



BENCH TALK

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INTARSIA DEMONSTRATION AT THE MEETING THIS FRIDAY, MARCH 18

by Lyle Martens

Remember the Intarsia fireman during show and tell at the last Guild meeting? That work was done by Jerry Kronschnabel. For twenty-five years, Jerry worked in the agriculture industry as an equipment trouble shooter. He retired about the age 70 and, ever since, has been involved in the hobby of woodworking.

While he began his hobby with carving, Jerry has been making furniture for his home and children. He has developed a real interest and skill in intarsia and will demonstrate his skill at the March Guild meeting. Some of our best programs have come from our own members, so please attend and find out if you have an interest in intarsia.

**March 18, 2005 at 7:00 P.M.
University of Wisconsin-Green Bay Campus
109 Mary Ann Cofrin Hall**

HERE COMES THE SPRING SHOW!!! SAVE APRIL 8, 9, 10

This year's show will be the Guild's 23rd consecutive show in downtown Green Bay at what is now called Washington Commons. Let's work together to make it the best ever.

Last year's show was a great success. Thousands of people came to Washington Commons from all over Northeastern Wisconsin and even parts of the UP, just to visit the show and to watch and talk with those

who were demonstrating a wood skill or displaying their materials.

The Deal

This will be the 23rd annual Spring Show. The objectives are to promote woodworking, attract new members, enjoy time with fellow Guild members, display and sell your work, and raise enough money from our annual raffle to support the Guild, the library, and our programs.

Members are able to sell their products or take orders at the Show. Last year, one member grossed over \$1000 in sales. You could be making money, too. Be prepared with an inventory of handmade wooden items. You are responsible for your own sales tax number if necessary.

The Cost

The show is free for everyone. No admission charge. No parking charge in City lots on Saturday and Sunday, but there are parking fees on Friday. The Guild rents tables with skirts, so there is no extra table fee for members. You can bring your own display cases and tables if you want, but they should be skirted.

The Calendar

Setup is Friday afternoon and evening. The Show begins Saturday morning and runs from 10 A.M. to 6 P.M. On Sunday, we open at 11:00 A.M., have the raffle drawing at 4 P.M. and then close down at 4:30 P.M. and clean up.

The Space

We will be in a store front again this year. The location is prime; we'll be just off the food court, right near the escalator, in a space plenty big to accommodate all our needs. The store entrance provides for excellent security and crowd control and enables us to lock our stuff in the room on Friday and Saturday nights.

The Guild provides tables and chairs. The tables are great, but the chairs are not. You may wish to bring your own chair to provide yourself with decent comfort.

Just tell Jane (468-0132) how much space you need no later than April 1st. If you do not reserve space ahead of time, we will not rent a table for you. See the enclosed sheet.

Ten Ways You Can Make it Work

1. Plan to be in attendance.
2. Display your woodworking items.
3. Demonstrate your skills: we will have demonstrations: carving, coopering, hand planing rough and cupped wood, scroll sawing, box making, and turning vessels. What can you demonstrate (that isn't too noisy, dangerous, or dirty)? Can you make picture frames? Do pyrography (wood burning)? Whittle? Show varieties of wood?
4. Sell raffle tickets. They are \$1 each or six for \$5.00. Call Jane at 468-0132 to get more tickets. Each sheet in this newsletter can be cut into six tickets. Please return the name stubs only with the money at the March meeting, at the Show before the drawing, or mail it to Jane Alesch, 909 Forest Hill Drive, Green Bay, WI 54311 so it gets there before the Show. Be sure to leave the stub with the buyers and remind them to come to the Show.
5. Help with publicity by appearing on television with Lyle Martens on WLUK, Thursday, April 7, to promote the show . Distribute posters. Call your favorite radio station with details. If you don't like to talk on the radio, set it up and we'll get someone else to do the talking. Put a notice in your school newsletter, church bulletin, etc. Tell all your friends and neighbors.
6. Help with signs and flyers.
7. Come to the show to provide security, talk with prospective members, give demonstrators or displayers a little break, or hawk raffle tickets
8. Donate a prize for the raffle.
9. Help set up and/or take down. This includes unloading and loading.

