

# BENCHTALK



**Northeastern Wisconsin Woodworkers Guild**

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**Program January 15, 2020, 7pm Video and discussion**

By Steve Lockhart-Program Chair

## **What are your woodworking goals?**

We're going to try something a little different for the January meeting.

First, we will show Highland Woodworking's episode 42 of the Highland Woodworker video series. The approximately 20 minute video presents Omaha Nebraska's Dennis Zongker's shop and business doing custom woodworking. Dennis has also authored a number of articles for "Fine Woodworking" magazine. My opinion is that Dennis seems to have reached the "pinnacle of success" in the woodworking world. From the quality, design, and (apparently) financial aspects, his shop and his work could hardly be any better. For me, this level would be unattainable even if I tried. I still enjoy woodworking though but I am wondering how other members feel after seeing this video.

Following this, there will be discussion and update regarding the Spring Show.



## **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](http://newwg.org)

Jan. 15 2020 Video presentation and discussion

Feb. 19 Brendan Biller - Live Edge Slabs

Mar 21 & 22 Spring Show @ Southwest High School, Green Bay

April 15 Joel Boldig - Poured Epoxy Tabletops

## Guild Library

Welcome to 2020, I hope your Holiday season was everything that you wanted.

All of the library materials are due this month. If you can't make the meeting, in January, please try and get them back in February. If you have any suggestions for materials I should add to the library, please let me know.

Thanks for your support

Pete Schuh 920-788-3871 pjscls@live.com



## Community Involvement Opportunity: CP Center project

Hello!

I am Traci Ombrello, the Manager of the Aquatic Center at CP. I believe the Wood Workers Guild helped us, the Aquatic Center, with a project a long time ago. I am coming back to you to see if you are willing and able to help us with another project? We are in need of a stationary mat table for one of our new Locker Room spaces. The table would be used for children and adults, with or without disabilities to have a safe table to assist in their changing needs.

Please let me know this is a project you are interested in taking on for the Aquatic Center.

Thank you!

### Changing Bench for CP Center

Over-all length 70", width 23 3/4", height 22"

Legs 3"x 3"x 22"

Frame sides, 8" maple

Top: 3/4" plywood 24" x 73" padded and covered w/ vinyl

3@ tee shape cross braces. plywood 6" wide, 4" deep. used to secure the top and strengthen the sides

Bench in moist area, needs water resistant glue and exterior finish

Aquatic Center Contact person, Traci Ombrello, 920-337-1122



**We are still looking for help with this project. If you do not want to take on the entire build, but would be willing to help, please contact Pete Schuh, 920-788-3871 pjscls@live.com**

## *“Artistry In Wood” this year’s Spring Show*

### **Spring Show Update**

We would like to wish everyone a very Happy New Year! We would like to remind all the members that they need to make follow up contact with those they passed on the request for both Donors for Student Scholarships and Sponsors. So far the only ones we have received are from those we have personally contacted, and have 2 sponsors from our contacts. This Guild is a Team and we all need to make the team effort to be a success. PLEASE, Do YOUR Part!

Pat & Paul.

### **WEB SITE HIGHLIGHT**

There is a new page on our web site, highlighting the upcoming spring show, and the artistry of guild members.

Access it by going to the main web address: <https://newwg.org/>

Then click on **Annual Meeting** in the address bar on the top of the page. You can scroll through schedules, application forms, class descriptions, member photos and more. Please check out all the features of the web page, and the new aspects of the show, and share the information.

Pat Williams (Show Chair) and Matt Hamblin (Web Editor) have worked hard to create a very informative and engaging site. Please check it out and share it.

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## MEMBER PAGE

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

Don't be shy! Everyone has a story to share!

Contact the editor with an article, or for more information:

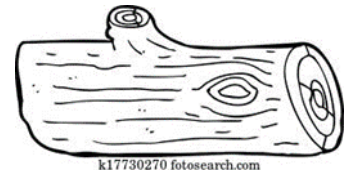
Maureen Birk 920-755-3404 birkmr@yahoo.com

### **Musings from Larry Hladilek**

"A Woodworkers Motivation "

To coexist our lifestyle with the carbon cycle is a conundrum. Believe it or not the scientific community reports that the excessive release of carbon into the atmosphere of Earth is causing its average temperature to increase. This past summer a severe weather event caused the felling of more than a dozen trees in my yard. Because trees are a reservoir in the carbon cycle, I now have a harvest of carbon on the ground and the opportunity to decide what to do with it. I could leave the trees to decompose, storing the carbon in the soil. I could call my neighbor and he will burn it to heat his house releasing the carbon into the atmosphere; or saw the wood into lumber, conserving it's carbon. Dried wood is 45 to 50 percent carbon. The lumber could then be use to build more furniture, turn more bowls, to construct more wood items that people will want to save and maintain thereby saving and maintaining carbon. In this new year be proactive. Make an effort to reduce atmospheric warming . Do more woodwork-  
ing!

From Larry Hladilek



## ITEMS FOR SALE

### **Large Stump for Sale**

I have a large oak stump that we had been drying in our garage the last few years, thinking to make a table out of it someday. That is no longer our plan due to receiving some other furniture that are family heirlooms. Someone suggested reaching out to woodworkers to see if anyone is interested in purchasing it. Would you be able to recommend some contacts or have any advice?

My cell phone is 920-246-4927. Texting or calling is okay, and it's okay to leave a message if I don't answer right away. :-)

Thank you,

Maureen Shanley [mo@devinshanley.com](mailto:mo@devinshanley.com)



## **Nov. Board of Directors meeting**

Northeastern Wisconsin Woodworkers Guild

Directors Meeting

Date: November 26, 2019, 7 pm

Location: Home of Pete Schuh

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

Absent: Dan Alesch

Meeting was called to order at 7pm.

Previous meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.

Treasurer Report – Current Assets: \$9,511.25; Last Year: \$9,624.96. Chuck reports that the Audit Review needs to be written up.

Membership Report - Ted reports that we usually gain several members a month, but we seem to be down about 30 from last year.

Special Events: Christmas party December 14, 2019 from 5-9pm; final plans made, food pickup, etc.; email reminder to be sent.

Programs -

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

Jan 2020 - video of Highland Hardware

Feb 2020 - Brendan Biller - Live Edge Slabs

March 2020 - Spring Show

April 2020 - Joel Boldig - Poured Epoxy Tabletops

Editors Report – Articles due by January 6, 2019. Maureen reports now only 12 mailed newsletters. All others online.

Librarian Report – Pete reports pulling several no longer used books and suggested they be donated to Spring Show.

Web Report – Matt updated web page and gave a demonstration

Public Relations - combined with New Business discussion below.

New Business: Spring Show - New this year:

- Membership will be voting on Student Scholarship items and Best Table;
- Bucket Raffle;
- Wood Guild Promotion Apparel for sale;
- Four different classes available for \$10;
- Itemized Signup & Volunteer Form;

Date and place for Next Directors meeting - January 21, 2020 - Steve Lockhart's home

## **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

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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**