



# BENCH TALK

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## NORTHEASTERN WISCONSIN WOODWORKERS GUILD THIS FRIDAY EVENING, JANUARY 16<sup>TH</sup>

### CHOOSING AND USING GLUES AND EPOXIES

with Chris Rowland and Jeff Alarie

Just as you don't use the same type of lumber or sheet goods for all types of wood working, you can't rely on one type of glue to produce the best results in all of your bonded assemblies. Chances are, like most woodworkers, you use some type of white or yellow woodworking glue 90% of the time, but there may be a much better alternative product to use when water resistance, open time, or clamping concerns are the primary consideration. It makes good sense to have an arsenal of appropriate products at your disposal, and to know when and how to best use each of them.

At our January meeting, Chris Rowland and Jeff Alarie from Woodcraft in Appleton will clarify these issues for us. Chris and Jeff are well known to area woodworkers as leaders of the friendly team at our local Woodcraft store who provide us with access to the best woodworking tools and materials available, and, just as importantly, the knowledge we need to use them safely, appropriately and effectively.

The program will cover the various types of adhesives commonly used for woodworking, and the characteristics and properties that make each one useful in particular circumstances. They will also discuss available tools and proven techniques for the application of adhesives that will help us get the kind of results we want to see in our work - both strong and pretty.

Join us for a woodworker's "bonding session" on Friday, January 16 at 7:00 PM in our spiffy, high tech meeting location: Room 111 of MARY ANN COFRIN HALL on the UWGB campus.

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### THE SPRING SHOW

*by Jane Alesch*

We will again be somewhere in Washington Commons for our Annual Spring Show. The dates are March 13 and 14, with set-up on Friday, March 12.

We need your participation and we need it quickly. (I'm behind because Dan and I were delayed a week or so when visiting the kids in Oklahoma after the holidays. My mother had to be hospitalized there with pneumonia. She is getting better.) I need some serious clues about who will be

donating what as a door prize. Will anyone make something special if the Guild pays for supplies? Any suggestions for a tool or tools that we might use for door prizes? We need members who are willing to display and, if they so wish, to sell their products at the Show. We also need demonstrators, helpers, raffle ticket sellers, and word of mouth publicity.

## MEMBERSHIP STATUS REPORT

*By Fred Juengst*

For those with memberships renewals due in January, your *Bench Talk* address label will be highlighted in PINK. Please pay your dues as soon as possible.



Only four members have not renewed their memberships due in December. This is a reminder for Wade Egan, Steve and Darlene Enderby, Fred Juengst, and John Lacy. Please pay your dues now.

Membership renewals due in November are now overdue by two months. This is the next to last newsletter for Bill Wright. Please pay your dues today.

We have seven members with renewal dates in October who are more than three months late. If you are one of these, you have received a postcard attached to your *Bench Talk*. This is your last *Bench Talk* unless you pay your dues promptly. If you don't wish to continue your membership, please print your name on the card as shown and drop the postcard in the mail. The postcard simply confirms your intent. Please keep your name tag in the event you rejoin later. To continue your membership, slip the postcard and dues payment in an envelope and mail it. Use the

same address as is printed on the postcard. This way we will be able to reuse the postcard provided you do not write anything on it.

To pay your dues, send your check to Fred Juengst, 846 Cornelius Dr., Green Bay, WI 54311. If you have any questions about your membership, please call Fred at 920-469-1919 or e-mail [mdjuengst@aol.com](mailto:mdjuengst@aol.com).

## JIM, THE TOOL MAN

*by Jim Haen*

Hi, I'm Jim . . . and I'm a tool addict. I attend regular meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month.

As most of you know, I enjoy the mechanical and design aspects of wood and metal working tools as much as the woodworking hobby itself.

Now that I told you last month about sharp drill bits and belt/disk sanders, on to my next favorite tool: the random orbit sander. These things will sand twice as fast as the ¼ sheet, ½ sheet or other non-random orbitals! And, they leave a surface perfectly swirl free even on squirrely grain.

Because I'm so frugal, I like tools that serve multiple purposes. The right angle design Porter Cable 97355 was the kit for me (the 9 means "kit", and the 5 means 5", or a 6 means 6"). It's a 5" contour pad hook and loop, variable speed, with dust hood, hose, and case. It collects most of the dust and has a real rubber cord long enough to actually reach an outlet. Take off the random orbit assembly, toss on some nasty gritty sandpaper, and you've got a v.s. right angle grinder hog for that roughing-out work on big wood or even for sanding metal.

Now here's the kicker. Go to an auto body supply store and buy a Meguiar's Mirror Glaze foam polishing pad # W-8006 or two for 11 bucks each. Now you can

finish sand, polish . . . and wax that wood project. Or, if you like, wax the car in less than 20 minutes (or even your shower stall, countertop, or boat hull) with that spare foam pad! You cannot mar or burn the paint when using the foam pad at any speed or pressure! We use it regularly on our Porsche, everyday cars, countertops, and even on woodworking projects. Meguiars sells the same machine as #G-100 just for this purpose at a much higher price and without the dust hood. It's an industrial tool meant to last a lifetime. The only drawback is it's quite noisy. This thing has saved me tons of time, I hope it does the same for you.

As always, please patronize our local member supply stores!

## **THE MONTHLY INJURY UPDATE**

A year ago, Steve Enderby arrived at the Holiday Party still under the influence of medication with a finger full of sutures. He was hurrying to get that last project done.

This year, it was Bruce Carlson. He arrived at the Holiday Party with clean white bandages covering a finger that had been torn up by a table saw blade just hours before. All this, even though Bruce is one of our more careful woodworkers. We hope you have quick and complete recovery.

Here's the lesson. Be careful. Pay attention. Don't rush the cut. Work smart. It is always that one moment when you aren't paying full attention that results in the injury. We want everyone to stay whole.

## **THE OLD CARVER'S CORNER**

*by the Old Carver*

The carvers will meet at Dan and Jane's Studio A. The upcoming dates are January 20 and February 3. We start at 7 p.m. Bring a project and some tools.

## **THE BOARD MEETING**

The Executive Board will meet January 21. A primary topic for discussion will be the upcoming annual Spring Show.

Unless you hear otherwise, it will be at Dan and Jane's house at 7.

## **THE HOLIDAY PARTY**


*by Jane Alesch*

Dan and I want to thank all 75 or so of you who participated in the Holiday Gala at our home December 5. We hope everyone had as good a time as we did. As always, we're eager to hear from you as to how we might make next year's event even better.

We are grateful to both Chris and Mary at Woodcraft and Merl and Char at Woodworkers Depot for making it possible for us to buy a wonderful assortment of door prizes at truly remarkable prices. What would we do without those two wonderful shops and the great support they give the Guild?

**BELIEVE IT OR KNOT!** *Generally unrelated chips, splinters, and cutoffs from the world of wood working in northeastern Wisconsin for your interest, amazement, or amusement*

*by Dan Alesch*

 Every year, Guild members make toys, games, boxes, and other wooden treasures for people who are a lot less fortunate than we are. These items are donated to local shelters and other organizations that give them directly to those in need.

This year, a few Guild members were extraordinarily generous, contributing exceptional examples of the woodworker's art. Thank you so very much. Your gifts were delivered right after the Party to the Golden House, Freedom House, and Families of Children With Cancer. Jane and I got to see the very sincere "thank you" smiles, oohs and ahhs, and get the notes in the mail. Thanks to everyone who contributed. It is really a wonderful tradition.

Dale Kosicki and his wife are angels for the Families of Children With Cancer all year long. If you have a spare toy or box

and can't wait until the next holiday season, call Dale.

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