

BENCHTALK



Northeastern Wisconsin Woodworkers Guild

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PROGRAM FOR WEDNESDAY, JULY 18,

7 PM at Ashwaubenon High School

Custom Knifemaking

Introduction to program, by Steve Lockhart

A few months ago Gary Emerich recommended to me (thanks, Gary!) a presentation to Milwaukee's Woodworkers guild done by Lafe Nelson about making Custom Knives.

It was well received by the Guild in Milwaukee . I asked around and found that there is lots of interest by our Guild members so I asked Lafe if he would do a presentation.

Summary presented by Lafe Nelson

Beginning with some background, I'll talk a bit about what sparked my interest in knifemaking, and then I'll move into the process of and building and modifying a 2x72 inch belt grinder. We'll discuss a few key components and challenges encountered in making a machine out of plywood. I'll show a few of my knives and give an overview of the main steps in the process of knifemaking including metalwork and wood shaping and finishing.

I'll allow some time throughout for Q&A and finish with a few words about my plans & projects moving forward, and if there's interest we can demo a couple sharpening strategies that can dramatically increase edge retention on almost all edged tools.



2018 UPCOMING PROGRAMS AT ASHWAUBENON HIGH SCHOOL 7 PM

Green Bay Ashwaubenon High School 2391 S. Ridge Rd

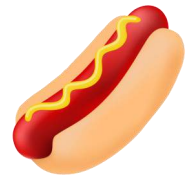
Enter through the west side of the building, and turn Right to the meeting room.

Map available on our web site newwg.org

- July 18 Lafe Nelson Custom made knives and sheaths
- Aug 15 Wed Special event-registration required Little Chute Windmill Tour
- Aug 19 Sun PICNIC DeBroux Park (Details below)
- Sep 19 Tom Sveum - building old time wagon wheels
- Oct 17 Merl Stingle - CNC router basics plus
- Nov 14 Larry Hladilek-Norwegian Bentwood boxes (**Note earlier date-2nd Wed.)

Annual Guild Picnic

Our picnic is scheduled for August 19th, at De Broux Park . The address is 2900 Brighton PL., Green Bay, Village of Bellevue. The major food items will be provided, burgers, brats, corn on the cob, buns, condiments, soda, water, coffee.



I will have a sign-up sheet at the guild meeting on July 18th. We are looking for volunteers to help with the planning and picking up needed items. This would be a good way to help support your guild. We will need someone to pick up the food, pick-up the grill. We have rented a 2x5 trailer mounted grill from Biebel's in Green Bay (920-468-6828). The grill needs to be picked up on Saturday and returned on Monday. We usually eat around noon, so the grill and food would need to be on site by 10:30 am. Members will be reimbursed for actual expenses, receipt is needed.



Members attending the picnic usually bring a dish to pass, salads, desserts etc. The sign-up sheet will have a place for volunteers to set-up tables, chairs etc. and clean-up after. If you can't make the Wed meeting you can call or e-mail me at 920-788-3871, pjscls@live.com, to sign up to attend the picnic. Reservations must be in by August 12th. Hope to see you Wednesday at Ashwaubenon High School and at the picnic in August.

Thanks for your support
Pete Schuh

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

This is an update regarding your Northeastern Woodworkers Guild membership and our transition to annual October 1 membership renewal date for all members. The change is intended to help us all keep easier note of membership renewals. In most cases we are asking you to pay for one year plus part of the year to get your status to October 1, 2019. To help make the catch up process easier, we have divided our membership list into four parts with one-fourth paying their dues each of 4 months beginning May 2018 to August 2018 with September as a loose ends month.

If you feel your information is not correct, please call 920-621-5125 or email me at, tzabel5125@hotmail.com I have included the July list in this month's newsletter. Send your checks to me at 2683 Whitegate Trail, De Pere, WI 54115. Call 920-621-5125 with questions. Also for the people who have decided to relinquish their membership, please send me an email message at tzabel5125@hotmail.com or drop me a written note. Please let me know of any problems. Thank you Ted Zabel

Patrick		Courtney	17	\$0.00	\$6.00	01-Apr-19	July
Mike		Dahlke		\$2.00	\$17.00	01-Aug-18	July
Bob		Decker		\$2.00	\$17.00	01-Aug-18	July
Dick		DeGroot		\$0.00	\$8.00	01-Feb-19	July
Bill		Dishmaker		\$10.00	\$25.00	01-Dec-17	July
Kevin		Doherty		\$6.00	\$21.00	01-Apr-18	July
Gary		Emerich		\$1.00	\$16.00	01-Sep-18	July
Dennis		Finell	17	\$5.00	\$20.00	01-May-18	July
Richard	J	Foley		\$1.00	\$16.00	01-Sep-18	July
Larry		Franke	17	\$6.00	\$21.00	01-Apr-18	July
Bob & Brandon		Fruzen	F	\$16.00	\$36.00	01-Feb-18	July
Dan		Giese	17	\$6.00	\$21.00	01-Apr-18	July

