

# BENCHTALK



**Northeastern Wisconsin Woodworkers Guild**

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April program; 7 pm, 4-18-2018

**Tom Sveum, Wheelwright on Building and repairing old time wagon wheels** By Steve Lockhart

Tom recently gave a program for the Woodworkers guild in Milwaukee and our guild member and “double agent”, Gary Emerich suggested that we would be interested. We are lucky enough to have Tom for our program in April. Tom does buggy and wagon restoration at the Historical Museum in Milton, WI,

The program will include how long we have built wagons, sleds, cutters, and have done repairs to fire engines, water wagons, cannons, grain drills, and a variety of other equipment. Also included will be what wood is used, how it is put together, and some finishes used. We will have photo showing how and why wheels are pitched/angled for strength, tools used, and names of pieces in vehicles. We will bring some tools and pieces with us to demonstrate.



## **2018 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](http://newwg.org)

April 18	Tom Sveum	Building old-time wagon wheels
May 16	Ken Quade	Building a table using hand tools only
June 20	Bob Kuritz	Thin veneer marquetry
July 18	Lafe Nelson	Custom made knives and sheaths
Aug 19 Sun	PICNIC	DeBroux Park More details to be arranged

**NEWWG Library**—will not be available at April meeting. Just hold onto your checked out items until May.



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## **Report on Spring Show 2018** by Steve Lockhart

It's hard to give enough credit to everyone who participated in this year's spring show! While driving home after the show the main thought I had was how upbeat and helpful everyone was. That includes all guild members as well as the folks from Syble Hopp and the school staff.

See treasurer's report next page for financial report.

## **TOOL CRIB NOTES** by Tom Carlson

The Tool Crib this year was an outstanding success. Many items never even got entered into the log and were sold on the spot.

Logged sales were in excess of \$ 2480.00.

Thanks to **Regan Buchholz and Don Carlson** for a superlative job of contacting the sellers and recording the closing sales.



## **Spring Show and Sale** Pete Schuh NEWWG President

I would like to thank all of the members that helped to make this year's show a success.

Steve Lockhart, show chairman for all of the organization and implementation of a great plan. Steve, his wife Betty, Len Hervas, Maureen Birk and several other for manning the raffle ticket sales table. Clete Selissen and Mike Dahlke for ordering the tables, working the hallway as greeters and helping with anything that needed doing. The tool crib had a lot of items this year and drew a lot of attention. Thanks Tom Carlson, and Regan Buchholz for getting everything setup, labeled and helping with the transactions. Our treasurer Chuck Druckrey for reserving the location, getting the raffle license making sure all the bills were paid, the money counted and put in the bank. Ted Zabel for getting the tickets and flyers printed and distributed. Ted also manned the membership table both days. We had nine new members sign up due to the welcoming atmosphere of the group. Rob Martens did the table layout, and printed the name tags. He also played the Star Spangled Banner at the opening of the show both days. Don Berken and Mary for all of the posters they hung throughout the community. Gerry Jensen was the voice periodically reminding people to support the guild by buying raffle tickets.

I was impressed by the number of volunteers helping with setting up tables, helping members unload and load all of their show items and helping with the raffle prize deliveries.

A special thank you to guild members and the businesses that donated or offered prizes for the raffle. Woodworkers Depot of Green Bay, Woodcraft of Appleton, The Tool Store of Green Bay and Bob Kloes Custom Furniture. The spring show and sale, show casing the talent available in the guild would not be possible without the members being willing to share their time, talent and financial support. We had a total of 65 raffle prizes mostly donated by guild members. My wife and I were lucky enough to win a beautiful quilt and two other prizes donated by the people in the show. I think the gals from Syble Hopp and the school staff did an excellent job keeping us fed and the building, tables etc. available as we needed them.

I'm sure I missed mentioning many of the people involved in contributing their time and talent to make this year's show a success.

So thank you to all for your support. Member involvement is what keeps your guild active and interesting to all.

## 2018 Annual Woodworking Show Raffle & Fund Raising Results

The results are in and, thanks to all of you; the 2018 Woodworking Show was a great success. If you were at the show for the full two days it was pretty clear that turnout was down significantly from last year. There has been a lot of discussion about the reasons and it's probably some combination of reduced television promotion, more competition from competing events, and the great weather that tempts people into other outdoor activities. We also had some problems getting raffle tickets distributed to members resulting in fewer pre-show ticket sales.

