

BENCHTALK

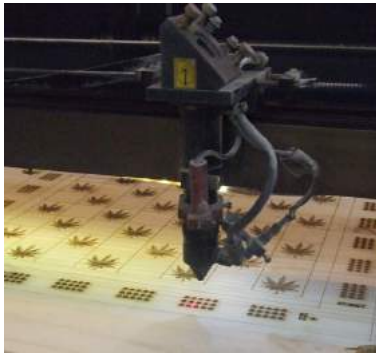


Northeastern Wisconsin Woodworkers Guild

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Guild meeting, Wednesday, April 19 2023; 7 pm at NWTC in Green Bay

Our guest speaker for the April meeting is Shayne Thorsen. Shayne is a self employed welder from Randolph, Wisconsin. His other job is making laser burned wood objects and laser engraved tumblers and sports bottles. He does this from his home shop in his garage. Among his laser engraved wood projects are game boards, personal portraits, clocks, cutting boards, and anything you could dream up. His business is called “Your Household Creations”. Shayne will explain how laser burning works and will answer any questions you might have. You can check out some of Shayne’s work on his business website at: www.yourhouseholdcreations.com .



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

May 17th 2023 Chris Shoemaker – Making Clocks with Mechanical Movements

June 21st, 2023 Woodworkers Forum-Attending members discuss challenges, solutions, project sources. Barry has prospects for July and September, but nothing set in stone. Suggestions are always welcome.

March program Recap

James Wilsing’s, a musician and woodworker from Sheboygan, Wisconsin, revealed how Native American flutes are made, and how he got into the craft of making them. He included a musical interlude as demonstration.



Scraps to Gifts, By Gary Emerich

I just finished these little cutting boards which are hard maple and black walnut. The glue is Titebond III. The finish is vegetable oil. I use a NEJE laser to personalize them.

I also made cherry and white oak wine stoppers. When I make this type of wine stopper I use a lot of doweling. So I decided to make my own out of scrap pine. I made a doweling jig out of a piece of 1/4" steel plate. Directions are on YouTube. You can see the setup with the drill. These are 1/2" dowels. So once the dowel is cut I chuck it in my cordless drill and spin the dowel in some 80 grit sand paper. It works really well. I turned out the dowels in the picture in about a half hour. I haven't tried hardwood but I don't see why it wouldn't work as well. You may have to push a bit harder to pass it through the plate. Wood's not cheap, we may as well use up the scrap!

All of these projects were made with scrap wood. All are to be gifted.



April Membership Update

We welcome these new members who joined us recently:

Geoff Athens of Appleton

Timothy & Greg Levenhagen of Appleton

Scott Nelmark of Menasha

Don & Ann Whitehouse of Appleton

Mark & Dana Wilson of Fond du Lac

As of April 1, we have 121 active members.

On Saturday, July 29, the Guild will hold another membership event at the Woodcraft store in Appleton. Woodcraft is holding their annual Family Day. We were invited to attend to invite shoppers to join the Guild. Wes Brown, one of our new members and manager of the Woodcraft of Appleton store, will be at our April meeting to talk about Family Day and invite you to help with demos and building simple projects with attendees.

The last event like this was a huge win for our Guild. Nine new members joined at that event. The Guild thanks Wes and the Woodcraft team for promoting the Guild and giving us this opportunity.

Eric Hansen W6994 Angel Hill Drive Greenville, WI 54942

NEWWG BOD Meeting March 21, 2023 At NWTC Great Lake Energy Ed. Center meeting room. Convened 7:00 pm.

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

Minutes from last meeting: Move to accept: Pete; 2nd: Matt. Approval unanimous.

Secretary/Newsletter: With meeting on April 19, articles will be due 4/10.

Library No new items. Pete is trying to contact those who have had items out for a long time.

Website Matt reports he is almost finished with the web site update, and will notify the Board when ready to "go live".

Treasurer's report: Financial Activity (2/27/23 – 3/21/23)

Balance as of 3/21/23 - \$3236.78

Income:	Expenses:
\$1.32 - Interest income	\$ 79.64 Membership expense
\$248.00– Membership dues	\$ 6.44 Newsletter expenses
\$180.00 “	\$ 100.00 Presenter Fee (March)
\$ 75.00 Advertising refund	Total -\$186.04
Total \$504.32	

Respectfully Submitted, Chuck Druckrey – Treasurer

Membership: Currently we have 124 paid members

Seventy-Seven former members will be dropped from the membership list and Bench Talk email on 3/31/2023. Of the 77, 72 have not paid dues since 2019 or before so they have been inactive for a long time.

