



BENCH TALK

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THE MEETING IS THIS FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19th

JIGS AND BITS WITH DALE KOZICKI

By Fred Juengst

Nearly all woodworkers are interested in tools and jigs because they normally improve accuracy and aid in producing identical parts. Jigs often allow you to perform an operation that would otherwise require some sophisticated tool not available to you. For example, the magazine, *Woodsmith*, often shows a project and then how to make the jigs used to achieve the accuracy needed to build that project. Guild member, Dale Kozicki, has created and or modified a number of jigs for making many project pieces. Dale is an accomplished woodworker, as many of you know from his demonstrations at our Spring Show.

At our November program, Dale will show and discuss the jigs he uses for making rail and stiles, raised panels, hinge pocket or mortises, wood milling, belt sander table, glass inserts, and how to glue up small raised panel doors. You can use these same jigs and tools to construct lots of different projects. I think you will not only enjoy the program, but will take away something to improve your woodworking skills. Join us on November 19 at 7:00 PM in room 111 in Mary Ann Cofrin Hall at the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay.

You know Dale. He's the big guy who usually hangs around the parking lot after the meeting, giving away wood that he's obtained from various sources. Dale is also big-hearted. He spends a lot of time making boxes and other items in support of organizations helping children with cancer. It's taken a long time for us to induce Dale to do a program, so be there or be square.

**November 19, 2003 at 7:00 P.M.
University of Wisconsin-Green Bay Campus
111 Mary Ann Cofrin Hall**

HOLIDAY PARTY AT 909 FOREST HILL DRIVE IN GREEN BAY

by Jane Alesch

As is the custom, Guild members will meet at our house for its annual holiday party. This year, it is on Saturday, December 11. We will gather about 6 p.m. and probably start eating about 6:30. The Guild supplies soda, coffee, hot cranberry drink, and hot shredded

meat (pork or beef) on a bun, condiments, and plates and plasticware.

Your job is to bring a festive spirit and a food item to share (in northeastern Wisconsin, we usually say "a dish to pass." Bring hors d'oeuvres, veggies, salad, dessert, or whatever you decide. Historically, we've had too much food, but last year we ran out, especially of "healthy" food. And, that doesn't

mean that everyone should bring a veggie plate!

There will be door prizes of interest to woodworkers (especially if you volunteer now to pick them up!). There is always good conversation and lots of really good stuff to eat.

There are many new people in the Guild, so we encourage you “old-timers” to mix it up and talk with the “newbies”.

Coats will go in the middle and master bedrooms, but *all name tags and door prize entry forms will be in the master bedroom.*

There will be a sign-up sheet at the November meeting or call Dan or Jane Alesch at 920-468-0132 or e-mail us at dalesch@new.rr.com to tell us your plans. **Please let us know whether you are coming by Monday, December 6. Tell us how many are coming and their names. Don't wait! The house holds only 80.**

Consider car-pooling. We live on a long, narrow *cul de sac*. We are half-way up the block on the left-hand side. Santa will be waiting for you on the porch swing. Any questions?? Call us at 920-468-0132.

Last, it is a NEWWG tradition to make and donate a toy or other wood gift for the less fortunate. We'll be happy to bring your gift, toy, box, or whatever to a local shelter for the less fortunate. If you can't make it to the party, bring your contribution to the November meeting or drop it off at the house. Thank you!

GOOD NEWS!!

We got the following e-mail from Lyle Martens this week!

Your prayers, Hope, PMA, and Modern Medicine have resulted in the 100% remission of my cancer. After 11 months and 4 different chemo's, and spending almost everyday in the hospital, the Mayo Clinic indicated that my cancer was gone from my blood and bone marrow. This does not mean it can't come back but for now the news is great. There is some bad news and that is as a result of all the chemo treatments my blood levels

are at rock bottom and I have no immune system to speak of. It may take one to two months for me to recover so in the meantime I must be careful of public exposure. Hopefully, I can now go back to a more active routine. Thanks for all your prayers and thoughts. Lyle

Lyle and Darlene, that is really fabulous news. We're all very happy for you.

