

# BENCHTALK



**Northeastern Wisconsin Woodworkers Guild**

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## **A Business Making Fine Wood Items with Peter Strub**

*by Steve Lockhart and Peter Strub*

I met Peter Strub at the 2018 Art-in-the-park . I was impressed with the consistent high quality of his work plus the fact that his cutting boards were made from an unusual wood: bamboo. We finally connected, fortunately, with a compatible date for Pete to do a program for NEWWG.

Peter owns and operates Strub's Woodcrib LLC located in rural Elkhart Lake, WI. He specializes in manufacturing quality handcrafted bamboo parquet end-grained cutting boards, serving trays, turnings, and wall art. Pete provided the following preview of his program for our October meeting:

*I had experience making cabinets, furniture and remodeling on the side, while being gainfully employed in the health care industry. In 1996, I made a decision to sell all of my Craftsman floor tools because they lacked the precision I wanted and then began purchasing professional woodworking equipment.*

*Later on, I officially formed Strub's Woodcrib LLC and began manufacturing mantel clocks and selling online. In 1998, I began to showcase them at an artisan's market and art festivals. I soon discovered that I needed to diversify and create more cash and carry items. In 2011, I retired from my day job and decided to explore new and exciting elements in woodworking, like acrylic and mineral inlays, floating frames, casting epoxy and much more.*

*Although I'm only a small business, I have developed partnerships with other industries, relying on their expertise in things I can't manufacture. My history then involves all the facets of any manufacturing industry including product development, manufacturing, outsourcing, marketing, merchant accounts, utilizing technology and building relationships. My belief is that you can be more creative with age because you have more freedom to express yourself without all the constraints and responsibilities that you may have had earlier in life. I'm looking forward to meeting all of you.*

*Thank you. Pete*



## **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; turn Right to the meeting room.

Map available on our web site newwg.org

October 16 "Building and selling High end cutting boards" Peter Strub owner  
Strub's Wood crib LLC (Elkhart Lake)

November 13 "Crafting wooden Spoons" Mark Hawkins and Dan Wieske

Dec. 14, (Sat) Christmas Party. Details in future newsletters

### **Guild Library**

We didn't get much material back at the last meeting, I will be sending an e-mail early the week of Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> as a reminder to those that have overdue material.

Please try and make this or the next meeting to get things back.

Thanks

Pete



**Bench Talk is the newsletter of the Northeast Wisconsin Wood Workers Guild, published prior to regularly scheduled monthly meetings. Submissions from members are welcome (articles, musings, questions, pictures.) Deadline for next newsletter is November 11, 2019.**

#### **NORTHEAST WISCONSIN WOODWORKING GUILD**

**MEETINGS** (Guests and prospective members welcome)

3rd Wednesday of each month, unless specified otherwise.

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Where: Ashwaubenon High School

Visit our web site at: [www.newwg.org](http://www.newwg.org)

How to Get Involved: For inquiries regarding joining

The Northeastern Wisconsin Woodworkers Guild, contact:

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#### **Guild Officers**

President: Paul Murphy

Vice President Programs, Steve Lockhart

Vice President Publicity/Membership, Ted Zabel

Vice President, Pat Williams

Treasurer, Chuck Druckrey

Secretary, Bob Welhouse

#### **Committee Chairs & Project Coordinators**

Librarian, Pete Schuh

## **Northeastern Wisconsin Woodworkers Guild**

Directors Meeting Date: September 24, 2019 7 pm

Location: Home of Pete Schuh

Members Present: Pete Schuh, Chuck Druckrey, Steve Lockhart, Paul Murphy, Pat Williams, Bob Welhouse, Ted Zabel, Dan & Jane Alesch Absent: Matt Hamblin, Maureen Birk

Meeting was called to order 7pm.

Previous meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.

Treasurer Report – Current Assets: \$9,694.49; Last Year: \$9,682.20. Dan Alesch has stepped forward to help with Audit. Audit will commence shortly.

Membership Report - Yearly dues will be collected by October. If, after notification, dues are not forthcoming, membership will be terminated.

Programs - Sep 2019 - Barry Bender - scroll saw - very well received

Oct 2019 - Peter Strub of Strub's Woodcrib - High End Breadboards

Nov 2019 - Dan Wieske (power carving) & Mark Hawkins (hand tool carving)  
wooden spoons

December 14, 2019 Christmas Party is scheduled. Room is reserved. Pete has volunteered to contact the group that has provided music in the past. The doors open at 4:30pm. Food is served at 6pm.

Jan 2020 - OPEN

Feb 2010 - Brendan Biller - Live Edge Slabs

March 2010 - Spring Show

April 2010 - Joel Boldig - Poured Epoxy Tabletops

Editors Report – Articles due by October 8 2019 (Maureen was absent)

Web Report – no report

Librarian Report – Pete reports a number of books not returned and notices will be sent out.

