

# BENCHTALK



**The Northeastern Wisconsin Woodworkers Guild Newsletter**  
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**September Program: Friday, Sep. 16, 2016 7 pm**

**Woodturning, Carving and Painting—Combine to yield beautiful results**

**Presented by Werner Witek**

By Steve Lockhart

First of all, I want to give credit to Pete Schuh and Tom Carlson for recommending this presenter, Werner Witek. Werner has given a similar presentation to the Bay Lake Woodturners group. He will present a “show and tell” regarding his outstanding work which combines woodturning, carving and painting. The presentation will cover design, layout, equipment, material and step by step process.

Werner supplied the following (interesting) background info:

I was born and educated in Austria and moved with my wife and two sons to the USA in 1975. We are now both Citizens of the United States.

My profession as a Mechanical Engineer in the Paper Industry gave me a lot of opportunities to travel all over the world, but particularly in the USA, Canada and Mexico.

I retired from my work in 2002 and I still enjoy some traveling with my wife, but mostly you will find me now in my woodturning shop.

Woodturning:

As retirement approached, I was looking for something to do in my retirement. Inspired by an article from Bonnie Klein in a Woodworking magazine, I went on our vacation in 1994 to the Utah Woodturning Symposium in Provo, UT.

Well, that was all it took to make up my mind of how to spend my time in retirement. I went home, bought a small lathe and tried to learn as much as I could about wood turning. I have been turning ever since and started embellishing some of my work several years ago.



## Upcoming program events:

**Sept 16, 2016 Woodturning, Carving & Painting (see above), UWGB MAC hall Rm. 109**

**Friday, October 14 (A week earlier than usual!) Introduction to Band Saw Boxes**

(See special Notes pg. 2)



## **PORTABLE BANDSAW NEEDED FOR OCTOBER 14 PROGRAM**

For our program on Friday evening October 14, Our presenter has requested that the guild provide a band saw for him to demonstrate on. He will not be actually running the saw but it will be very helpful to demonstrate setup, etc. So, if anyone owns a portable band saw (think carrying it from the parking lot to the meeting) please contact Steve Lockhart 920 733 2347.

### **Introduction to Band Saw Boxes by Larry Anderson** Oct.14, 2016, program preview:

Larry will be coming all the way from Chicagoland to do our program for October.

In addition to Friday's program, Larry will be offering an all day hands-on class at Woodcraft in Appleton.

Luckily there was an opening to schedule the class at Woodcraft on Saturday, October 15.

In order to make this all work, we changed our meeting date to Fri. Oct. 14. See class description below.

## **SPECIAL OFFERING: Making Band Saw Boxes**

**Instructor: Larry Anderson**

**Location: Appleton Woodcraft Store**

**Date/time: Saturday, October 15 9am to 5pm**

**Discounted price for NEWWG members: \$125**

Guild members call the Woodcraft store at (920) 730-9663 to reserve a space

**Hurry! Only 6 slots available!**

Larry Anderson teaches this same class at the renowned Chicago School of Woodworking

This is a chance for guild members to learn from a recognized instructor without having to travel to the windy city. Plus guild members get a discounted tuition of \$125 vs the regular price of \$150

Each student will learn the basics of box making using the band saw. Basic ripping and cross cutting will be learned along with cutting inside and outside curves. Each box will be sanded and finished with two coats of tung oil. The boxes will be lined with a brown flock material.

Using solid walnut as the main wood, each student will complete two original, one of a kind, boxes. One large box approx. 4" x 8" and one small box made from the inside of the larger box. (these boxes sell for \$40 to \$50 each)

One of the boxes will have custom made dowel plugs made from exotic, local, or reclaimed lumber artistically arranged in its surface. Each student will cut their own dowel plugs. In order to create the pattern shown in the photo, there will be approximately 4-8 different woods used.

Principles of art and design (size, scale, contrast, proportion, etc.) will be discussed and demonstrated. If time permits, additional techniques will be demonstrated, such as cutting squares and strips, checkerboard patterns, etc. Each student will receive a detailed instruction sheet along with patterns.



### **Library**

The library will be available at the September meeting.

Check out new book on whittling and wood carving.

