:** Lyle M. inquired as to whether there would be any consideration of having a demonstration information booth at next year's Art Street. Dan Alesch volunteered to investigate.

**Web Report:** Mark Brienens, Updated Officer listing.

**Spring Show:** Jane Alesch asked to have members offer door prizes and will again ask at next Guild meeting. There was a discussion of prizes that might be purchased for the show. The list included band saw, drill and accessory kit, compressor, and more. More discussion later. Lyle Martens indicated he will again ask equipment vendors for donations after Thanksgiving. Lyle Martens will also work with Tim Kapinos, industrial arts teacher at Southwest on student projects.

**Other business:** None

Next Board Meeting will be December 3, 2009 at the Alesch home.

Meeting adjourned. \_LM

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## ADDENDUM

*SketchUp links FYI, will be expanded later. \_MB*

<http://sketchup.google.com/support/bin/answer.py?answer=116693&cbid=f1a6nm6giux9&src=cb&lev=answer>

<http://sketchup.google.com/training/videos.html>

<http://sketchupdate.blogspot.com/>

<http://www.finewoodworking.com/blog/design-click-build>

## For Sale

### Jet dust collection system DC-1200CK

US\$400.00, new price \$700.00.

with 2-micron Cannister. 230 Volts. 2-4inch ports. Also includes remote control. It is three years old and in excellent condition.

Contact: Lyle Martens at 920-406-3027.

### Laguna HD, 16" Bandsaw

US\$1,350, new price is US\$3,178.88

This award winning bandsaw is six-years old, used by a hobbyist woodworker, and is in like new condition. 220 volt, 4.5hp, 12.5" re-saw, 1-3/8" to 1/16" blade capacity, 70-1/2" overall height, more info.

Contact: Tom Smith at (920) 434-5959



## Northeastern Wisconsin Wood Workers Guild

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**Editors, Dan and Jane Alesch, Greg Puza**

**Membership, Fred Juengst**

**Special Events, Tom Charlier**

**Web Site, Mark Brienens**

**Spring Show, Jane Alesch**

## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING PROGRAMS

**November 20 Friday:** Bob Wellhouse, SketchUp

**December 12, Saturday:** Christmas Party

**January 15, 2010 Friday:** Nancy Hardtke, Caning

**February 19, 2010 Friday:** Rob Martens' Cabinet

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<http://www.newwg.org>.