10. Deliver prizes to winners!

The Raffle Prizes

Once again, our friends at Woodworkers Depot and Woodcraft of Appleton have come through for us! They have made it possible for us to put together an amazing array of tool prizes for the Spring Raffle. These include a Makita 6-pack with retail value over \$700, a Porter Cable cordless brad nailer (value over \$300), a Dremel rotary tool kit with planer and multi-saw (over \$125), a woodworking cloth bag filled with tools and gadgets (over \$125), and a mountain bike.

Be sure to support the local woodworking stores that support us! These folks have been consistently super to us through the years, so, before you buy, give them a try.

So far, we have the following items promised by Guild members: snowman intarsia, etched mirror, scenic saw, boxes, carvings, 3-legged Norwegian chair, clock, shelf, bowls, turnings, and a friendship cane from the carvers. More will be coming!

Jane needs a list of specific prizes no later than show time Saturday so she can make signs and a list for drawing prizes. Please let her know as soon as you can what you will contribute. Call her at 920-468-0132 or at jalesch@new.rr.com or bring the item to the March 18 meeting.

The prizes will be displayed soon at the mall in the store window where we'll be holding the show.

Unloading and Loading Up

Two easy entries are available for unloading and loading. Use either the main mall entrance on Adams Street at the circle or unload on the ground floor from the parking ramp off Main Street. Enter the Commons from the parking ramp. The Commons has some carts and some pegboard for display purposes. First come, first served.

THE LIBRARY HAS GROWN!

The Library has new books! Jane Alesch went shopping at Woodcraft and Bob Fruzen went shopping at Woodworkers Depot, so be sure to take a look at the new offerings on Friday, March 18. There are some dandies.

BIG DOINGS AT WOODWORKERS DEPOT March 24, 25, and 26

Merl tells me that the Depot is having a big sale March 24, 25, and 26. There will be company reps, sale prices on most power tools, and special deals on Jet, Powermatic, Performax and Wilton items, like 10% off already marked down prices plus a "green tag" on selected machines which gives added discounts on future purchases, accessories, and the like. There are sales prices on most tools and accessories.

There will also be demonstrations; in fact, Merl is still looking for some demonstrators. Give him a call at Woodworkers Depot if you think you might like to demonstrate a skill and get a special consideration for your effort. "We're looking for demo ideas," said Merl, "And those interested in doing a demo."

Dennis at the Depot reminded me of a couple of demonstrations and classes of interest coming up. Guild member Lyle Martens will give an Incra demonstration on March 12 and our Librarian, Bob Fruzen, will demonstrate scroll saw-intarsia on March 26.

Guild member Bill Wright has a carving class scheduled at the Depot on March 19. There is space for one or two more people. The price is \$80.

GUILDWEAR UPDATE

Rich Ward will bring Guildwear to the March meeting and to the April show. Bring some cash or your checkbook and pick out some gear that identifies you as a member of

the Northeast Wisconsin Woodworking Guild member. Then be sure to wear it to the Spring Show so you actually look like a woodworker! And a proud member of the Guild at that!

WOODWORKING CAN BE DANGEROUS

by Lyle Martens

Woodworking can be dangerous for both humans and machines. Recently, my dust collector was seriously injured. Some time ago I purchased a new Jet 2 hp dust collector. Trust me, it really has drawing power! After sucking up a box of screws and sending some of them through the intake hose, I still did not realize the potential for disaster – even after I saw some of the screws sticking out through the tubing! While this dust collector has collected ends from 2x4's, etc. with a bang, I never expected what happened last week. While cleaning the surface on my table saw, I accidentally sucked up my orange plastic push stick. OH! Such a bang as it went through the impeller. The blow fractured the push stick and placed a large dent in the housing. The collector now vibrates, so I suspect I bent a shaft. Users beware!

MEMBERSHIP STATUS REPORT

By Fred Juengst

I would like to welcome new members Steve Danielson, Dan Hallada, Adolf Hendriks, and Milton Schmit. Now that you are full members, be sure to participate in our April Show. We hope you will not be shy and offer your advice or suggestions on how to improve the Guild.

Eight memberships are up for renewal in March. Your mailing label is highlighted in PINK. Please send in your dues or bring payment to the March meeting and save postage.