Recommendations:

Next Membership Sign Up Event at Woodcraft of Appleton's Family Day on July 29, 2023

Wes Brown has family focused activities planned for this day. He will be at our April 19 meeting to ask for Guild volunteers to either provide demos or help kids build the planned simple projects. Please allow Wes 10-15 minutes to speak on this at the April meeting.

I will need to print more brochures and applications in the next month or two. Currently I am re-stocking the supply of these at Woodcraft every 10-14 days. This is great news as it leads to more new members.

Programs:

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Show 2023: New Show Committee: Nothing new to report

B.O.D positions The NEWWG constitution and Bylaws, and Role responsibilities documents were discussed item by item. Changes discussed to bring the documents up to date with current practice, and maintain not-for-profit status. B.O.D. member will each update sections and the modifications will be reviewed at next meeting.

Next membership meeting: Wed, April 19, 2023

Next Board of Directors meeting Tues. April 25, 2023 will be at NWTC.

Meeting adjournment moved by Pat, 2nd by Pete, unanimous approval at 9:20pm.

Respectfully submitted, Maureen Birk Secretary/newsletter editor.

Community Out Reach

From Rick Brunner:

With the help of Guild Members Bill Kocha and Barry Bender, Rick's Toybox, Inc. was able to make a special March Madness impact at Elmore Elementary School in Green Bay. Just like basketball, it takes a team, and Bill and Barry make up a great smile making team for Rick's Toybox, Inc. A big "Thank You" to Bill and Barry for your help in supporting Rick's Toybox, Inc.



3/23/23 News item from Channel 5

BROWN COUNTY, Wis. (WFRV) – A toy-making nonprofit in Green Bay has donated wooden cars to Ashwaubenon Public Safety for officers to distribute to children they encounter in traumatic incidents.

50 wooden cars were donated by Rick's Toybox. For President Rick Brunner, he says these cars are not just toys.

"It's not so much giving a car to a child, it's also bringing the community together," Brunner says. He adds, "When I was a child, the police officers used to hand out football cards and sometimes stickers, and I can remember how that made an impact on me. It's kind of like handing out a business card from the officer to a child, just building up their relationship."

Ashwaubenon Public Safety has received other toy donations in the past, but Brunner's donation is unique.

Lieutenant Wade Wudtke says, "We want to thank Rick for doing this. One of those vehicles, those little toys, takes a lot of man hours to do, and if he's willing to donate, that means a lot to his character."

Ashwaubenon is just one of hundreds of communities Rick's Toybox has donated to across the country. While Brunner has accomplished a lot, he remains humble about his work. To sum it up in one word, 'wow'. I guess it's just my small part in helping," Brunner says. He also explains that he chose cars because they are small enough for people to carry.

Library

The library will be available at the new meeting location.

Please bring all of the materials you have checked out.



New meeting room/building but still at NWTC,

We will now be in Room EE201, of the Great Lakes Energy Ed. Center. Use parking lot G, entrance door E2. See map included with newsletter.

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

For more information on activities, meetings and members, check out the Guild website at: newwg.org

Advance notice of Mid Wis Chippers May 2023 Carving Show

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

47th
Annual

Artistry In Wood

Sunday, May 7, 2023

9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Carved Art for Sale!

Dozens of Woodcarvers,

Pyrographers,

Local Carving Clubs

Wood, Tools, Books & More!

Whittlin' Shack Tools & Supplies

Bird Carvings, Fish Carvings,

Caricatures & More



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Everything you need to get started in Woodcarving!

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

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The Mid-Wis Chippers have been very supportive of our Guild, and several members have participated in our show. In turn, we are sharing more of their information.

Our newsletters are posted on our website under the "Newsletters and Forms" tab. Here is the link to our website. <https://midwisconsinchippers.weebly.com>

By the way, of interest for the carvers in your club, we have three carving classes scheduled. All will be held at St. Marks Lutheran Church in Neenah. All taught by excellent experienced teachers.

1. White Tailed Deer Buck (Butternut Cutout included) 6 Day class, April 27-29 & May 11-13 taught by Betsy Popp (\$235 for non Chipper members) 12 people max; 4 spots left.
2. Chip Carving 2 day class May 4 & 5 taught by Jan Jenson ((\$85 for non Chipper members)
3. Loggerhead Shrike (a predatory songbird) August 11-14 taught by Josh Guge (\$400 plus material fee)

