



Bench Talk

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Points of Interest:

- June Election Roster
- Upcoming Events
- CP Center Update
- Field Trip: Oshkosh Designs

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June Elections

By: Paula Martens

It happens this time every year. The weather gets warm, the birds start arriving, baseball fans begin thoughts of double-headers and tailgating.

For the Guild, spring means the annual elections are just around the corner taking place in June. Below is a preliminary roster.

Elected positions:

President: Rob Martens
 V.P. Programs: Steve Lockhart
 V.P. Publicity: Ted Zabel
 Treasurer: Lee Carlson
 Secretary: Bob Welhouse

In addition to the elected positions previously noted, the Guild has appointed positions as follows:

Appointed (non-elected) positions:

Librarian: Pete Schuh
 Membership: Fred Juengst
 Special Activities: Dan Alesch
 Spring Show: Jane Alesch
 Web Site: Andrew Detloff
 Newsletter: Paula Martens
 Public Relations: Lyle Martens
 Member at Large: Lyle Martens

Anyone wishing to add their name to the roster for the upcoming election please contact either:

Steve Lockhart: 920-733-2347
 Paula Martens: 920-845-9395

Weddings and Woodworking

Letter from the President: Steve Lockhart

I went to a wedding this weekend and sat at dinner with my son-in-law's brother's father-in-law. (In other words: no relation.) I had met him at another wedding about a year ago. We're about the same age and the major thing we have in common is woodworking. The ma-

ior difference is I have been interested in woodworking since about the 4th grade and he's just getting started. He also has the excitement of a beginner: He told me how excited he was to be able to rip a board on his new table saw.....

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Board of Directors Meeting

Meeting Held: April 26, 2011

Present: Steve Lockhart, Dan and Jane Alesch, Lee and Tom Carlson, Lyle Martens, Rob and Paula Martens, Bob Welhouse, Fred Juengst

Absent: Mark Brienen, Pete Schuh

- **Last months meeting minutes:** Approved
- **Treasurer's Report:** Lee C.— Current assets \$8,754.53. Last year \$8,322.55. Tom reports that items for the monthly meeting raffles include clothing, bowling gift cards and gift cards from Woodworkers Depot and Woodcraft of Appleton.
- **Membership Report: Fred J—** 165 members
- **Public relations:** Brief discussion took place on possible better use of T.V. coverage for next years show.
- **Programs Review:** Positive response to the carving presentation by Dick Hazaert. Confirmed presenters for May and June (see **Upcoming Events** and **Program Notes** sections for details)
- **Editor's Report:** Deadline for articles is May 8th.
- **Librarian's Report:** No report / Pete S absent
- **Special Activities: CP Pergola—**Total estimated cost for pergola is \$1900.00. The guild will donate \$1000.00 toward the pergola with the remaining estimated \$900.00 to be covered by the CP Center. Immel Construction to supply trucking, construction equipment, etc. Materials to be purchased from Wisconsin Builders Supply, fabrication and installation to be done by both guild members and Immel Construction volunteers. Construction date tentatively June 10th & 11th.
- **Web Report:** No report / Mark B absent
- **Spring Show:** Raffle ticket sales \$5,180.00. Total show expenses \$3,827.36. Total show revenue \$1,352.64.
- **Other Business:** Spring elections—discussed potential slate of officers
- **Next Board Meeting:** Tuesday, May 24, 2011 at Lee and Tom Carlson's home.

Kreg Club

By: Paula Martens

Ever thought of sharing your project(s) and woodworking tips with other woodworkers around the country? Kreg Tools, which has donated items for our annual spring shows, also invites guilders to share projects and stories with other woodworkers on a more global basis by joining the **Kreg Club**. You

can find the link to join the club by going to their web site: www.kregtool.com.

Upcoming Events

Upcoming program events include the following:

- **May 20, 2011:** Bill Robillard (Encore Restorations) —wood finishing
- **June 3, 2011: Special Event—**Tour of Oshkosh Designs facility—a preview to the upcoming June meeting by Rod Lorenz of Ralph's Hardwood Floors. For details, see Page 7.
- **June 10 and 11, 2011: Special Event—**Construction of CP Center Pergola.
- **June 17, 2011:** Rod Lorenz (Ralph's Hardwood Floors) — finishing
- **July 15, 2011:** To be determined

Cutoffs, Chips and Airborne Particles

By: Dan Alesch

Long time good friend and active Guild member, Tom Charlier, suffered a stroke this past month. He's in Bellin Hospital's rehabilitation unit and making great strides toward recovery. Stop in and say hello. Our best wishes for an early recovery go out to Tom and his wife, Margee.