We're also really excited and happy to report that Terry Keegan has completed his radiation and chemo therapy in connection with cancer at the base of his tongue. Terry won't know for a couple of months whether they got everything, but we're all hopeful. The recovery process is difficult and healing will take some time, and even though his patience sometimes wears thin, Terry seems to be holding up well. He could use your good wishes and moral support, but he needs the rest, so don't call him. You could send an e-mail: tkeegan@new.rr.com.



No December Benchtalk. Editor busy in Santa's workshop.

MEMBERSHIP STATUS REPORT

By Fred Juengst

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

Four memberships are up for renewal in November. Your mailing label is highlighted in PINK. Please send in your dues or bring payment to the November meeting.

Three membership renewals due in October are now one month overdue. This is a reminder for Steve and Jean Lenz, Robert Rudolph, and Darrell von Berg. Please pay

your dues today and continue to be an active member of the Guild.

Two membership renewals due in September are now two months overdue: Dave Anderson and Hung Nguyen, this is your next to last *Bench Talk*. Please consider continuing being an active member of the Guild and pay your dues today.

Thanks for your interest in the maintaining your membership in the Guild.

OCTOBER MEETING REVIEW

by *Steve Lockhart*

“Stained Glass and Wood” was Presented by stained glass artisan Erv Kuhfal and Woodworker Steve Lockhart You’re getting a slightly biased report here because I am both the reviewer and one of the presenters.

Erv is an accomplished stained glass artisan who does a wide variety of patterns in stained glass. He stressed that working with stained glass requires a great deal of patience. Erv uses the “foil method” to hold the pieces of glass together. With this method, each piece of glass is wrapped with a narrow strip of adhesive backed copper foil which provides a band about 1/16 inch around the edges for solder to adhere to. After each piece is wrapped with the foil, the pieces are held in place and then soldered together. Erv displayed a number of beautifully crafted projects, from a lamp shade to a hanging sun catcher to an intricate stained glass “cathedral” which held a candle inside to show off the colors.

In Green Bay, we are lucky to have the Glass Haus on Walnut street. They offer stained glass classes in which the tuition covers use of the tools, so that an individual could find out whether he or she has the aptitude to do a stained glass project without spending a huge amount of money.

Erv turned over the floor to me. I explained that I tried doing stained glass about 20 years ago and found I didn’t have enough patience! I had a revelation a few years back in which I determined that if I only did patterns with straight lines (instead of curves) I didn’t need as much patience. Since then I’ve done a number of pieces (all with straight lines).

The stained glass is either held in to a wood frame by strips of wood, or I use a shortcut on some projects by gluing the glass in the frame with clear silicone sealant. I showed a few photos of projects including a skylight, stove hood and a window valence.

Editor’s note: Jane and I were in Arkansas taking a carving class and missed the show, but we heard through the grapevine that it was very well received. Thanks, Erv and Steve, for the presentation and thanks, Steve, for writing it up.

GUILDWEAR UPDATE

Rich Ward, Guild President, reports that Guildwear is available now for Christmas giving and for looking smart during the woodworking season! The Guild sells this stuff dirt cheap so you can look good. Rich will be bringing shirts, caps, etc. to the November meeting, so bring your cash or check-book.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR THOSE LESS FORTUNATE

Every year, Guild members create wooden toys, pens, bowls, boxes, and other wonderful things that are given to groups that help people out who are having a tough time. We have given much-appreciated gifts to homeless shelters, Toys for Tots, shelters for abused spouses, charitable organizations helping sick children and their families, and

other groups. It is a tradition that Guild members can be proud of.

To keep the tradition alive, please make and donate something that you think a child, teen, adult, or senior citizen would like. Bring it to the November meeting, call a Guild officer who will pick it up, or bring it to the Holiday Party. We'll make sure it goes to a worthy cause.

This year, we'll also take personal care items, like soap, toothbrushes and paste, and food.

And, while you're thinking about it, volunteer to head up this activity for the Guild during 2005. We really need your help.

LIBRARY NOTE

There is no December *Bench Talk* and no regular December meeting, so take out enough books and tapes at the next meeting to last you until the next meeting.

THE OLD CARVER'S CORNER



The carvers will continue to meet at Dan and Jane's Studio A, with sessions scheduled for November 17, (Wed), 23 (Tues), and 30 (Wed) and for December 15 (Wed). Mark your calendars now.