In spite of the reduced turnout, income from raffle ticket sales was strong (\$4,050.00) which is only slightly lower than the 5-year average. I feel much of the success is due to the increase in raffle ticket prices. Prior to 2018 the tickets were sold for \$1.00 each or six for \$5.00. This year the board increased the price to \$2.00 each or three for \$5.00.

Unfortunately we haven't been tracking the number of raffle tickets sold so had to do a little math. My experience, and that of many others, is that a large majority of people purchase raffle tickets in \$5.00 multiples. So, based on a seat-of-my-pants estimate that about 90% of the revenue comes from \$5.00 purchases, I estimated that we sold 2,800 tickets this year compared to 5,800 last year! So it looks like the raffle ticket price hike may have largely saved us from the poor turnout and slow raffle ticket sales.

In the end, net show revenue was \$1,197.40, about \$280.00 less than the four-year average. So, to everyone who helped with promotion, sold tickets, donated prizes, helped set up, worked in the tool crib or at the raffle desk, cleaned up, delivered prizes, or otherwise helped out... thank you! And next year let's get those ticket sale numbers back up where they belong, and hope for a cold and windy weekend!

<b>Financial Summary of the Spring Woodworking Shows</b>					
	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>
<b>Estimated tickets sold</b>	2800	5800	4500	5300	5600
<b>Raffle revenue</b>	\$4,050.00	\$4,937.00	\$3,828.00	\$4,516.00	\$4,766.00
<b>Table fees</b>	\$880.00	\$700.00	\$685.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Expenses</b>	(\$3,732.60)	(\$3,845.44)	(\$3,195.66)	(\$3,079.39)	(\$3,374.01)
<b>Net show revenue</b>	<b>\$1,197.40</b>	<b>\$1,791.56</b>	<b>\$1,317.44</b>	<b>\$1,418.61</b>	<b>\$1,391.99</b>

Chuck Druckery, Treasurer

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

### CHANGES TO MEMBERSHIP DUES SCHEDULE

This is a note to our general membership regarding dues as we transition to a uniform Oct 1 dues renewal date. With this note, I would like to have all members pay based on the payment date becoming October 1 instead of their old anniversary payment date. This is intended to help us all keep easier note of membership renewals.

Thanks Ted Zabel

A separate document will be emailed or mailed to all members, for review of each one's payment status.

### New Guild Members

Attached is a list of our new members who joined within the past two months. Please make a point of welcoming them to our guild. Take time at our meetings to chat with them, some of our new members have extensive woodworking experience while others are getting started and are looking for guidance in developing their own skills and finding where their interest will take them. You are a resource they look to that can help them. Your chance to make a new woodworking friend. Thanks Ted Zabel

William Cornish	- Sturgeon Bay	Tim Smith	- Green Bay
Michael Mazar	- Green Bay	Richard Carlstedt	- Green Bay
Mike Stapleton	- Egg Harbor	Robert Davis	- Cecil
Bob Nitka	- Green Bay	Jay Oleson	- Sobieski
Tom Kaster	- Suamico	Don Steffens	- Green Bay
Raymond Koeller	- Green Bay	Jason Stoffel	- Appleton

**Note re: Dues <-> Raffle relationship:** One factor that helps our membership is our low annual dues. When we compare our member numbers to other Guilds, we find they are struggling to maintain members while we are growing, we feel this is partly due to the low dues. Dues can continue to be low if we continue to support our main revenue producing effort, that being our raffle which provides for revenue while providing a chance for a nice bonus raffle prize. The raffle pays for the annual meeting expense and also pays many of our monthly meeting expenses and allows us to consider a possible wood career student scholarship. Thank you for your support. Ted Zabel

**Board of Directors Meeting Meeting Held: February 27, 2018 at the home of Ted Zabel**

**Present:** Pete Schuh, Paul Murphy, Pat Williams, Ted Zabel, Bob Welhouse, Steve Lockhart, Chuck Druckrey

**Absent:** Dan & Jane Alesch, Maureen Birk

Meeting brought to order by Pete Schuh at 7:01pm. Prior minutes approved.

· **Treasurer's Report:** Last year: \$3,121.34; Current assets: \$5,878.77. Some new member dues were presented to Chuck Druckrey. Some discussion re show expenses.

· **Membership report:**

Several new members.

· **Special Events:** no report

· **Programs:**

- February 21, 2018 - Bill Strey - general finishes overview - excellent speaker

- March 17-18, 2018 - Spring Show

- April 2018 - Tom Sveum - building old-time wagon wheels

- May 2018 - Ken Quaid - hand tools

- brief discussion re possibility of a coopering speaker

· **Editors Report:** Articles are due April 6, 2018.