DRILL PRESS FOR SALE. A few years ago, I asked Jane what she wanted for her birthday. "I want a drill press," she replied. Being a loving husband, I bought her a heavy bench top model – a little noisy, but accurate and very stable. This year, I asked her again, "What would you like for your birthday, charming wife?" She replied that she wanted a new drill press, "except I'd like one that has more features and is considerably more expensive than the last one." How could I say no? So here's the deal: The first person who gives me \$50 takes her old drill press away and enjoys it for decades to come (I'll help load it into your vehicle) and she gets the drill press of her dreams. Call me. Dan @ 468-0132.

Beyond sharp edges, dull tools, splinters and splinters, woodworkers face other hazards they really ought to know about. Among the most dangerous of these are poisoning from and allergic reactions to various woods. The most complete listing of woods with dangerous side effects that I've found is at <http://www.wood-database.com/wood-articles/wood-allergies-and-toxicity/>. Or, you can get to the web site by Googling The Wood Database. You will want to be particularly cautious around Australian Cashew Nut (I don't have much of that left), Cedar, Cocobolo, Ebony, African Mahogany, spalted Maple, Olive, Rengas, Rosewood, and Yew. Yew is actually toxic, with likely adverse effects on the skin, eyes, lungs, and heart. This is serious stuff, Guildies, so be alert to the risks you take when messing with these woods. Even with a mask, good dust collection, and ventilation I got a serious dose of nose and lung gunk when cutting up lots of cedar boards this past week. I'll ask the webmaster to hotlink this site to the Guild site.

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Program Notes

May's presentation will be Bill Robillard from DePere. His wood finishing business (Encore Restorations) has been featured in the GB Press Gazette and Bill's experience includes wood finishing at the US House of Representatives and the US Capital. He continues his education attending workshops on museum-based procedures led by a Smithsonian conservator. You can learn more by viewing his website: <http://encore-restores.com/>

June's presentation will be Rod Lorenz, President of Ralph's Hardwood Floors. Rod's presentation will concentrate on finishing. Discussion will also compare and contrast the difference between furniture finishing and floor finishing.

Note: As an added bonus, a tour of the Oshkosh Designs facility has been scheduled. Refer to the **Upcoming Events** and **Field Trip** sections for details.

Weddings and Woodworking, *continued from Page 1*

Letter from the President: Steve Lockhart

.....I haven't been excited about ripping a board for decades.

Mostly, the conversation consisted of him asking questions about various tools and what might be best for him. About an hour into our conversation it occurred to me that what he really needs is a woodworker's guild! (He lives in the Chicago area so he's

out of our range). I told him that and he seemed receptive.

The more I think about it the more I think the Guild is an invaluable resource. Both for experienced and beginner woodworkers. When we put the enthusiastic beginners in the same room with the experienced woodworkers something good is bound to happen!

Volunteers Wanted: CP Pergola Construction

By: Rob Martens

The schedule is as follows:

- **Tentatively the Week of May 16th**—materials to be delivered to Rob Martens home. Members will then pre-fabricate parts of the pergola in preparation for the construction date. Four to six guild volunteers needed.
- **Tentatively Friday June 10**—Immel Construction to truck all materials from Rob Martens home to the CP Center, as well as scaffolding, etc. Initial on-site prep work will be completed. Six to ten guild volunteers needed.
- **Tentatively, Saturday, June 11**—volunteer builders from the Guild and Immel Construction to assemble and build the pergola. Six to ten volunteers needed.

Schedule of activities:

- **May 16 to June 9:** Fabrication activities to include drilling & cutting beams and posts, cutting 2x4 trellis members and spacing blocks, labeling & packing materials for delivery to the CP
- **June 10 and 11:** Load and deliver pre-fabricated materials to CP (Immel & NEWWG), install galvanized base plates (Immel), assemble post & beam frames and tilt up in place—add lateral beams, install 2x4 trellis members.

The pergola design is unique yet simple enough to assemble in a one-day building event.

Guild members who can volunteer to help construct the pergola should call Rob and Paula Martens at 920-845-9395 as soon as possible. As we get closer to the actual construction dates, volunteers will be notified via e-mail or telephone of the final schedule.

Final Report: Spring Show Results

By: Lee Carlson

Good news!!

The charge for using Southwest High School was going to be more than last year; however, after further discussion the school has decided to reduce the charge for the two day event. The difference will be refunded to the Guild.

Total raffle ticket sales were \$5,180.00. The total raffle and show expenses were \$3,256.36 with a net revenue for the guild of \$1,923.64.

