

BENCHTALK



Northeastern Wisconsin Woodworkers Guild

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**SAVE THE DATE! Guild meetings resume Wednesday, July 21, 2021
7pm at the Art Garage in Green Bay. This will be a member's "Show & Tell" event. More details below...**

Your Guild's Board of Directors continues to work to resume activities as soon and safely as possible. Minutes from the latest board meeting follow:

Minutes of Northeast Wisconsin Woodworkers Guild, Board of Directors. March 16, 2021.

Participants: Pres. Paul Murphy; V. P. Pat Williams; Treasurer Chuck Druckery; Membership Ted Zabel; Newsletter Maureen Birk; Program Committee Steve Lockhart; Web Specialist Matt Hamblin. (Unable to attend: Secretary; Bob Wellhouse; Past Pres./Librarian Pete Schuh)

Agenda

Minutes: Minutes from last board meeting were accepted

Treasurer's Report:

Activity for the month of March – includes checks and deposits cleared since the February Board Meeting:

- \$200.00 annual rental fee for the Art Garage which will be our new monthly meeting location with meetings planned to begin in July. Current assets: \$4822.94. March 2020: \$8648.76
- WebEx virtual meeting platform fees.
- One new book for the WWG library.
- Speaker fees for Barry Bender, our last virtual speaker, and for Matt Hamblin for his time spent coordinating and streaming the event.

Treasurers Note: Our diminishing balance is due primarily to the fact that we had several expenses but no income from the canceled spring show and the fact that we did not collect dues in 2020.

Membership: Ted reports about 37 members took advantage of reduced fee of \$5 for 2020-2021 cycle. Most members have not renewed. At this time the plan is to resume meeting in July. At that time, donations to help the guild cover costs will be accepted. Regular dues collection will resume in October 2021, with possible "incentives" for prompt renewal. Stay tuned!

Newsletter: Monthly publication will continue on limited basis, as plans evolve, to keep members informed.

Programs: MARK YOUR CALENDAR! FIRST MEETING IS WEDNESDAY, JULY 21, 2021 7 pm. 9th Wed)
****MASKS WILL BE MANDATORY for the protection of all participants, and extra masks will be available.****

Topic of first meeting will be a **Members' Show & Tell**, so we can all see how members stayed busy during the down time. Please plan to share something you created during the down time. Also, at that meeting the interim executive director of the Art Garage, Tristin St. Mary, will provide history and background on the Art Garage.

Barry and Steve report several options for future programs, including, but not limited to: intarsia, bowl carving, feather carving, scroll saw art, CNC carving, "high end" furniture refinishing. Some previous programs may be repeated.

New meeting location: At the Art Garage, 1400 Cedar Street in Green Bay. There are 3 parking lots available, all facilities are on one level. A large room can accommodate up to 200 people, with ample chairs and tables. TV and audio available. Could conduct classes and demonstrations, even have snacks, if we clean up after.

The contract for 1 year has been signed, for \$200. A detailed map will be sent in the newsletter prior to first meeting.

Library: For an additional \$20/month, we can house the extensive Guild library there. So Pete doesn't have to haul it to & from the site every month.

38th Annual Show: Plans for the Show are in preliminary stages. Current suggestion is to work toward a fall date, possibly around the holidays. Waiting for the NFL schedule to be published, so we can hold the show during Packers bye-week. The high schools still have not set policies for hosting events, but are the most reasonable in terms of cost. The floor plan at South West is already set, so would be a preferred site. (Other venues will charge from \$2700 to \$5000/day!) Many exhibitors have allowed their 2020 fee to carry over, and plan to attend. Some have requested refunds, but can be rescheduled if they wish. Some new printing of publicity would be required, due to date changes. At this time it is expected that this would also be a Mask Mandatory event.

Other shows and events

The annual Woodcarvers Congress has been cancelled, organizers deemed it too risky.

The Spring Show at the Art Garage is May 15th, a one day show. Pat Williams requested a slot for the Guild for the show. We will be notified if the guild is selected. If so, we would have to bring our own tables and set up for a 10 x 10 space. Pat paid the \$20.00, which the club can re-imburse if we get the space. The members who want to show & sell will have to take turns at the table. The Art Garage does not take any commission. The group would be responsible for their own sales. Good advertisement! Paul and Pat will have a separate space there, if accepted. You can go to <https://theartgarage.org>, artists, opportunities, which will tell you about the show.

The Wisconsin River Wood Carvers Show is Sept 17 & 18, 2021, in Steven's Point. Participants who pay for a table for \$40.00 are eligible for the competition. They also have classes. Its a great show! Paul and Pat will be there. For more information, go to: www.wisconsinriverwoodcarvers.org. There would also be an option of a table for the Guild, with members staffing it.

Next Board Meeting : virtually, 3rd Tues, April 20, 2021. Members welcome.

Contact Matt Hamblin if you would like to attend. froggy6703@gmail.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.) Issues will be published intermittently until normal meetings can resume.

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MEETINGS (Guests and prospective members welcome)

3rd Wednesday of each month, Time: 7:00 p.m. resuming later in 2021

Visit our web site at: www.newwg.org

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