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CREATING YOUR OWN PROJECT PLANS

by Mark Brien

At the Guild's monthly meeting on April 21st, we'll hear from Darryl Polzin who will give us tips on how to create our own project plans and how to make drawings to guide us through the project.

Do you have trouble getting your idea for a project on paper? Do you know how to make a working drawing to use for a material list, cut list, types of joints, or help with assembly? If not, join us Friday April 21 to hear Darryl Polzin on creating working drawings.

Darryl is a retired industrial arts teacher of 36 years, all at Preble High. He started his career with Jr High shop class and ended teaching drafting and Computer Assisted Design (CAD).

To take full advantage of this opportunity, please bring some plain white paper (unlined), a 12 inch straight edge/ruler, and two #2 pencils (there will be NO tests at the end of the program).

As usual, we'll meet at 7:00 P.M. in Room 111 of Mary Ann Cofrin Hall. The direct route in is under serious construction and is completely impassable (Actually, they are rerouting the road so they can build the new events center.) To get to MAC Hall, continue north from the intersection where you would normally enter to go the sports center and MAC Hall. Take the first left on Walter Way and follow the signs to MAC and the Phoenix Sports Center. If you get lost, ask a student for directions or call Jane on her cell phone (246-1553).

A LOOK BACK AT THE SPRING SHOW

by Jane Alesch

The Spring Show turned out to be just great. We had amazingly good space courtesy of East Town Mall. And, because we got good coverage on television, from our posters and newspaper ads, and word of mouth, we had a great turnout – maybe 2,500 people or more and they all seemed to have a good time.

The displays were wonderful, many members helped with set-up, selling raffle tickets, attracting new members, and demonstrating their skills. Some folks sold quite a bit, but not everyone had things for sale and the buyers favored some kinds of items over others, for no known reason.

The raffle was amazing. You set an all time record with 63 prizes, including the power

tools the Guild purchased for the raffle. Ticket sales were brisk. We grossed about \$4,127, which will shrink by a little more than \$1,000 as the bills come in for tables, power tool prizes, printing, and advertising. It is, we think, our second best total in the 24 year history. Fred Juengst reminded me that, one year, we grossed only \$74 in ticket sales. We've come a long way.

The only complaint I have is that not enough of you who make furniture brought any. Bring more next year!

We owe special thanks to both Woodcraft of Appleton and the Woodworkers Depot. Both organizations made substantial contributions toward the power tool prizes and both organizations had representatives at the Show. Thanks, folks, for your help and for your support to the Guild!

Special thanks go to Chris Rowland of Woodcraft who ended up vacuuming the whole place at the end of the show. Next year, we're going to have a vacuuming committee. Volunteers, please.

I think everyone who participated and all the visitors enjoyed themselves. I know that the carvers kept busy talking with visitors and enjoyed lying to each other about their former hockey careers, etc.

Thanks so much, everyone, for all your efforts. It was a great show. No, we are not going to do one every other month.

ANNUAL ELECTION AT JUNE MEETING

If you've always wanted to be an officer of the Guild, or even if you haven't, here's your chance. The annual election will be held at the June meeting, which, from our by-laws, is always also the annual meeting. Being an officer isn't hard, but it is important work. Without Board members, there wouldn't be any Guild. You might show up for a program on the third Friday and no one would be there. You wouldn't be able to borrow books, see speakers, get the Benchtalk.

Right now, the Board is looking hard for one or two people who want to take on the job as lead person in arranging programs. The other Board members help out. You could be the one to take this important job on. Give it some

thought and talk with **Rich Ward**, **Lyle Martens**, or any of the Board members.

BOARD MEETING

The Board will meet at **Steve Lockhart's** home on the banks of lovely Little Lake Butte des Morts soon. The April 13 meeting was postponed due to a lot of conflicting demands. If you have anything you would like to bring to the Board's attention, or if you just want to sit in, let any officer know.

THE OLDE CARVER'S NOTES

by the Olde Carver

The carvers usually (read always) have desert when they carve. I have it on good authority that Dan Alesch, while attempting to simultaneously sit down and ogle a tempting piece of chocolate pie he was holding, flipped his plate upside down and ended up with a lap full of chocolate pie. I also heard that he scooped it back on the plate and, after mouthing a couple of deleted expletives, scarfed it down. He was later heard to mumble, "It would have been better had I cut myself."

