

# BENCHTALK



**Northeastern Wisconsin Woodworkers Guild**

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June 15, 2022, at NWTC See map/directions as additional document

## Program on sawmill operations

Jim Wesp from Kettle Moraine Hardwoods( KMH) will give a presentation on the hardwood lumber industry in Wisconsin. KMH has been in business since 1986 & operates a sawmill, dry kilns and some secondary processing equipment for planing, ripping, sanding and resawing. They also have a lumber store selling both domestic and imported woods, along with specialty items like carving stock, turning blocks, log mantels, live edge slabs & urban lumber products.

Jim will bring along some special grained woods and part of his presentation will include pictures & descriptions of various KMH operations. Current lumber availability and pricing trends will be discussed. This will be an interactive presentation, and questions or comments from those in attendance will be welcome.

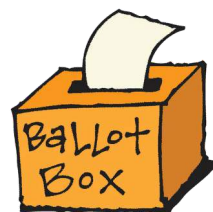


**WE ARE MOVING AGAIN!! FUTURE MEETINGS WILL BE AT NWTC, ON GREEN BAY'S WEST SIDE. Usual start time of 7 pm.**

**There is a map with directions as an additional document with this newsletter**

## Guild Elections are coming up

**And your Guild can use your help!** We really need more members to get involved, for the Guild to thrive. Do you, or someone you know, have a little free time? Why not join other woodworkers to keep our guild vital? No expertise needed! Just willingness to share, work together. No huge time commitment.



## Upcoming Programs start time 7pm. 3rd Wed. of the month generally

**June 15th** - Jim Wesp – Kettle Moraine Hardwoods – operating a business with domestic and exotic lumber

**July 20th** - Planning the October 8th and 9th woodworking show. It is strongly recommended for all Northeast Wisconsin Guild members to attend. The show's success depends on your help.

**August** Guild Picnic – Usually held on a Sunday at a park in Bellevue. Date not yet determined.

**September 21st** – Brian Zabel – Aspects of running a sawmill and kiln drying

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Presenters are subject to change for various reasons.

This is what I have scheduled. I appreciate all ideas for presentations. If you have any, Please let Barry know

**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.)**

### **NORTHEAST WISCONSIN WOODWORKING GUILD**

**MEETINGS** (Guests and prospective members welcome)  
3rd Wednesday of each month, Time: 7:00 p.m. 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: Paul Murphy: [paulmurphywood@gmail.com](mailto:paulmurphywood@gmail.com) 920-604-0152

Or any other Board or committee member.

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### **Guild Officers**

President: Paul Murphy  
Vice President, Pat Williams  
Treasurer, Chuck Druckrey

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

Programs/publicity Barry Bender,  
Membership, Ted Zabel  
Librarian, Pete Schuh  
Spring Show, Pat Williams  
Newsletter/Secretary Maureen Birk  
Web Site, Matt Hamblin

**NEWWG BOD Meeting April 26, 2022** At NWTC meeting room. Convened 7 pm.

**Attending:** Pres. Paul Murphy, V.P. Pat Williams, Program Committee Barry Bender, Secretary /Newsletter, Maureen Birk; Past Pres./Library Pete Schuh. Web Site: Matt Hamblin. Unable to attend: Treasurer Chuck Druckrey, Membership Ted Zabel

**Minutes** from last meeting were approved Motion: Pete, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Paul. Approval unanimous.

**Secretary/Newsletter:** Request articles for next newsletter by Mon 6/6, to send out 6/8. Map and directions for new meeting location will be featured in next newsletter.

**Treasurers Note:**

Quicken continues to miss transactions when it syncs up with our bank account data and I can't figure out why. Since we have so few transactions each month, I am just going to create an excel spreadsheet for balancing the books (going back to the first of the year). I can manually enter the transactions each month from the bank statements and check them against

the checkbook register.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chuck Druckrey – Treasurer

**Treasurer's report:**

NEWWG Treasurer's Report May 24, 2022

Checking Account Balance - \$6,788.99

Financial Activity (April 26, 2022 – May 24, 2022

Income: (Total = \$255.05)

\$255.00 - Membership dues

\$0.05 - Interest

Expenses: (Total = \$448.38)

\$100.00 – Speaker fee

\$287.76 – Audio visual equipment

\$40.00 – Show printing

\$20.62 – Office supplies

**Membership:** No Report

**Library** Library will be stored at NWTC by June meeting.

**Programs** Comments on last meeting: some issues with audio; audience not being able to hear comments from audience members. Suggestions for increasing volume given.

**As of June 2022 meeting. NWTC will be the monthly meeting location.**

Here is the updated schedule I have for monthly presentations.

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**Elections** Members need encouragement to step forward. Suggestion that board members ask individuals to join.

**Web site** The October Artistry in Wood show page is up, and forms can be downloaded. Class schedule is pending.

**2022 Show Planning: Update Set for Oct 8-9, 2022, at Denmark High School**

Clete is taking care of **tables**, table cloth and skirt rentals. Denmark H.S. may help with costs as they did last year.

**Classes** being arranged. So far one commitment: Jan Jensen, a chip carver; will conduct 3 sessions Sat am/pm & Sun am, with Matt's A/V assist. Looking for an additional carver, and more instructors.

**Lodging:** Show rates established with Hotel 8, at good price. Committees being developed: Maureen to coordinate **raffle**-looking for helpers. **Vendors:** Several new ones so far: The Whittling Shack from Mn, and Good Wood Etc, from Mn. Also Woodcraft of Appleton.

**Display Guests:** Renegade Carving Company, chainsaw carvers, with Atrium exhibits and outdoor carving. Jerry Steffen, with 8 ft. tall Uncle Sam Atrium exhibit. Stan Fischer with his now completed surf board that he was working on last year.

**Advertising** Barry is getting quotes, and working on best exposure times/media; possibly an on-site news spot. Paul and Pat are checking into possible grant/funding to help with advertising costs. Also, QR code will be on flyers for ease of access to web site. There is more display space at the Austin Straubel Airport, to attract interest from travelers. Julie Ritzmann has offered to design NEWWG logo as a wearable patch.

**Next membership meeting:** Wed, June 15, 2022

Next Board of Directors meeting Tues. June 21, 2022 will be at NWTC.

Respectfully submitted, Maureen Birk Secretary/newsletter editor.