

# BENCHTALK



## Northeastern Wisconsin Woodworkers Guild

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### March 16, 7 pm, at the Art Garage in Green Bay

Meet Rick Brunner. Rick owns and operates Rick's Toybox Inc. Rick makes toys for kids around the world and locally. His story of how he got started is very intriguing.

Rick had serious health issues around 2011. He had migraines, hidden seizures and cognitive issues. On top of that, he had prostate cancer. After all that, doctors told him he may spend the rest of his life sitting in a chair.

Rick would not have any of that though. He decided he wanted to live life with purpose and fulfillment.

At our March meeting, Rick will tell you about his work and how it has touched peoples lives all over the world and how he serves the local area as well. He will also show his toys and tell some touching stories.

Be sure to check out his website at [www.rickstoyboxinc.com](http://www.rickstoyboxinc.com)



### **Upcoming meetings 7 pm, at the Art Garage, in Green Bay, unless otherwise noted.** (See map/directions on pg. 2)

March 16<sup>th</sup> -Rick Brunner – of Rick's Toybox – Making Toys for the world's less fortunate children

April 20<sup>th</sup> – Pat Williams -Painting wood art

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Program topics subject to change, depending on speaker availability. Updated listings in each newsletter.

### **April Program Preview**

Our presenter for the April 20<sup>th</sup> meeting will be award winning artist Pat Williams. She has been teaching realistic wildlife painting for 30 years, and is a sought after instructor.

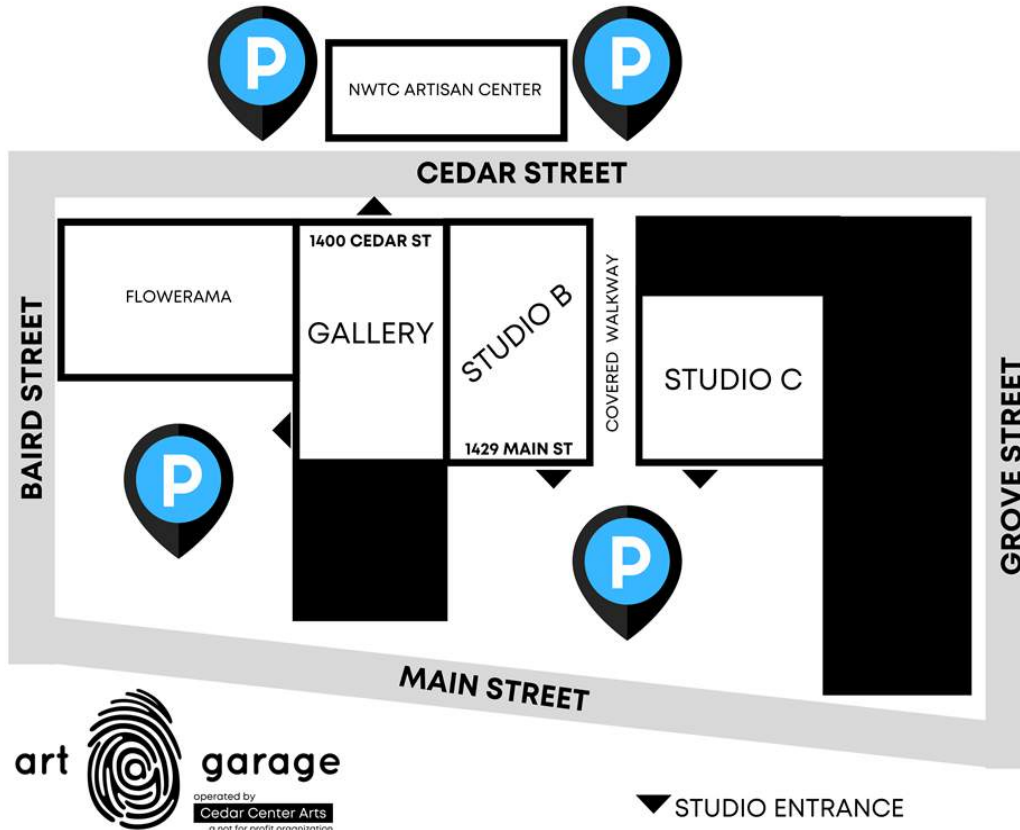
Pat will do a demonstration on realistic painting. Whether you are painting a carving, or on a flat surface, the principles are the same. She will teach you about: growth direction, shading, painting the eye, and painting feathers, along with how to highlight, all of which give you realism. All of these techniques are important in any carving, and can be applied to birds, animals, fish, flowers and humans.