There was a big turnout last session. Tim Krajnik was there with photos of Preston, the Krajnik's new baby boy. Cute kid. Takes after his mom.

Like other woodworkers, the carvers are hard at it: making items for sale, items they have already sold but not yet finished, and items for family and friends. If you have it in you, you might light a candle for them.

THE BOARD MEETING

by Steve Lockhart

The meeting was held at Fred Juengst's home. Present were Mark Brien, Fred Juengst, Jane Alesch, Tom Charlier, Rich Ward, and Steve Lockhart. Rich Ward went over the notes he took from the last meeting. Steve Lockhart gave the Treasurer's report. The only financially significant activity in the last month was that the Guild spent approximately \$1100 on embroidered guild tee shirts, hats and long sleeve shirts. Rich sold a few at the last meeting and will bring them to each meeting. Rich will keep track of the proceeds and Steve will enter the proceeds in a separate account in the books. We are selling at cost.

Tom Carlson agreed to take over the Meeting Raffle. Thanks, Tom!

Fred Juengst reported that he is working with Mark Brien to update the email address list. Upcoming programs are expected to include Dale Kozicki will present in November and the Holiday Party is December 11 at the Alesch's. In the new year, we'll have antique tools, a presentation from the Forest Products Laboratory.

The Board discussed alternate dates for the annual Spring Show. The first choice is April 9-10 and second choice is April 2-3. Jane will contact Washington Commons to find out whether these dates are ok.

Rich Ward is looking into getting NEWWG stickers made for members car windows and Tom Charlier is looking into the feasibility of chartering a bus to take members to the Milwaukee woodworking show in February. He is also checking into the possibility of guild members attending the International Wood Collectors society meeting in Madison.

Mark Brien reports nothing new with the Web Site, but things are going pretty well.

Generally unrelated chips, splinters, and cutoffs for your interest, amazement, or amusement.

by Dan Alesch

INJURY UPDATE: Haven't heard lately about any big injuries except for the one suffered by Roger Young at the carving session. A sharp jab to the left thumb with a sharp tool. Not much screaming, but onlookers were impressed with Roger's calm. A small band-aid took care of it. Thank goodness for the Blood Donor Sign provided to the carvers by certain lakeshore funny guys.

HITTING IT HARD AT WASHINGTON COMMONS: By the time you get this, we will have had two weekends at the indoor market in Washington Commons. The first weekend went fairly smoothly, with our artisans arriving about dawn and leaving after lunch. Sales were mixed, but there was lots of traffic. Looks like the event is successful. Still time for you to sign up for the market!

Spread the word that your Guild is at the Commons with excellent gifts, or treat yourself to one of them. It should be obvious by now that you cannot make all the gifts yourself this season.

Robère Dequère (AKA Bob Decker) scored high on sales and orders. When asked about his success, Robère gave credit to his wife, family, fans, and, especially, the treats served at carving meetings. "Eet eez zo guud," he said in an almost intelligible French-Canadian accent. After some time, I was also able to discern that he wanted to urge a certain west side friend to "do the right thing," whatever that means.

If you won't be demonstrating or selling at the extended outdoor market indoors at Washington Commons, stop in on Saturday mornings through the second week of December to encourage Guild members and to spend a few bucks on holiday gifts.

SEND IT IN! Many of you have already sent in your information for the Guild directory we plan to have completed in January, but some of you still haven't sent me anything. Lost your form? Call me at 920-468-0132. Don't want to be in the directory? Let me know. Procrastinating? Well, try to get it to me.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING AND HAPPY DECEMBER HOLIDAYS, TOO. Not all the news these days is good news. Tens of thousands of young American men and women have been deployed to the Middle East or are stationed around the world in places most of us would rather not be. Their families miss them. More than a thousand families will spend the holidays with the memory of a loved one who was killed far from home. Others of us will be spending our first holidays in many years without someone we love and that we lost during the year. Some will be celebrating a new addition to their family, recovery from a serious illness, or the simply joy of having friends and family home for the holidays. We hope that, whatever your circumstances, you are able to find comfort and joy during the holidays from the messages of hope and the good will that abounds at this time of year.

