

BENCHTALK



**The Northeastern Wisconsin Woodworkers Guild
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WED. MAY 17, 2017 PROGRAM
@ Southwest High School 7 pm.
Grading of Hardwood Lumber (and more)

With Sean Bennett of Bennett Hardwoods Wausau
By Steve Lockhart



If you're a woodworker and have never been to Bennett Hardwoods in Wausau, I highly recommend a visit. Bennett hardwoods stocks a wide variety of native hardwoods plus a number of exotic woods and they also have reasonable prices!

Sean has been in the lumber business for his entire working career. He does sales, purchasing, and manufacturing of lumber as well as heading up the retail and exotic species division in the company. Sean has been working for Bennett Hardwoods Inc since 1988 (full time)



Sean will be talking about the different grades of lumber, and their main uses, as well as the properties of different species. Sean will bring physical samples of the different grades. He says he will be giving away all the lumber samples after the presentation! Sean will bring computer cd's describing different species and their properties (from the forest products lab)

For more information on Bennett Hardwoods go to www.bennetthardwoods.com

SUMMER PROGRAMS RETURNING TO UWGB CAMPUS, WOOD HALL 7 PM

Map and directions in June newsletter

June 21: Bob Beaupre, NEWWG member: Segmented Turning

July 19: Rob Martens, NEWWG member: Laminate Bending

Aug: Picnic (details to be determined)

Sept 20: Gary Emerich and Al Herwig, NEWWG members: Making an "illusionist heart"

Fall program location subject to change, the board is looking into options for a more permanent location.



Notes from NEWWG Guild President, Pete Schuh

Annual Officer Elections

The June membership meeting is fast approaching. Our Constitution and By-laws require we give at least a 30 day notice for election of officers or changes to the by-laws.

Please consider supporting your guild through serving on the board. We have an urgent need for a treasurer. If you are interested, contact me and I will send you a list of duties for the treasurer. We also have most of the positions available if you want to get involved. Most of the people now serving have been in those positions for quite awhile and are willing to let someone else step in. This is a list of positions, President, Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, News Letter Editor/ Web site manager, and Librarian.

The Vice President is chairman of the program committee; Second Vice President is Chairman of public relations committee. The Secretary records the minutes of the directors meetings. The Treasurer receives all monies and makes disbursements in the name of the guild. Reserves the meeting room, renews the insurance and raffle permit. Files form 990N post card for taxes.

The Editor publishes and distributes the monthly news letter and keeps the web site up to date. The Librarian maintains the guild library, sends out over due notices, records the monthly meetings and places a copy in the library.

We will also vote on changes for the description of Business Members.

Also our 501c3 status requires we have language to “ensure that we will refrain from supporting or opposing candidates in political campaigns in anyway.”

Please consider volunteering for one of these positions. You can contact any board member or

Let me know of your interest.

Pete Schuh 920-788-3871 pjscls@live.com

NORTHEAST WISCONSIN WOODWORKING GUILD
MEETINGS (Guests and prospective members welcome)
3rd Wednesday of each month, unless specified otherwise.

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Where: Southwest High School Rm. 4225

For detailed directions and map,

Visit our web site at: www.newwg.org

How to Get Involved:

For inquiries regarding joining

The Northeastern Wisconsin Woodworkers Guild, contact:

Pete Schuh: pjscls@live.com (920-788-3871)

Or any other Board or committee member.

Regarding this newsletter, or the web page, contact:

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Guild Officers

President: Pete Schuh

Vice President Programs, Steve Lockhart

Vice President Publicity, Ted Zabel

Treasurer, Kathy Kurtiz

Secretary, Bob Welhouse

Committee Chairs & Project Coordinators

Librarian, Pete Schuh

Membership, Fred Juengst

Special Events, Dan Alesch

Spring Show, Steve Lockhart

Web Site & Newsletter, Maureen Birk



MAY MEMBERSHIP REPORT by Fred Juengst

The promotion of the Guild, the new meeting night, and the location of our meetings continue to attract more members. Our last meeting was a full house and 4 more woodworkers joined the Guild. Just having each new member get up and say a few words took a fair amount of time. We now have 171 paid members including the two trial members who joined the Guild. I dropped no one and will send out 2 postcard reminders this month.

