

BENCHTALK



**The Northeastern Wisconsin Woodworkers Guild
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**WE ARE ON THE MOVE AGAIN. NEW LOCATION FOR MEETINGS:
ASHWAUBENON HIGH SCHOOL,
MEETING ROOM, VIA ENTRANCE 21 W**

See article from Pete Schuh that follows, and map on pg. 2.

President's Notes

October 18th membership meeting

I'm back from our cross country trip. Colorado Springs to Salt Lake City and points in between.

There has been some confusion as to where our past meetings were being held. We are trying to find a place that is available all year long and meets our space and accessibility requirements.

Our meeting, scheduled for 18 October, 7 pm, will be at Ashwaubenon High School.

2391 South Ridge Road, Ashwaubenon, Wi. We will enter through 21W, the West side of the building and turn right to the meeting room.

The school is between South Ridge Road and Oneida St. From either road turn onto Anderson St. The school is on the left if coming from Ridge Road, if from Oneida, (Anderson St. is by Burger King), go about a block, the school is on the right.

We will have a few signs and people to help direct you to the room. Please remind/let other members know of the new location. We look forward to seeing you there and welcome your input.

As a reminder, we are still in need of suggestions for future meetings. Think about any recent interest or something you wished you knew more about. We will try and find someone to do a presentation.

Thanks

Pete Schuh President NEWWG

FALL PROGRAMS AT ASHWAUBENON HIGH SCHOOL 7 PM

Oct 18: Chuck Druckery, NEWWG member: Hand cut dovetail joints.

(Detail of program pg. 3)

Nov. 8 * Mark Hawkins The Great Lakes Mackinaw Boat

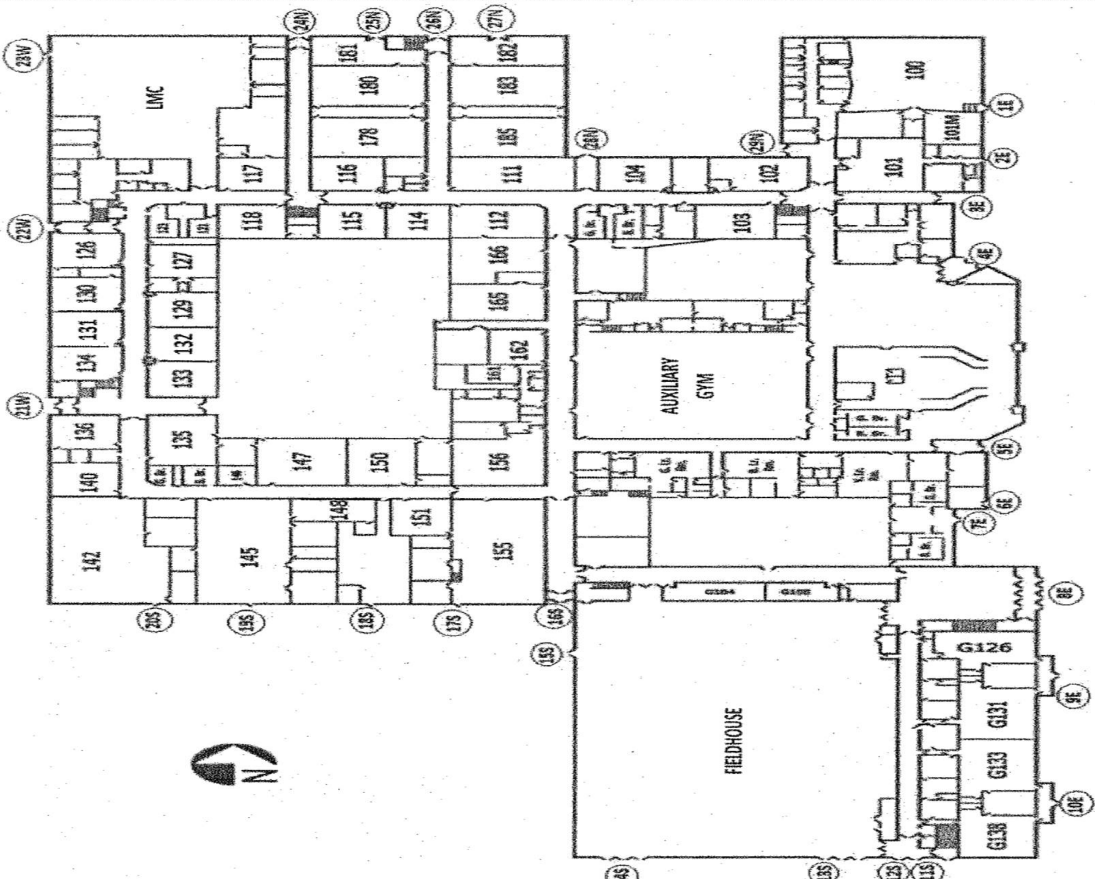
Dec. Holiday Party Date & location to be determined.