## SEPTEMBER MEMBERSHIP



by Fred Juengst

This month I dropped 2 members for nonpayment of dues and sent out 5 dues reminder cards. We increased membership when two people decided to rejoin the Guild. At this time we have 124 members in good standing plus 1 prospective new member. 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 (3 name tags). One of the reasons for name tags is to get to know the name of other woodworker. It seems to me that getting to know other woodworkers by name and knowing what they do is a good step in learning new tricks from others. Knowing the tricks make woodworking more accurate and fun.

### Woodworking Job Opportunity

Request sent to NEWWG by Tom Ory, Enterprise Wood Products

I am with Enterprise Wood Products from Rhinelander, WI. We manufacture wood flooring, paneling, and trim as well as many other things. We also have a custom woodworking division that is continuing to grow. We are in search of someone who has woodworking experience to hire and join our team.

[www.enterprisewood.com](http://www.enterprisewood.com) Custom wood products to make your home the envy of the neighborhood. Hardwood floors, paneling, wood trim, log fireplace mantels, log railings, decking & more.

### Board of Directors Meeting

**Meeting Held: July 19, 2016 at Steve Lockhart's home**

**Present:** Ted Zabel, Bob Welhouse, Kathy Kuritz, Maureen Birk, Pete Schuh, Steve Lockhart.

**Absent:** Fred Juengst,

Meeting brought to order by Pete Schuh at 7:00pm. Prior meeting minutes approved.

· **Treasurer's Report:** Last year: \$8,684.95. Current year: \$7,109.90

· **Membership report:** no report.

· **Special Events**

-Last minute organization re Summer Picnic. Verification on grill rental, park reservation and food pickup.

· **Programs:**

- July 15, 2016: Melanie Wishart owner of Inkdrop Arthaus - High resolution print photography, well received.

- Suggestions for possible programs: "man" boxes by Larry Anderson; relief carving, painting, burning by Werner Witek.

· **Editors Report:** Maureen Birk wants articles on September 6, 2016 or before.

· **Librarian Report:** A book on whittling and wood carving was donated by Paul Murphy.

· **Public Relations / Community Service:**

· Contact was made to guild for possible chainsaw carving in historic cemetery.

· **Website Report:** Much discussion on new, improved website. Thanks Maureen!

-**New Business:** Suggestion was made that we have a new member form and sign-in sheets when Fred is not available at the Friday meetings.

· **Next board meeting:** September 20, 2016 at Pete Schuh's home.



## REVIEW OF JULY 15 PROGRAM: by: Ted Zabel

### PHOTOGRAPHY & WOODWORKING or How did those pixels get into my sawdust?

Melanie Wishart, owner of "Inkdrop Arthaus" gave us a better understanding of how her use of digital photography tools is able to provide high quality professional images that are used in marketing or show casing your work. Melanie explained how she has grown from the analog world to very specialized digital printing through hands on learning. To do her work, she has very specialized equipment including her cameras. She explained that the anatomy of digital photo files include the Pixel Dimensions, Image Resolution and the Document size.

Melanie spoke to her Passion, Experience, Knowledge and Quality perspective that are key marks of her work. She does a lot of work with customers worldwide using the internet to send and return files after her resolution and fine tuning. Members of our guild, the Murphy's have used Melanie for several years with excellent results.

She reviewed the five types of Digital files that you may see as subscript in the file name. .tif is more common software and page layout options, they are uncompressed .jpg, Joint Photographic Experts Group, compressed to store a lot of information in small size file, used in many cameras, line drawing, logos and graphics can become jagged looking if files are enlarged etc.

.gif, Graphic Interchange Format, compressed but without detail loss

.png, Portable Network Graphics, created to replace .gif, saves costs

.raw, higher end complex file format

"giclee prints" are —??Want to know?--for an explanation, come to the Sept meeting.



## NORTHEAST WISCONSIN WOODWORKING GUILD

### MEETINGS (Guests and prospective members welcome)

3rd Friday of each month, unless specified otherwise.

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Where: Maryann Cofrin Hall, UW-Green Bay campus, Room 109

For detailed directions and map,

Visit our web site at: [www.newwg.org](http://www.newwg.org)

(Please excuse our woodweb dust, as we work to up grade the web page.)

### 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,

Regarding this newsletter, or the web page, contact:

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### Guild Officers

President: Pete Schuh

Vice President Programs, Steve Lockhart

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Librarian, Pete Schuh      Membership, Fred Juengst

Special Events, Dan Alesch      Spring Show, Steve Lockhart

Web Site & Newsletter, Maureen Birk