GUILD ELECTION RESULTS

We had our annual election of officers at the June meeting. The board members remain the same as last year. Paul Murphy as Vice President, Chuck Druckrey - Treasurer, Steve Lockhart – Program chair, Bob Welhouse – Secretary, Maureen Birk – Editor and Web Manager, Ted Zabel – Membership chair and Public Relations, Pete Schuh – President and Librarian.

On that note, we are still looking for someone to help Ted with public relations. You would submit meeting information to local papers and Craig's list. You would also help with printing the tickets and flyers for the spring show. We have all the information you would need, mostly you would take the info to the printer, pick it up and help with the distribution.

I am again asking each member to submit an idea or topic for a meeting. If you can't help out on the board or a committee, you should have an idea of what you would like to see at a meeting. You joined for a reason, to learn new things or become better at what you do. You can call or email any board member with your idea. We would like at least 150 suggestions by the end of August. Give us your ideas and if possible the name of a person that we could contact for a presentation, or maybe a web site with the topic of interest. We look forward to your support of your Guild.

If you know a member that would be willing to help out but they are afraid to volunteer, let us know and we will contact them.

Thanks, Pete Schuh

Special Activity in August Windmill tour (August 15)

The Guild has booked a tour of the Little Chute Windmill for 7:00 pm on Wednesday evening Aug. 15

The windmill is an authentic, fully functioning 1850's design from the Netherlands and is over 100 feet tall. It was designed and built in the Netherlands by a 4th generation Millwright, Lucas Vergij, disassembled, shipped to Little Chute and reassembled.

See photos of the interior of the mill for samples of the amazing woodworking. Tours of the windmill are available to the general public during the day but we have booked a "custom" tour with a guide who is a woodworker. The tour should take about an hour plus whatever time it takes to answer questions. (I expect there will be lots of questions)

To be included in the tour you must pay in advance. Each member may bring a guest and the

**Cost will be: \$6.00 per person
must be paid no later than the July 18 meeting.**

At the June meeting I accepted 18 reservations. There a total of 50 slots available so I don't expect we will reach that but just in case we do it will be first come first serve!

***Please bring cash or check (made out to NEWWG) to the July meeting

If you are not able to be the July meeting mail a check (made out to NEWWG)

Mail before July 16 !

TO: Steve Lockhart

2315 Tannenbaum Trail

Appleton, WI 54914

Mail early!!!

No reservations accepted after the JULY 18 meeting!

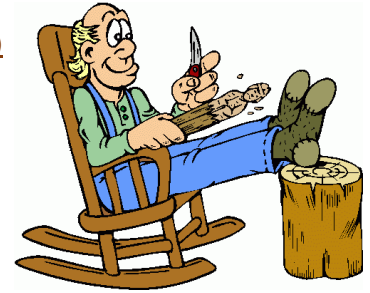


A Couple of Words from The Olde Wood Carver. (Dan Alesch)

Dan Hemminger and I worked together to obtain a table for the Guild at the giant woodcarving show in Stevens Point this September. The Guild Board authorized the \$40 cost for the table, but we are covering our own hotel costs for two nights, since we must be there early on Saturday and all day Sunday.

The purpose of the Guild table is to let the many people who attend the show know that the Guild exists, that we do some very interesting things, and that we are open for memberships. The show attracts people from a multi-state area, including many from the Fox Valley and Green Bay areas.

By the Show's rules, 60% of the created items on the table must be carvings. For the remaining 40%, I will collect representative pieces from a number of Guild members just to demonstrate our array of skills. I will have a small portion of the table available for the carvers who help staff the table to display and, perhaps, to sell some of their creations. We hope to see some of you there and we'll do our best to do the Guild proud and attract some members.



On an entirely unrelated matter, I frequently find myself lying down on the ground in the spring either planting or weeding. I find it a little more comfortable. I was reassured this past week when several neighbors, aware of my advanced years, rushed toward me lying in the yard to see whether I was alright or dead. My reassurance was tested a little when one of them yelled "He's injured, call 711."

**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 Sept 10, 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

How to Get Involved:

For inquiries regarding joining

The Northeastern Wisconsin Woodworkers Guild, contact:
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Or any other Board or committee member.

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