Regards,

Cedric Richeson Secretary

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

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920-419-3910

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President: Paul Murphy

Vice President, Pat Williams

Treasurer, Chuck Druckrey

Programs/publicity Barry Bender,

Committee Chairs & Project Coordinators

Membership, Eric Hansen

Librarian, Pete Schuh

Annual Show, Kristen Nemitz, Randy Hendricks,

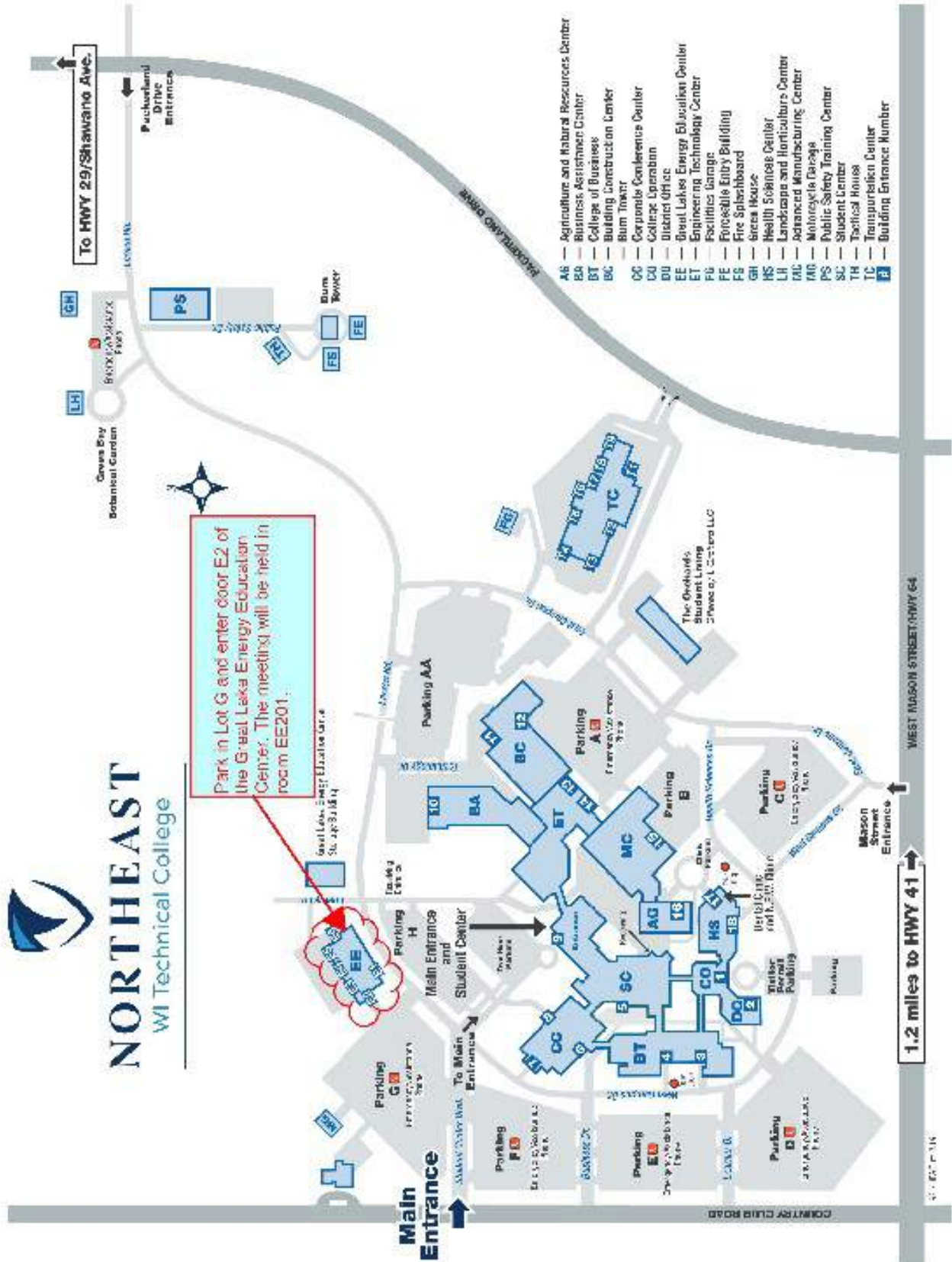
Jim Michiels

Newsletter/Secretary Maureen Birk



NORTHEAST WI Technical College

Park in Lot G and enter door E2 of the Great Lakes Energy Education Center. The meeting will be held in room EE201.



- AG — Agriculture and Natural Resources Center
- BA — Business Assistance Center
- BT — College of Business
- BC — Building Construction Center
- BU — Burn Tower
- CC — Corporate Conference Center
- CO — College of Cosmetology
- CU — Culinary Office
- EE — Great Lakes Energy Education Center
- ET — Engineering Technology Center
- FE — Facilities Management
- FE — Fire Safety Building
- FS — Fire Substation
- GH — Green House
- HS — Health Sciences Center
- LH — Landscape and Horticulture Center
- MC — Advanced Manufacturing Center
- MO — Motor Vehicle Garage
- PS — Public Safety Training Center
- SC — Student Center
- TH — Technical House
- TC — Transportation Center
- E — Building Entrance Number

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