Judges at shows look for detail and realism. Come to the April meeting and learn how to set your work apart from the average.



**Art Garage Location** Enter at 1429 Main Street entrance

Additional parking in Flowerama lot, and the 2 lots of the Artisan Center, on the north side of Cedar St.



Directions to the Art Garage: Located in east Green Bay, close to downtown, between Baird and Grove, on Main Street. From the east and south, Hwy 141 becomes Main St. From the west, Dousman becomes Main.

**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.

Re: newsletter, Maureen Birk: [birkmr2@gmail.com](mailto:birkmr2@gmail.com)

Re: web site: Matt Hamblin: [froggy6703@gmail.com](mailto:froggy6703@gmail.com)  
920-419-3910

**Guild Officers**

President: Paul Murphy

Vice President, Pat Williams

Treasurer, Chuck Druckrey

**Committee Chairs & Project Coordinators**

Programs, Barry Bender, Kristin Nemetz

Publicity/Membership, Ted Zabel

Librarian, Pete Schuh

Special Events, Dan Alesch

Spring Show, Pat Williams

Newsletter/Secretary Maureen Birk

Web Site, Matt Hamblin

**NEWWG BOD Meeting Feb. 23, 2022** At the Art Garage

Convened 7 pm.

**Attending:** Pres. Paul Murphy, V.P. Pat Williams, Treasurer Chuck Druckrey, , Program Committee Barry Bender, Secretary /Newsletter, Maureen Birk; Past Pres./Library Pete Schuh. Unable to attend: Membership Ted Zabel, Kristen Nemitz (Programs)

**Minutes** from last meeting were approved

**Treasurer's report:** Due to computer issues, a treasurer's report was not available.

**Membership** Ted submitted an updated description of business membership, for discussion. This will be published in the newsletter. Currently we have one business member.

**Newsletter:** The last 2 newsletters have been brief, as in-person meetings were cancelled, during the recent spike in COVID 19 infections. Articles, reports for the March newsletter are requested by Mon. 3/7/22.

**Library** Books have been moved to locked storage shelves at the Art Garage. Pete has taken inventory and has a current listing available so the information on the web site can be updated, also.

**Programs** Current schedule confirmed through May. Barry is working on subsequent speakers.

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Discussion followed on ways to get the membership more involved. Barry also reported some issues with the computer the Guild previously provided for programs. This may be due to limited tech support for an older computer.

**2022 Show Planning:** Preliminary planning in process:

Date: Likely Oct 29-30, or Nov 5-6 or 12-13. Need to co-ordinate with Denmark H.S. schedule, and if possible avoid deer hunting schedule, and Packer home game weekend.

Other issues being discussed and considered: discounted lodging for out of town attendees; classes/ demo sessions; committees for multiple aspects of the event, necessity for more member involvement.

Advertising: best coverage for the money.

**2022 recommendations:** Fee inc. to \$5, each day. children under 12 years free, Wrist bands, different colors each day.

Consistent table covers needed- order table skirts as before?

Woodworkers tables need to be able to accept charges-Pat will train.

Raffle donations need to have donor information attached. Winners addresses needed.

Carts needed at show end on Sunday.

New vendor for 2022: Shawano Lumber Co.

Next membership meeting: Wed, March 16, 2022

Next Board of Directors meeting Tues. March 22, 2022. at Pete's home.