Public Relations – Pat Williams has introduced a proposal re our Spring Show

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| a) Promotions and Advertising | h) \$35 outside Club Table fee. |
| b) Patron Donation            | i) Show & Tell Floor Space      |
| c) Youth Competition.         | j) Raffle changes.              |
| d) Demonstrations.            | k) Live Auction.                |
| e) Supplier Outreach.         | l) Paid Open-to-Public Classes. |
| f) Grant Applications.        |                                 |

All Membership will be needed to participate in planning and production of Spring Show in order to insure success.

New Business: See Spring Show Proposal.

Date and place for Next Directors meeting - October 22, 2019 at Paul Murphy & Pat Williams home.

Adjourn

## **IT'S SHOW (PLANNING) TIME!**

October 2019

Dear NEW Woodworkers Guild Members,

**We are so excited about our Spring 2020 Woodworking Show!** We are eager to share the positive changes that we are suggesting to be new this coming year.

On **October 30** we are holding a **"SPECIAL"** meeting just about the show. At this time we will share all the details with you our members.

One hint.....Some of you have been asking for a free table....You will have a **chance** to have your **table fee of \$20.00 refunded** at our Spring Show!

At this meeting, we will tell you about **2 Guest "SHOW & TELL" woodworkers** that will be at our show, where they will share their amazing projects and answer questions.

And for all of you who don't like to have to sell advance raffle tickets, well, guess what.....**NO ADVANCE TICKET SALES!**

We have sooo much more to share with you! We are counting on seeing you on Wed. October 30th at 7:pm, Ashwaubenon High School.

**COME AND GET EXCITED ABOUT YOUR WOODWORKING SHOW!**

Chairperson; Pat Williams

**P. S.** Some of this information will need to be voted on and may get changed. Help by voting!

### Guild Membership Dues – **SHOW ME THE MONEY!!**

We are aware that our Woodworkers Guild Dues were due on October 1, which means that a quite a few of our members are past due on their membership dues payment. Fred used to send a card that alerted him that a members due were delinquent at which time he removed the person from the membership list, no more newsletters and deleted from our annual show signup sheet.

With the once per year membership renewal, there will not be a card and this newsletter article with the attached list is your notice of renewal, those unpaid members on October 30 will be removed from our membership listing effective Oct 30.

All current members will be required to pay the full dues regardless of the time of the year of signup. New members will receive a reduction of dues payment if signed up midyear.

The attached list may have some errors which we have carefully tried to avoid, please call (920-425-4964) with any questions. Thank you

My address: Ted Zabel, 2683 Whitegate Trail, De Pere, WI 54115

## MEMBER PAGE

Ideas, questions, successes, oops's, shared by guild members

From Larry Hladilek

I happened upon the idea of replacing the nuts that secured the chain shroud of my chainsaw with coupling nuts which allowed the use of bolts to attach the saw to a base. This method of attachment made it possible to cut through the center from opposite sides of the log increasing the saws capacity. The photo shows a log cut in this manner . Each half was then rotated 90 degrees and cut in half producing a quarter sawn log. Each alternating side of a quarter was cut to produce quarter sawn lumber.



### Request for project assistance, through our web site:

Hi,

My name is Jeanne Klister, I am from Green Bay & I have a request for one of your Guild members.

My family is looking for someone to make a wooden cross to hang over my parents' headstones (Earl and Catherine Klister) at Mount Olivetti Cemetery on S. Erie Street in DePere. There are quite a few of these crosses in the cemetery which are either painted white or stained. We would be interested in a stained/varnished wooden cross.

I would, of course, pay for all materials, labor, etc.

I have attached pictures of wooden crosses that are currently hanging over other headstones in the cemetery.

Would one of your members be able to make a wooden stained cross for my parents' gravesite?

I look forward to hearing from you; my contact information is below.

Jeanne Klister

Email: [jklist67@gmail.com](mailto:jklist67@gmail.com)

Cell: 360-8899

Home: 469-5925

( both are Green Bay Phone numbers)



## CP Center children's garden planter project

We received a request from James Metz, a maintenance tech at the center, to rebuild two planters.

The planters were raised bed gardens for the kids. They measured 5 ft x 12 ft x 18 inches deep. The existing walls were falling apart. They were so bad that as we took them apart, the wood broke when we picked it up to pile it out of the way. After the walls were removed, we squared up the ground and trimmed it back a few inches to make it easier to install the new lumber.



I am very happy with response from our members. we initially had 12 people volunteer to help, depending on when the work was to be done. Our plan was to do it Saturday Oct 5<sup>th</sup> but rain caused it to be moved to Sunday Oct 6<sup>th</sup>.



I had a talented and willing crew on Sunday and would like to thank Maureen Birk, Randall Hendricks and Dex Papham for their willingness to donate their time for a worthy cause.

Pete Schuh