Three membership renewals were due in February and are now one month overdue: Curt Andersen, Allen Moyer, and John Nowak.

Please pay your dues today; you would be missed sorely if you drop out.

Three memberships due in January are now two months overdue: Bob and Diane Froehlich, Carl Graf, and Bob Quella, this is your next to last *Bench Talk*. Please consider continuing being an active member of the Guild and pay your dues today.

Members failing to renew their membership and are overdue by at least three months received a postcard attached to their *Bench Talk*. This will be your last *Bench Talk* unless you pay your dues promptly. If you do not wish to continue your membership, just print your name on the postcard as shown and drop it in the mail. The postcard confirms your intent. Please keep your name tag in the event you choose to rejoin the Guild at a later date. If you borrowed books from the Guild Library, please give Bob Fruzen (920-863-6819) a call to arrange for the return of the borrowed items.

To continue your membership, slip the post card and dues in an envelope and mail it to me. Provided you do not mark the postcard, we will be able to reuse it.

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, call me. I can be reached at 920-469-1919. Or send me an e-mail at mdjuengst@aol.com. Thanks from the Guild.

ANYONE INTERESTED IN A FIELD TRIP?

By Lyle Martens

A couple of members asked me about a field trip to the Forest Products Lab in Madison. They offer several programs. I was informed that next fall there will be a wood collectors convention held at Forest Products Lab. Tom Charlier, a member, will be attending and suggested that might be a good time for a field trip. I will ask Tom to talk

about it during the March meeting and we can determine if there is interest.

If you have an idea for a field trip, let me know. I'll see what can be arranged!

THE OLD CARVER'S CORNER

by the Olde Carver

The carvers will continue to meet at Dan and Jane's home. Sessions are currently scheduled for March 23 and 30 and for April 6 and 13. Mark your calendars now.

The carvers continue working on a "friendship cane" to raffle off at the Spring Show. The cane is close to completion and will be donated as a prize for the Spring Show.

Carving shows are coming up. On March 19-20, The Wisconsin River Woodcarvers 5th Woodcarving Show, Sale & Competition, in PLOVER, WI. On Apr. 24, the Mid-Wisconsin Chippers Woodcarvers Show, OSHKOSH, WI. Other shows are coming up, too, but we're not sure about the dates. Let us know if you know and we'll get the word out. Think about car-pooling now that gas costs well over \$2 a gallon.

UNRELATED CHIPS, SPLINTERS, AND CUTOFFS FOR YOUR, AMAZEMENT OR AMUSEMENT.

by Dan Alesch

❑ NEED WOOD?

Tim Evans and a friend have more wood than they can use right now and have some good prices on kiln dried lumber, including red oak, black walnut, ash, cherry, calico, and butternut. It is already graded and the prices look very good to me. Call 884-6486.

❑ ATTENTION SCROLL SAW FANS. The 2005 Midwest Scroll Saw Trade Show (formerly picnic) will be held Saturday, August 6, from 8 to 4 in Richland Center, Wisconsin. The new location in Richland Center is at the

High School, located on U.S. Hwy 14 just west of town. For more information call 608 647-2591 or e-mail clhacker@mhtc.net.

Perhaps one of you who has been there before can give the rest of us some information about it for inclusion in the next *Benchtalk*. That might spur some additional interest.

❑ CHICKENS IN DARBOY. IMAGINE THAT!

Milton Schmit from Appleton is a new member, but he wants to let you know that a big show is coming up in Darboy this June. Darboyfest, as they call it, includes a chickenfest, woodworkers, and a craft and garden show. It will be held Saturday, June 25 at the Darboy USA Community Park. With more than 3,000 visitors, the festival gives woodworkers a great opportunity to sell their products. Booth space is 14 x 14 and costs only \$20 (marked down from \$50 for woodworkers). Call Milton at 920-993-9664 or reach him at his e-mail address: memaschmit@aol.com.

❑ The March Board meeting will be held at Dan and Jane Alesch's house in Green Bay. This meeting will focus on wrapping up all the details for the Spring Show. The date is Tuesday, March 29th at 7:00 P.M.