Adjourned 8:45pm

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. Submissions from members are welcome (articles, musings, questions, pictures.)**

## **Membership Notices**

Business Memberships are available and encouraged. Here are the guidelines for a business membership.

### **Woodworkers Guild Business Membership Category**

Guild Business Members are vendors of woodworking tools, and supplies generally used by home and/or commercial woodworkers. Guild Business membership is encouraged.

Business Member's dues are \$35 annually after the member initial payment of \$50 which includes two name tags. Business Members may participate in the Guild as officers.

Guild Business members are allowed 2 voting members and may hold appointed or elective offices in the Guild.

Guild Business members wishing to present a woodworking related program at a regular meeting will need to work with the Guild program chairman to arrange a date and program topic.

Guild Business members may participate in the annual Woodworking Show with items for sale, presentations or demonstrations of woodworking related tools, techniques or products.

Guild Business members are encouraged to submit articles for Monthly Benchtalk newsletter that educates Guild members about aspects of woodworking. The maximum space available to each Business member is One-half Bench talk sheet per month.

Guild Business members may publish advertisements in Bench Talk offering promotions to woodworkers. The advertisement is not to exceed one fourth of a page.

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### **Current Member Roster up date** From Ted Zabel:

I have attached a chart of my record of members whose memberships are up to date. I believe that this list is accurate but I could have missed a payment, if you feel that there is an error, please call at 920-425-4964 or email me at [tzabel5125@hotmail.com](mailto:tzabel5125@hotmail.com).

If your name is not listed, my records indicate that you are not currently paid up and the Guild Board will look at the status of delinquent memberships at our next meeting. I appreciate your help in getting our membership list current. Thank you Ted Zabel  
**(Chart is included in email as a separate attachment)**

**Guild Library Notice.** Any one with borrowed materials... a reminder to return any club books or videos, they are all due, as it has been a long time since the last meeting at the Art garage. Books are now permanently housed at The Art Garage and will be available at meetings.



Upcoming events by other organizations:

**Midwest Chippers Show**

Attached are the forms for the May 1, 2022 Mid-Wisconsin Chippers Show. It will be held at the Oshkosh Convention Center located at 2 North Main Street from 9 AM to 4 PM. (See maps below.)

The Mid-Wisconsin Chippers are looking to fill about 15 more tables for their show. Attached are forms that you can print out complete and submit, if they wish to have a display table

One sheet is for reserving a table. The other (2 pages) is an entry form for a carving contest.

**MID-WIS. CHIPPERS** Presents its  
Woodcarving Show, Competition & Sale

**46th Annual Artistry In Wood**

**Falconry (Live Falcon)**  
Presentation by Frank Ujzdowski  
Wisconsin Falconers Association


Bird Carvings, Fish, Caricatures & More  
Woodcarvers, Pyrographers  
Local Carving Clubs, Chainsaw Carver  
Basswood, Tools, Books, & More!

**Sunday, May 1, 2022**  
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Bucket Raffle, Tool & Wood Vendors, "How To" Books.  
Demos! Food Concession! Carved Art for Sale!  
Everything you need to get started in Woodcarving!


Admission: \$4 Under 12 free

*Tool Shopping!*

**The Oshkosh Convention Center**  
2 North Main Street, Oshkosh, WI 

For more show info: [www.midwisconsinchippers.weebly.com](http://www.midwisconsinchippers.weebly.com)  
or contact Paul Wolters (920) 727-2139

Enjoy the Oldest Annual Woodcarving Show in Wisconsin!  
☆ The Oshkosh Convention Center (OCC) P= Free Parking  
B Best Western Premier Waterfront Hotel  
(Ask for Special Woodcarving Show Room Rate!)



From New London & Stevens Point  
Take Rte 45 to OCC

From Green Bay, Fox Cities Appleton, Neenah, Menasha

From Omro & Berlin

From Fond du Lac, Madison & Milwaukee

From Ripon

Easy Route  
Exit on 9th,  
Left on Main  
to OCC

The registration and contest forms are PDF documents, included as attachments, separate from the main newsletter.