

Where?

- Seattle would probably be “best” first site
- Near GF owner concentration
- Good air/road connections
- Close enough to GF for machines/staff to attend
- Hotels with/near conference facility
- Auditorium
- Small expo hall

When?

- a year lead time
- 2-3 days (make it worthwhile to travel cross county)

Cost?

- Convention services – ~\$300/\$400 per person
- easy, steep for some, but that ensures commitment
- Goal/Limit – 100 participants? (if exceeded early, expand)

Convention “Owner”?

- A “GF-User Group” could be convention sponsor
- Someone at GF (@Dan) to invite a group of forum “super-users” to form a steering committee/provisional user group leadership to select topics, provide guidance, gather input, official convention host

- GF might not want to be the “owner”, but needs to be associated to get off the ground, someone would need to sign convention contracts

- Use a trade-show coordinator to do registration/coordination/arrangements or if there are volunteers in Seattle area

- Coordination with vendors

Expo/Vendor Hall

- GF machines
- GF materials
- Non-GF materials
 - BF Plastics
 - Johnson Plastics
- Other/similar/complimentary machines
 - Inventables
 - 3d printers
- User Gallery/user projects

Presentations

- GF “basics”
- Tips, tricks & techniques
- Business stories
- Care & Cleaning
- Material registration/alignment
- Material selection/safety
- Exhaust solutions
- Material Finishing
- Project Design
 - Drawing Programs – Adobe/Corel/Inkscape
 - 3d design – 360/sketch-up
- Presentation template – time, format, handouts, a/v
- Use forum to solicit speakers/presentations, selection by “steering group”?
- Streaming/recording?
- New GF releases