Our new member renewal process appears to be working very well and certainly helps to keep the number of postcard reminders to a minimum. Our process for letting members know when to pay their dues is as follows. When your renewal date comes up at the end of the month, your name will appear in the next month Bench Talk Membership report. Please renew at that time or at the next meeting. If you do not respond, you will receive a postcard reminding you to pay your dues. If no response is received from the postcard reminder by the end of the month, your name is removed from the active membership list. For this Bench Talk we have 19 memberships due in April and 4 due in May.

Ken Bahr	Lance & Tammie Brux	Don Carlson
Robert Carlson	Kevin Carpenter	Tom & Margee Charlier
James Chitko	Kevin Doherty	Jim & Mary Haen
Mark Hawkins	Rick Koon	Jesse Messersmith
Jack Pasterski	Leonard Rudie	Craig Wendt
Michael Guralski	John Hammen	Dan Hemminger
Gerald Keyser		

Please pay your dues as soon as possible

Dues are \$15 for individuals, \$20 for family, and \$35 for business. Make your check payable to "NEWWG" and send it to Fred Juengst, 846 Cornelius Dr, Green Bay, WI 54311. If you are joining for the first time, we require you to purchase a name tag. Please add \$10 for individual, \$15 for family (2 name tags), and \$15 for business members (2 name tags).

We have a sign-up sheet passed around at each meeting. We use this to find new potential members and to update changes to your date so we can keep our membership list current. There seems to be a little confusion about the sign-up sheet particularly for new members. If you are a member and have no changes to your address, e-mail, or phone number just check the member box and leave the rest blank. If you change your address, e-mail or phone number, please check the member box and enter the change you want. If you are a visitor, do not check the member box but add your e-mail if you would like 3 free issues of Bench Talk.

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 June 12, 2017.

April minutes Board of Directors Meeting

Meeting Held: April 25, 2017 at the home of Paul Murphy & Pat Williams

Present: Ted Zabel, Bob Welhouse, Maureen Birk, Fred Juengst, Pete Schuh, Steve Lockhart, Paul Murphy, Pat Williams

Absent: Kathy Kuritz, Dan/Jane Alesch,

Meeting brought to order by Pete Schuh at 7:00pm. February minutes to be filed.

- **Treasurer's Report:** Last year: \$8,606.45. Current year: \$9,253.57.
 - **Membership report:** 24-30 new members.
 - **Special Events:** Spring show - most financially successful spring show.
- Ideas: tour of KI Office Furniture factory

· **Programs:**

- May 2017 - Sean Bennett, Bennett Hardwoods, grading hardwood lumber
 - June 2017 - Bob Beaupre, segmented turning
 - July 2017 - Rob Martens, laminate wood bending
 - August 20, 2017 - picnic date set, site reserved
- some discussion re monthly program presenters fees.

· **Editors Report:** Articles are due by May 8, 2017.

· **Website Report:** Discussion re ease of navigation.

Librarian Report: Added several books: Woodworking Techniques, Tips & Shortcuts; Outdoor Furniture; The Ultimate Woodshop Jig Book.

· **Public Relations / Community Service:**

- Ted Zabel tries to get mention of our monthly meetings in the newspapers.

New Business:

- Sheet re Revised Guild Business Members was handed out and discussed.
 - Nonprofit organization, yearly documentation and IRS report finalized.
 - Discussion re upcoming vote and need to fill board vacancies.
 - Discussed alternative monthly meetings site.
- **Next board meeting:**

May 23, 2017 at Ted Zabel home.

Adjourned.



April 19, Program Review (by Maureen Birk)

"What you Should Know Before Buying Woodworking Products",

presented by Merl Stingle, owner and manager of Wood Workers Depot, in Green Bay.

"Thank you" to Merl. He presented a review of an extensive variety of items, from abrasives, to machinery. His often repeated message was that he was not there to recommend any specific item, but to provide information and comparisons, so members can make informed choices. He urged listeners to shop around, and ASK QUESTIONS!

A partial list of topics covered includes: New vs. Used; Warrantee & Reliability; Stores vs. online purchase; horse power; machine weight.

Tools discussed included band saws and blades, CNC routers, jigs saws, drill presses, dust collectors, fastening systems, lathes, jointers and planers, miter saws, router tables, sanders, sharpening systems, table saws and tracks saws. He also addressed shop safety, and shop aids.

Discussions emphasized what things to compare, what really matters, and what questions to ask.

For full details of his presentation, Merl has kindly made his entire Power Point presentation available to the Guild. It will be posted on our web site, following the online version of this newsletter. (Click on "newsletters-> 2017-> April 2017-> Tool Buying Outline")

(I, personally, feel better prepared to make my next woodworking product purchase.)