To cover his humiliation, Dan is off on another trip to the South to talk with people in communities that suffered one or more disasters. Consequently, the carvers will not meet again until May 3rd.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

By Fred Juengst

What a show we had! We picked up 15 new members and look forward to their participation in our next show. We do have one membership problem. **Tim McVey** paid his dues but, for some reason, we don't have his application with his address and phone number. If you know Tim, please give him or me a call so we can get this information entered into the system and he can get a *Benchtalk* and a name tag.

Eleven members are due for membership renewal this month. Your mail label is marked with colored magic marker. Our April meeting is an excellent time to renew your membership.

Another eleven members were due for renewal in March and are now overdue by one month. Please pay your dues as soon as possible

to continue your membership in the Guild.

Three members are more than two months overdue. This is a friendly reminder to **John Nowak**, **Sami Lee Phillips**, and **Bob Rocque** that your dues are due now. Please consider remaining a member of the Guild and pay your dues today.

Those who are overdue by more than three months have a postcard attached to this issue as a reminder to pay your dues as soon as possible. If you choose not to renew your membership, please sign the card and slip it into the mail. This will let me know you intended not to renew. Please keep your nametag in the event you wish to join at a later date. If you don't respond, I simply drop your name from our active roster.

For those getting a postcard who want to renew, just slip the UNMARKED postcard in an envelope with your membership dues and mail it to me at 846 Cornelius Dr., Green Bay, WI 54311. My address should be on the card as well but this has not always proved to be the case.

For those new members and those who paid dues in March up to April 9, please check your label to be sure your renewal date is in 2007 or later. If you feel I made a mistake with your dues, do not be shy, give me a call (920-469-1919) or e-mail (mdjuengst@aol.com) me with your complaint. I double-check all the roster entries but I do make mistakes and appreciate getting them corrected quickly. Another error I recently made was to forget to have a nametag made for a member. If you don't get a nametag in 3 months or so, please check with me at the meeting or give me a call.

I plan to get name tags for new members after the April meeting. The new name tags will cover the period of Feb 21 through the April meeting. If you have been waiting, your nametag should arrive for the May meeting.

If you borrowed books from the Guild Library, please give Joe or Trudy Ferrier (920-438-8116) a call to arrange to return the borrowed items.

FYI: Little tidbits of relevant, irrelevant, or irreverent news, observations, and assorted stuff

from and about members and their pursuits. by Dan Alesch

● **Tom Carlson**, all around good guy and our Guild treasurer, is in a Green Bay hospital for a week or so following surgery last Monday. We're eagerly awaiting his swift recovery and return to Guild activities. In the meantime, his wife and fellow Guild member, **Lee Carlson**, is tending to the treasurer duties. Keep them both in your mind and prayers.

● Remember that **Tom Charlier** is still collecting new and used hand tools for Hurricane Katrina victims folks in Biloxi, Mississippi. He got some contributions at the Spring Show, but there is need for more, so jump on the bandwagon and contribute those extra tools to charity. Just bring them to the April meeting. You can get a donation slip from Tom's church for tax purposes, too.

● Jane is particularly grateful to all those of you who expressed their appreciation for her efforts on the Spring Show, but wants to remind everyone that without all the efforts from other members, the Show could not be put on.

● Here's the second to last reminder for the Darboy Chicken Fest Craft and Garden Show scheduled for Saturday, June 24. Talk with Guild Member **Milton Schmidt** if you are interested in a booth. 920-993-9664 or e-mail him at Mcmaschmidt@aol.com.

● The folks at **Treasure Trove** in De Pere (864-3486) still need more woodworking items to sell. They've adjusted their consignment rates to accommodate those of us who are small time sellers. If you want to sell, give them a call..

● Got anything to sell? Got a good photo from the Spring Show? If there something you want Guild members to know? A new tip or jig? Catch a large fish? Injure yourself? Give Dan a call (468-0132), a secret note, or an e-mail (dalesch@new.rr.com) and let him know. Stardom (or anonymity if you prefer) awaits!

And they lived happily ever after. The end.