Alternate Uses for Sawdust

By: Paula Martens / Source: <http://www.thisoldhouse.com/toh/article/0,,20163668,00.html>

1. Make fake snow—mix with white paint and glue to cover holiday crafts.
2. Get a grip—winter loggers spread sawdust on truck paths to provide traction and strengthen compacted snow while protecting the ground underneath.
3. Soak up spills—sawdust is highly absorbent and can quickly contain spills of oil or paint.
4. Feed your plants—mixed with manure or a nitrogen supplement it keeps plants healthy and moist.
5. Make a fire starter—melt candle wax in a non-stick... *Continued on page 6*

Membership Report

By: Fred Juengst

We now have 164 members on our roster. The show and a month after the show we signed up 17 new members. For everyone who joined up to May 1, you should have name tags for the May meeting. I did not drop anyone. We have a lot of members up for renewal in May. Many folks do not remember when they need to pay dues. Here is the reminder list for May renewal dates:

Jerry Butzen, Peter Casper, Joe Danielson, Bob Fruzen, Jamie Geiken, Clifford Graveen, Bill Haese, John Hammen, Ken Mickle, Jan Olgren, Pete Schultz, and Dan Wieske. Dues remain at only \$15 for individuals, \$20 for families, and \$35 for businesses. This is a deal considering inflation over the last 25 years or more.

I sent reminder postcards to 9 members overdue by more than 3 months. If you intend to renew, please do not place any marks on the postcard so I can use it again. Simply mail your check and the postcard back to me at 846 Cornelius Drive, Green Bay, WI 54311.

If you do not intend to renew, please place your name on the postcard and drop it in the mail. Do not feel you have to explain why you choose not to continue being a member. I would feel better if you let me know one way or the other.

If you have any questions, think I made a mistake, or if you don't get your Bench Talk, let me know by sending me an e-mail at mdjuengst@aol.com or call me at 920-469-1919. A change of address or e-mail address would be much appreciated.

Boomerang Effect

By: Paula Martens

Word gets around. When Rob Martens recently met with the CP Center Rep. to plan the construction of the pergola, the CP Rep. told him the following story.

A woodworker from Princeton, west of Ripon, saw the Northeastern Wisconsin Woodworkers Guild presentation of the pergola project during the telethon. The woodworker from Princeton has a rather large collection of birdhouses that he builds. When he heard

about the Guild's project to benefit the CP Center, he contacted the CP Center and offered to donate many of his birdhouses to use for fundraising efforts — proof that the Guild's recent publicity and efforts for community involvement are catching on and benefiting people who really need it.

Cutoffs, Chips and Airborne Particles, *continued from Page 3*

By: Dan Alesch

I am continually impressed by the difference in results when one uses really sharp tools instead of just sharp tools. In carving, really sharp knives and gouges make the difference between a mess and a very crisp, professional piece of work. I keep trying, but I'm not nearly as good at sharpening as others in our little circle of carvers. Drives me nuts.

It's great to have new members in the Guild. Quite a few signed up at the Spring Show and, based on their brief self-introductions at the April meeting, they have a lot to offer to the Guild and its members. Welcome aboard, guys! Hope you find it rewarding. Any questions? Just ask.

Member of the Month: Dave Mariucci

- **What is your specialty in woodworking?** I have been a guild member, again, for the last couple of years, and while I don't have a specialty in woodworking, I do enjoy building boxes, turning bowls and cutting out scroll saw projects.
- **How many years have you been woodworking?** I've been interested in woodworking over 40 years, since working alongside my dad in the basement as he created necessary cabinets, shelving and later step chairs to furnish the house (which he currently still lives in). Dad received a pen turning kit one Christmas as a gift and I now turn pens in his basement as we help each other.
- **What is your favorite wood to use and why?** Walnut—because I enjoy the ease of turning, the smell and the warmth that the wood attains when it is finished with an oil or paste wax finish. I have many small pieces of walnut cut-offs and have started making small “tooth-fairy” boxes for my grandchildren (we're up to two now).
- **What project do you take the most pride in?** Since I don't make anything to sell, I am most proud of my self-taught skills in turning and my hand tool knowledge. I've built a working spinning wheel with my dad alongside me and I still use it, along with several spindles for spinning. I also hand built two wooden strip canoes which are still floating! My next project will be a portable treadle lathe and demonstrate at both the guild show and my re-enactments of 1760's woodworking and family living skills.
- **What is the best deal you have ever gotten on a woodworking tool?** My best deal was a 3-1/4 hp Freund router which I purchased new for the sum of \$68.00, and have yet to use after sitting in my basement for the last 3 years. It was one of those “...but honey, I just gotta have it!” items. *Continued below.*

Member of the Month: Dave Mariucci, *continued from above*

- **Do you have any tips you can give us?** Learn all you can from mentors and guild members. They provide a valuable resource and only want to be asked to share. Don't be afraid to pick their brains with a conundrum you can't solve. Many of them have already 'been there, done that' and are willing to share that knowledge. The guild's library has many sources of information about anything you may be interested in and if not can steer you into the right direction. The guild provides a venue of like-minded individuals with a love or passion for wood, and is a joy for me to interact with.
- **Do you have any mentors?** Roy Underhill, the Berea, Kentucky Appalachian School of the Arts, and many, many people who didn't even know I was interested. My main interest is in hand tools, and how our ancestors used them to perfection. I am always interested in what I could have done differently or better or more efficiently without the use of electricity, only relying on hand or foot power. It really is a different mindset.

