

BENCHTALK



Northeastern Wisconsin Woodworkers Guild

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There is no general membership meeting in August, the picnic on 8/14/22 was held instead. Planning for the October Artistry in Wood Show is increasing in intensity. All members can make important contributions to it's success. See the following thoughts from members.

The Fragile State of our Show/Guild

Our Club has been in existence for 40 years. Lyle Martens along with a few like minded individuals started the Northeast Wisconsin Woodworkers Guild so woodworkers of all skill levels could learn and share with each other their love of woodworking.

Our Guild is no different than other similar organizations. We are struggling to find volunteers to help with the show or serve on the board of directors. At the June meeting, when the subject of positions on the board came up, it looked like most in attendance were looking for a rock to crawl under rather than ask or inquire about the positions on the board. We were lucky that those members were willing to keep their duties for another year.

Our members can get many benefits from being in the guild. They have access to perhaps the largest library dedicated to woodworking. Tons of books, videos and a few plans. They can attend as many or as few meetings as they like. There are guest presenters who talk about a variety of topics. Many are very talented and full of expertise. There is also problem solving and sources shared amongst fellow members. Then there is fraternalism. This includes the August Picnic, The Christmas Party in December and The Annual Show.

Let's talk about that last one, The Annual Show. That is the heartbeat of this organization. It is what makes all of what was previously stated possible. It is our chief source of revenue to pay for presenters at our meetings, do the guild picnic and Christmas Party, pay the rent on the place where we hold our meetings, costs affiliated with running the show itself (advertising, cost of the venue, table rentals, wrist bands, tickets, and so forth).

This cannot happen without help. We have members who do more than their share to make it happen But, they are not going to be around forever and maybe someday some of them may have had enough. We have members who are members in name only. They show up for the benefits of the guild but are nowhere to be found when we ask for 2 hours of help at our annual show. Other clubs charge admission to their show to members who DO NOT sign up to help with the event. The people that display, coordinate the event, or sign on to help get in free. The other members pay the price of admission.

We need helpers! We are not asking people to be there 2 whole days We have around 160 members. All we are asking is 2 hours of your time once during the year. This would be an enormous help.

Some of you may say, "Well I paid my \$15 dues!". Our dues have not been changed in eons. Similar clubs to the NEWWG pay \$45 a year. Our show has kept our dues where they are at.

Our show hangs in the balance of our members. If we don't get participation, it could fold. You don't have to look far to see that it is happening. The Wisconsin River Woodcarvers Inc. held their last show in Stevens Point last September. It was one of the largest carving shows in the state. Their largest show had 154 tables. They announced they were no longer doing it in October because they could not get enough help within the club.

A similar case happened in Ohio with the largest carving show in the country. They also could not get enough volunteers to make it work, so it folded.

Don't make the Northeast Wisconsin Woodworkers Show a distant memory. Volunteer some of your time! Do your part to make it thrive so people can enjoy the art of woodworking! All we ask is a couple of hours of your time once a year to make this work! If you are a member and are not displaying at the show or involved in the planning, we are reaching out to you. Please help! Barry Bender

Dear Fellow NEWWG Guild Woodworkers,

Our 39th Annual "Artistry In Wood " Show is only 8 weeks away!

Our tables are half full. Please, to be part of your show, you need to reserve your space. Remember one table is free to each Guild member, in exchange for donating an item for the Raffle that has a value of at least \$50.00. You can purchase extra space or table.

Our goal is to have as many members represented as possible. You don't have to sell items if you don't want to, but at least have your special items on display. You are special to our Guild! You can go on line to newwg.org/annualshow and **print a sign up form and mail it to me, or call me and I will fill one out for you, or There will be sign up forms at the September Guild meeting. Your being at the show with your woodworking helps to make our guild one to be proud of to other clubs that come.**

PLEASE, fill out a form and get it to me asap, to save your table!

We are counting on you to help make our show a big success!

Sincerely, Chairperson Pat Williams 5420 Kruegers Quarry Rd. Oconto, WI Or 920-883-6089

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

September 21st – Bob Newton – Making laminated bowls.

October 8th and 9th – Northeast Wisconsin Woodworking Show, "Artistry in Wood" at Denmark High School

November 16th – Brian Zabel – Aspects of running a sawmill and kiln drying

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January 18th, 2023 – Chuck Druckrey – Timber Framing

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MEETINGS (Guests and prospective members welcome)
3rd Wednesday of each month, Time: 7:00 p.m. Visit our web site at: www.newwg.org

How to Get Involved: For inquiries regarding joining The Northeastern Wisconsin Woodworkers Guild, contact: Paul Murphy: paulmurphywood@gmail.com 920-604-0152

Or any other Board or committee member.