Jan. 17 Dan Wieske Topic to be Determined

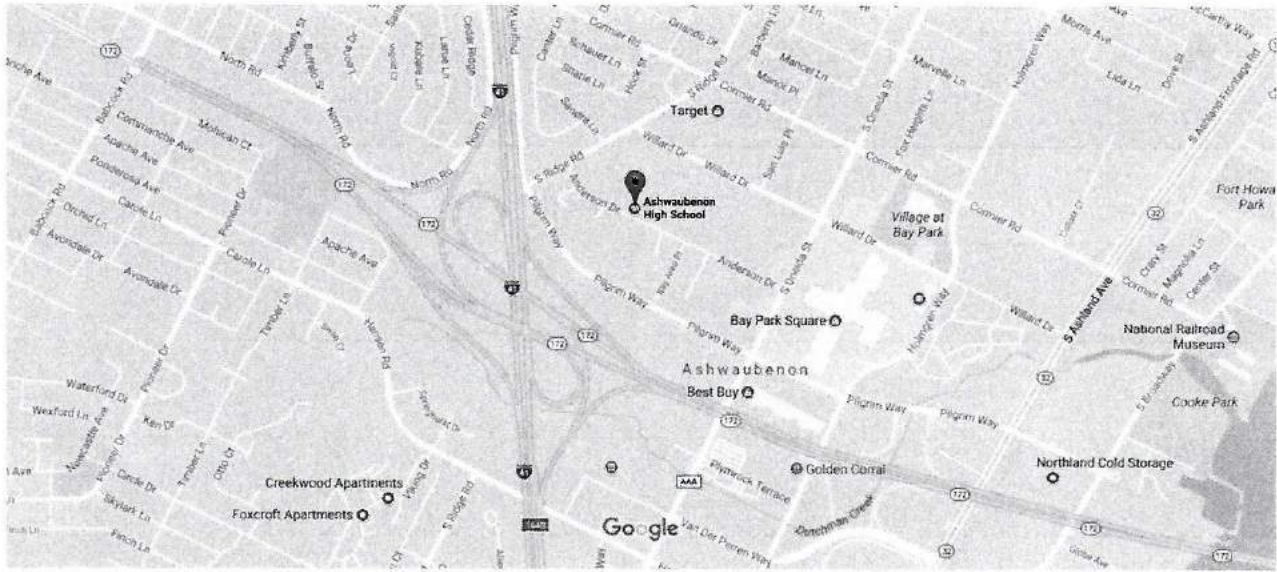
* Note date change to second Wednesday in Nov.

Meeting location: Green Bay Ashwaubenon High School 2391 S. Ridge Rd

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



Google Maps Ashwaubenon High School



Program for October 18 **Hand-Cut Dovetails by Chuck Druckrey**

In numerous woodworking magazines and books I have seen hand-cut dovetails described as some sort of Holy Grail of woodworking or a status symbol of the truly accomplished woodworker. It's a good thing I didn't read any of those magazines twenty years ago or I would have been intimidated and probably never would have cut my first one!

My woodworking hobby began in earnest about 22 years ago after I built my home near Peshtigo, prior to that I had done a fair amount of carpentry while working for relatives in the home building trades. One of my first projects was a hanging bassinet/cradle for my soon-to-be-born son (now 20 years old). The plans called for connecting the rails to the headboard and footboard using dovetails... I figured how hard could it be? Being blissfully ignorant can have its benefits! After ruining a couple rails and at least one headboard I got smart and joined several practice pieces until I could make a passable dovetail joint. Despite the gaps and excessive "filler" people liked my little cradle so much I ended up making four of them for relatives and friends! 20 years later I am still cutting my dovetails by hand, and since my favorite projects are boxes and small cabinets I have plenty of opportunities to cut them.

In my presentation I will discuss tips for laying out dovetails that will set your projects apart and demonstrate cutting dovetails on my purpose-built workbench using a few simple hand tools... no special jigs or saw guides needed. If time allows I will also demonstrate half-blind and mitered dovetails.