Alternate Uses for Sawdust, *Continued from Page 4*

By: Paula Martens

5. ...pot, add sawdust until the liquid thickens and pour into an empty egg carton. Let cool. Use as briquettes to get a fire going.
6. Fill wood holes and defects—an excellent filler when mixed into a putty with wood glue.
7. Pack a path—tamp sawdust to a dirt walkway to curtail erosion and create a soft, fragrant pathway thru your garden or wooded lot.
8. Chase weeds away—walnut wood sawdust is a natural weed killer. Use it between the cracks in driveways.
9. Lighten up cement—sawdust mixed into mortar is used when erecting cordwood walls to aid in bonding the walls together.
10. Clean a floor—Moisten sawdust with water and use a push broom to sweep it around to absorb fine dust/grime.

Field Trip: Oshkosh Designs

By: Steve Lockhart

Oshkosh Designs is a world-famous designer and manufacturer of laser-cut floor inlays. We will get a plant tour which lasts approximately 1 hour.

The Oshkosh Designs web address is :
www.oshkoshdesigns.com

We will meet at their plant at 2:00 pm on Friday afternoon June 3:

911 East Main Street
Winneconne, WI

Directions from Highway 41:

Take exit 134 to merge onto US-10 West (2 exits

south of College Ave. in Appleton)

Exit on the left onto US-45 S toward Oshkosh
Take exit toward WI -116 S and turn right onto
WI-116 S. Go 2.1 miles to destination (911 E.
Main St.).

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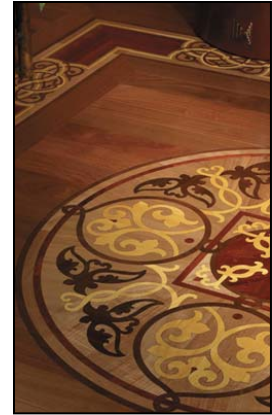


Photo Gallery: Member of the Month Dave Mariucci



Left: Dave Mariucci demonstrating antique scroll sawing methods at the annual guild show.

Right: Antique hand tool and bowls



Field Trip: Oshkosh Designs, *Continued from above*

By: Steve Lockhart

...There will be a sign up sheet at the meeting on May 20.

If you won't be at the meeting but wish to go, please email Steve Lockhart at salockhart@gmail.com or call at 920.733.2347 before June 1.

If you wish to carpool, please make arrangements on your own (maybe at the May Meeting).

NORTHEAST WISCONSIN WOODWORKERS GUILD MEETINGS

When: Every 3rd Friday of the month, unless specified otherwise

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Where: Maryann Cofrin Hall, UW-Green Bay campus



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www.newwg.org

Guild Officers

President, Steve Lockhart

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Membership, Fred Juengst

Special Events, Dan Alesch

Spring Show, Jane Alesch

Web Site, Mark Brien

Newsletter, Paula Martens

For inquiries regarding this newsletter or joining the guild, contact Paula Martens at:

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Craft Show Vendors Wanted

By: Paula Martens

Friends of Rawhide have scheduled a craft show for **Saturday, May 21st** for hand-made / handcrafted items at the Riverside Ballroom, 1560 Main Street, Green Bay. Money from table rental will be used by Rawhide for education and counseling purposes. Details include:

- Spaces: 12'x10'
 - 1 table/space for \$20 or 2 for \$35
 - Tables are 8 feet long
 - Electricity is \$5 extra
 - Show time: 10:00 am to 2:00 pm
 - WI vendors license required for sign-up sheet
- Guild members interested in participating should call Warren or Julie at (920) 499-4139.

Deadline to sign up: Monday, May 16, 2011

A little Rawhide history:

Rawhide was founded in 1965 by John & Jan Gillespie and Bart & Cherry Starr to help troubled

teen-age boys. It is a faith-based program of care, discipline, love and education.

Although funded by individual and corporate donors, Rawhide also depends on other fundraising programs such as the donation of vehicles, boats and trailers. The "Friends of Rawhide Treasure and Craft Show" is just another way friends can donate smaller items to Rawhide, which can then be converted to cash in what they call their "treasure sale" event.

You can help Rawhide in one of 4 ways:

1. Donate an item for their Treasure Sale with an estimated value of \$25 or more. Donated items will be sold at fixed-price sales.
2. Reserve a crafters table.
3. Be a volunteer at the May 21st event (Call 336-4014 to volunteer)
4. Attend the event...and bring guests along.