BENCHTALK
Northeastern Wisconsin Woodworkers Guild
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Program Wednesday May 15, 2019. Ashwaubenon High School; 7 pm

HAND PLANES: IDENTIFICATION, REFURBISHMENT and SHARPENING
Presented by Guild member Ken Quade

We were married while I was in the army and were usually in furnished lodging including furniture by the military so having furniture wasn’t a priority until we left the service. After leaving the service, we weren’t rich but liked decent, well made furniture so we decided we could build our own. That took tools, but power woodworking tools were expensive, took up lots of space, and for a while, we tended to move fairly often, so we started looking for hand tools, mostly planes of various types. Early on, being ignorant and if the price was right, we would buy planes even if we didn’t know what they did or the condition they were in. Later, we learned to look for planes that performed specific useful functions. Consequently, we ended up with lots of planes of various types and learned how to refurbish them and make them functional. There are many types of hand woodworking tools, but of them all, planes are probably the most useful.

This presentation will be an introduction to many of the various types of planes, and describe how to evaluate their condition and how the recondition them, including the fundamentals of sharpening.

2019 UPCOMING PROGRAMS AT ASHWAUBENON HIGH SCHOOL 7 PM

Green Bay Ashwaubenon High School 2391 S. Ridge Rd
Enter through the west side of the building, and turn Right to the meeting room.
Map available on our web site newwg.org

May 15 How to setup and use Hand Planes by Ken Quade
June 19 Taking a treadle powered lathe to Kenya by Kelly Bresnahan
July 17 ArcWays Tour More details in future newsletters
August 11 (Sunday) Annual picnic More details in future newsletters
**Annual Officer Elections**

The June membership meeting is fast approaching. Our Constitution and By-laws require we give at least a 30 day notice for election of officers or changes to the by-laws.

Please consider supporting your guild through serving on the board. If you are interested, contact me and I will send you a list of duties for any position you may be interested in. Most of the people now serving have been in those positions for quite awhile and are willing to let someone else step in.

This is a list of positions, President, Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, News Letter Editor, Web site manager, and Librarian.

The Vice President is chairman of the program committee; Second Vice President is Chairman of public relations committee. The Secretary records the minutes of the directors meetings. The Treasurer receives all monies and makes disbursements in the name of the guild. Reserves the meeting room, renews the insurance and raffle permit, completes the annual state incorporation data, files form 990N post card for taxes. The Editor publishes and distributes the monthly news letter and keeps the web site up to date. The Librarian maintains the guild library, sends out overdue notices, records the monthly meetings and places a copy in the library.

Please consider volunteering for one of these positions. You can contact any board member or let me know of your interest.

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**Other guild needs**

Along with board positions, we are in need of someone to take over as chairman of the spring show. Steve Lockhart and the other members will work with you to get started.

We are also looking to add a few people to form a finance audit committee. You would verify that we are managing the guild’s money in a responsible manner. This would be a once a year duty.

If you have web experience, we would like to split the news letter editor position and web manager position to make the position easier to handle.

Thanks for your support of your guild.

Pete Schuh
Board of Directors Meeting
Meeting Held: April 22, 2019, at Murphy - Williams home
Present: Pete Schuh, Ted Zabel, Bob Welhouse, Steve Lockhart, Maureen Birk, Chuck Druckrey, Paul Murphy, Pat Williams
Absent: Dan Alesch, Jane Alesch
Meeting brought to order by Pete Schuh at 7:12 pm. Prior minutes approved.
Treasurer’s Report: Last Year: $9,628.84; This year: $10,616.59. A few expenses from the show turned in to Chuck.
Membership report: Ted Zabel reports 13 new members. Discussed possible production of name tags.
Special Events: no report.
Programs:
- April 2019 - Rob Martens - building a dulcimer - well-received.
- May 2019 - Ken Quade, hand planes
- June 2019 - Kelly Bresnahan - lathes provided to African village
- July 17, 2019 - ArcWays tour
- August 11, 2019 - picnic scheduled
Website Report: Maureen requests a takeover the website duties.
Librarian Report: Pete reports that he is going to cull non-used items.
Public Relations / Community Service: no report.
New Business:
1. Retirement community requested the guild to check out their site and possibly give classes to residents.
2. Show:
   a. Discussed classroom availability for demonstrations.
   b. Briefly discussed the bucket raffle - big success - may want to expand next year.
   c. Discussed break-out rooms, classes, member display area, free tables for anyone doing demos.
   d. possibility of better yard signs.
   e. possibility of lowering table prices.
3. How to handle meeting cancellations. If in doubt, it is membership responsibility to check the school website.
4. By-laws require yearly audit of finances, what was done in the past? Discussion about appointing an audit committee.
Next board meeting: May 22, 2019 at Ted Zabel home.
Adjourned