· **Website Report:** no report.

· **Librarian Report:**

Pete Schuh planning to update the library list for website.

· **Public Relations / Community Service:**

a. Brief discussion re TV promotion.

b. Discussion re scholarship.

c. Mar 12 promo at Artisan Center.

**New Business:**

a. Ashwaubenon meeting room site evaluation, more chairs, reserve equipment.

b. Spring Show detail discussion.

c. Aug 19, 2018 picnic time scheduled.

· **Next board meeting:**

April 3, 2018 at the Paul Murphy home.

**Adjourned**

**OFFERS OF WOOD/TREES FOR SALE**

**Cedar shakes;** ~ 60 fresh cut @\$1 ; also Some **red oak**, rough sawn boards, air dried

Contact Don Larsen 303 Deschane Pl. G.B. 54302 920-468-4278

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**Butternut carving wood** Note sent to our web site: "...my girlfriend's father past away and he has about 300 bf of butternut carving wood in various thicknesses and lengths up to about 8' would anyone know who we could get ahold of to sell this? Contact: rapfel66@gmail.com <rapfel66@gmail.com>

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**Ash, maple & hickory slabs** Pat Fox, Fond du Lac; 920-923-1489

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**Black Walnut** "make an offer" Richard Guerst 1563 Old School Place, Greenleaf, Wi 65126 920-864-7923

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**Black walnut tree:** I have a very large walnut tree I'd like to get rid of.

Just wondering if there was any interest out there its very straight and measures 30" or more across. I have a pic of the circumference and the math says that's 36.6 in diameter.

From: Robert Jordan [jordan\\_robert2002@yahoo.com](mailto:jordan_robert2002@yahoo.com)

**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 May 7, 2018.**

**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:  
Pete Schuh: [pjscls@live.com](mailto:pjscls@live.com) (920-788-3871)  
Or any other Board or committee member.  
Regarding this newsletter, or the web page, contact:  
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**Guild Officers**

President: Pete Schuh  
Vice President Programs, Steve Lockhart  
Vice President Publicity/Membership, Ted Zabel  
Vice President, Paul Murphy  
Treasurer, Chuck Druckery  
Secretary, Bob Welhouse

**Committee Chairs & Project Coordinators**

Librarian, Pete Schuh  
Special Events, Dan Alesch  
Spring Show, Steve Lockhart  
Web Site & Newsletter, Maureen Birk

**UPCOMING EVENTS SPONSORED BY OTHER ORGANIZATIONS**



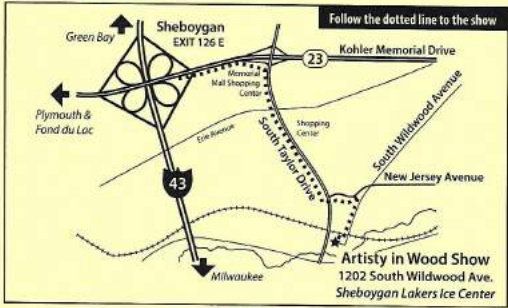
**KETTLE KARVERS KLUB**  
**28th Annual**  
**Wood Carving Show**  
**Saturday April 21, 2018**  
**10 am to 4pm**

**Lakers Ice Center 1202 S. Wildwood Ave.**  
**Sheboygan, WI**

**Admission \$2.00 Adults, Kids 12 and under FREE**

See original wood carvings and visit with the carvers  
Free Carving Demonstrations 11am and 1pm  
Free Kids Carve Opportunities  
Carving Wood Vendor and Tool Sales  
Food and Beverage Sales on-site

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**Follow the dotted line to the show**

**Artistry in Wood Show**  
1202 South Wildwood Ave.  
Sheboygan Lakers Ice Center

[www.kettlekarvers.org](http://www.kettlekarvers.org)



**ATTENTION CARVERS!**

**Gordon Stiller Best Maritime Carving Award**  
Friday May 18 - Sunday May 20, 2018  
Wisconsin Maritime Museum at Manitowoc

Presented by the 42nd Annual Midwestern Model Ships & Boats Contest & Display  
Category V: Nautical Crafts

- Ship's figureheads
- Fish
- Mythical sea creatures
- Waterfowl

GOLD, SILVER, and BRONZE plaques also awarded.

Download registration materials at:  
[www.wisconsinmaritime.org/special-events/midwestern-model-ships-boats-contest-and-display/](http://www.wisconsinmaritime.org/special-events/midwestern-model-ships-boats-contest-and-display/)