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

Visit our web site at: www.newwg.org

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Spring Show, Steve Lockhart

Web Site & Newsletter, Maureen Birk



Membership Report by Ted Zabel

I am the Northeastern Woodworkers Guild Membership Chair. We have changed our membership renewal process from snail mail to email where the member has access. This saves me some work and makes it easier for you as well.

This email notice is your reminder of your expiring membership and renewal notice.

This email reminder is being used in place of the postcard reminder that has been used in the past. The following memberships expire October 1, 2017

Don Berken, Kelly Bresnahan, Mark Brienen, Joe and Trudy Ferrier, Susie Kehoe, Robert and Kathy Kuritz, Scott Lyon, Dave Mariucci, Tom and Sue Sorenson

To renew, please send me a check for your renewal of \$15 for an individual, \$20 for a family renewal or \$35 for a business renewal. You can pay at the October meeting or send me a check.

My address is: Ted Zabel My phone is: 920-425-4964

Guild Membership

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If you wish to resign your membership, please send me an email as such.

If I do not hear from you by October 25, your name will be dropped from our membership list and you will no longer receive a copy of our "Benchtalk" newsletter.

Thank you

July & September programs in review. in review by Ted Zabel

October 8, 2017 July and September programs

Our July and September programs featured three Guild members. Rob Martens in July and Gary Emerich with Al Herwig in September. Both programs were well done with great props and power point presentations which made an interesting and informative presentation.

At the July meeting, Rob demonstrated the techniques he uses to make bent laminated items such as trout nets frames, dulcimers, rockers, toboggan runners, and many other attractive wood pieces. Rob talked on working with his father, Lyle Martens, in developing and improving the laminating process. He showed us his processes using vacuum bags, MDF forms and Laminated Jigs. He offered to teach a class for all interested woodworkers on his laminating process if there is interest. An important take-away from Rob's presentation was the woodworking relationship Rob had with his father and how they both grew from their experiences working together.

At the September, Gary and Al began working together on the Illusionist Heart when they met at a Kettle Carvers in Sheboygan meeting in 2014. Al is one of our senior members who has an extensive machinist background which he has blended with Gary's woodworking experience which is needed in the many steps in making this intricate wooden medallion. Gary mentioned that he has set up 8 separate drill presses for individual fabrication steps. Al and Gary have put together a plan and step-by-step directions for this Heart in PDF format which is available on the Kettle Carvers web site.

An important take-away from this presentation was the working relationship that Gary and AL have formed with their common interest in not only making the medallions but also working together to perfecting the cutting and fabrication process. Two strangers of different era's found a common interest that has made both of the lives richer and ours as well in hearing their story.

From both of the above presentations, we not only learned some good woodworking practices but also received a neat life lesson in using woodworking as a common interest to bridge age or other perceived differences.

Ted Zabel

Board of Directors Meeting

Meeting Held: September 26, 2017 at the home of Ted Zabel

Present: Ted Zabel, Bob Welhouse, Steve Lockhart, Chuck Druckrey, Paul Murphy, Maureen Birk

Absent: Dan & Jane Alesch, Pete Schuh

Meeting brought to order by Paul Murphy at 7:03pm. Prior minutes approved.

· **Treasurer's Report:** Last year: \$5,387.25. Current year: \$8,350.52.

Chuck reports transfer of treasury duties complete.

· **Membership report:**

Ted reports that the numbers are down a few. Ted plans to phone individuals that are not up to date with their dues.

· **Special Events:**

Stevens Point carving show and Paul Murphy's success.

Programs:

Review: September 2017 - illusionist heart construction with Al Herwig & Gary Emmerich. A great representation of the value of the guild in creating relationships.

- October 2017 - hand-cut dovetails by Chuck Druckrey.

- November 2017 - Mark Hawkins - boat building (date tentative)

- December 2, 2017 - Christmas party

Once again, Steve requests ideas for monthly presentations.

· **Editors Report:** Articles are due by October 9, 2017.

· **Website Report:** Maureen reports more updates to come.

· **Librarian Report:**

No report.

· **Public Relations / Community Service:**

No report.

New Business: Ashwaubenon High School seems enthusiastic re possibility of hosting monthly meetings.

· **Next board meeting:**

Ted Zabel offered to host board meeting again on November 24, 2017.

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 Nov.1, 2017.