Re: newsletter, Maureen Birk: birkmr2@gmail.com

Re: web site: Matt Hamblin: froggy6703@gmail.com
920-419-3910

Guild Officers

President: Paul Murphy

Vice President, Pat Williams

Treasurer, Chuck Druckrey

Programs/publicity Barry Bender,

Committee Chairs & Project Coordinators

Membership, Ted Zabel

Librarian, Pete Schuh

Annual Show, Pat Williams

Newsletter/Secretary Maureen Birk

Web Site, Matt Hamblin

NEWWG BOD Meeting July 26, 2022 At NWTC meeting room. Convened 7:20 pm.

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

Minutes from last meeting were approved Motion: Ted 2nd, Maureen . Approval unanimous.

Secretary/Newsletter: A notice about the picnic (on the 14th) will go out around the 8th. Full newsletter will go out the week of 8/14.

Treasurer's report:

Balance as of 7/25/22 - \$6,330.04

Financial Activity (June 22, 2022 – July 25, 2022

Income: \$0.06 Interest

\$105.00 Show Fees

\$75.00 Membership fees

Total: \$180.06

Expenses: \$244.65 Show expenses

\$212.00 presenter fee and mileage

\$ 12.32 Newsletter expenses

Total: \$ 468.97

Treasurer's Note

Show expenses are starting to come in as well as show fees. Our balance at this time last year was \$5843. 15.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chuck Druckrey – Treasurer.

Membership: The membership year is from Oct 1, each year. Ted will be starting to collect dues starting in September. He is looking into reimbursement costs for the member who is making the name tags. Also, he reports he may have a volunteer to take over the membership job-Eric Hansen.

Library Pete reports nothing new.

Programs:

August 14 (Sunday) Guild Picnic: We have reserved DeBroux Park in Bellevue as in past years. Details in future newsletters.

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2022 Show Planning Update: Date is set for Oct 8-9, 2022, at Denmark High School

Class schedule set, the 2 last openings have been filled: 9 am-10:30 am Sat and Sun are open. Harold Mohr, carver will do both sessions. Tentative schedule: Santas on Sat, possibly Fish/Wildlife on Sunday.

Show Outline: Pat provided a detailed list of the needs for the show. Discussion followed regarding members responsible and what is needed in terms of tasks and additional people needed. Areas of need: posters and signs on Fri; make boxes for ballots; people at admissions table; classroom monitors; Ballot counters on Sun; check speaker system on Fri. Need sponsors, who then get some advertising. **Need to find the person who took home the the outside signage!**

Advertising Barry continues to get quotes for advertising. Extensive discussion on options, to get T.V. and /or radio coverage in the area. Barry will get more information before making agreements.

B.O.D positions Discussion held regarding how board positions are filled/responsibilities currently compared to when the Guild was initially formed. By-laws and Guild constitution may need to be revised to reflect current practice.

Next membership meeting: Wed, Sept 21, 2022

Next Board of Directors meeting Tues. Aug. 23, 2022 will be at NWTC.

Respectfully submitted, Maureen Birk Secretary/newsletter editor.

Bench Talk is the newsletter of the Northeast Wisconsin Wood Workers Guild, published prior to regularly scheduled monthly meetings.



**WAUPACA AREA WOODCARVERS
2022 ARTISTRY IN WOOD
SHOW, COMPETITION AND SALE**

**WAUPACA RECREATION CENTER
407 SCHOOL STREET
WAUPACA, WI**

**FEATURED
LOCAL
CARVER:**

KAY DURRANT
(Former Fox Valley
Technical College
Instructor)

**DEMONSTRATIONS
THROUGHOUT
THE DAY!**

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
ADMISSION IS \$4.00
AGES 5-16 \$2.00
(5 and under are free)**

**SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 6,
2022**

**9 am to
4 pm**

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

HAROLD MOHR 715-281-4923
KATHY BREHM 920-740-1986

OR VISIT THE WAUPACA AREA WOODCARVERS FACEBOOK PAGE



Attached is the poster for the November 6th Waupaca Area Wood Carvers Show. They are promoting our show as well and Harold Mohr, the president of their club is teaching classes at our show.

For Sale: woodworking equipment and collection of basswood, located in Combined Locks

Contact - Diane Bohne 920-788-4688



Items include: Basswood,

- Delta 16" scroll saw \$125
- Delta Bandsaw \$495
- Dewalt Orbital Jig saw \$ 75
- Craftsman Miter Saw \$ 75
- Craftsman Table saw/router \$225
- Jet Jointer \$400



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