

BENCHTALK



Northeastern Wisconsin Woodworkers Guild

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Guild meeting, Wednesday, August 16, 2023; 7 pm at NWTC in Green Bay

Special August Meeting

It's Show Time! Soon!

Usually the only August Guild event is the picnic, but in a break with tradition, we have scheduled an August (bonus) meeting.

There will be Show and Tell time, to share your woodworking projects. Also some "open forum" time, as at the June meeting, to ask questions, and do some brainstorming.

But the focus of the meeting will be the next phase of planning for the fall Annual Show. The show committee has been hard at work since Feb, securing the venue and laying the groundwork for a successful show, working within a tight budget. They have had very good early success, obtaining 26 sponsorships and donations to date.

Now we are asking all members for help that weekend. If you have only 2 hours of your time to give, the guild would surely appreciate it. We need help with a number of things: Setup, raffles, selling admission tickets, help at the membership table, cleanup, setting out signs, to name a few. This is a time when members give time to make the guild what it is. The Show is what makes it possible to bring in presenters for our meeting, have a library, and have a fellowship of woodworkers sharing their experiences.

Please come and offer your time and talents where you feel your skills can best be used. To complete that mission, we need many hands to help lighten the load on the weekend of the show.

At the meeting we will have sign up sheets for various jobs, Floor plans will be available for the venue, and you can pick your table /exhibit space.

Take pride in being a contributing member of the guild. Please help!

(Thanks to Barry Bender, Jim Michiels and Randy Hendricks for contributions to this article)

Some shots from prior Show events



July Program Review

Our July presenter was Ken Quade, Guild member from Appleton. He described his woodworking journey, which began when he and his wife were creating their home, and were not satisfied with the quality of the furniture they could purchase. He began making furniture with primarily hand tools. This led to requests for custom work and repairs.

Ken's presentation featured his restoration work for Hearthstone Museum in Appleton. His work has shown him that the old furniture makers left marks of their construction on the back and undersides of pieces. His trial and error process for repairing/restoring pieces has been: "how to repair it without ruining it". He has at times used modern materials, like long screws, in hidden areas, for more secure repair.

Ken showed us before pictures, process and completion photos of multiple projects, beginning with a bentwood rocker. Also an 1840's Empire chair, that may have been designed more for appearance than function.



One challenge was to create a matching piece of molding in the Grand Entrance of Hearthstone. The needed profile was not available commercially. So he machined the plane irons to the correct profile and with his Stanley 55 plane created a matching piece. Matching the original finish color and surface were additional challenges.

Another project was to repair a broken leg on a very elaborate Renaissance Revival table in the main entrance.

Other fixes include a fluted stand that was falling apart and an old piano stool with a damaged height adjustment.

One original item was the creation of a period-correct "water closet" from a design proved by Hearthstone. With a committee, Ken built the water and base cabinets, including designing custom hinges.

For full details, and all the photographs, the recorded program is available in the Guild library at meetings.



Upcoming meetings

Meetings at NWTC, in Room EE201, of the Great Lakes Energy Ed. Center. Use parking lot G, entrance door E2. See map included with newsletter.

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

August 13th - Annual Summer Picnic at DeBroux Park in Bellevue

August 16th - Planning 40th Annual Show

September 20th - Planning for our 40th Annual Show which will be on November 11th and 12th

October 18th - Mark Hawkins - Talks about his youth woodworking program, "All Hands On Deck"

November 11th and 12th - Annual Woodworking Show at Denmark High School

December 9th? Guild Christmas Party - Held at UWGB Ecumenical Center

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February 21st Dan Smocke - Making guitars

Membership Update

We welcome these new members who joined us recently

Jim Jilek of Neenah

Mike Rieder of Luxemburg

Tom Smith of green Bay

Doug Gier of Green Bay

As of August 7 we have 133 active members

On Saturday, July 29, the Guild enjoyed contributing volunteer time to the highly successful Family Day the at Woodcraft store in Appleton.

Thanks to all the NEWWG members who participated, including:

Paul Murphy, Pat Williams and Barry Bender who provided demos during the day to encourage the attending families to begin a woodworking hobby;

Chris Shoemaker, Jeff Treu, Pete Schuh, Mark Kuntsman and Maureen Birk who helped hand out the kid's tool box kits, dispense paint and answer questions;

Bob Kuritz and Eric Hansen who staffed the Guild's membership table, greeted attendees and answered questions; and Gretchen Hansen (Eric's wife) who helped serve picnic lunches to 300+ attendees.

The event was a big win for our Guild. Hundreds of people learned we exist, 7 people said they would join in the next couple of months. The Guild thanks Wes Brown and the Woodcraft team for promoting the Guild and giving us this opportunity.

**** Membership renewals begin this month.** All memberships expire October 1st.

Renewal for individuals is \$15, family membership renewals are \$20. Thanks in advance for renewing at the meeting or by mail!

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Photos from Woodcraft's Family Day



Discount Prices on Wood Slabs at Habitat Restore in Appleton!

Habitat Restore in Appleton is now selling a selection of wood slabs at lower prices than found in most outlets. As you may know, Habitat Restore sells home furnishings, building supplies and other items at a discount to raise funds for Habitat's mission of helping lower income families make the jump to home ownership.

The slabs are kiln dried and come from Urban Wood Network. Supply varies as Habitat Restore is determining the demand for these slabs. These Bench Talk pictures were taken just after the first batch of slabs were put on display. I recommend calling to ask them about their inventory (920-830-8400). Two weeks after these pictures were taken, many slabs had sold.

Habitat Restore in Appleton is located at 5402 Integrity Way, just west of the Fox River Mall. Habitat Restore is open 10-6 Monday thru Satur-



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Library

The library will be available at the meeting. If you have any checked out materials, please bring them back. *** Thank You!



More prior Show pictures



NEWWG BOD Meeting July 25, 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, Past Pres./ Library Pete Schuh, Secretary /Newsletter Maureen Birk, , Web Site, Matt Hamblin. Membership, Eric Hansen. Show Committee-Randy Hendricks. Jim Michiels Guest; Rick Brunner. Unable to attend, Treasurer Chuck Druckrey,

Minutes from last meeting: Move to accept: Pete, 2nd Barry. Approval unanimous.

Secretary/Newsletter: With meeting on Aug 16, articles will be due Mon 8/7.

Library Pete reports one book for the library, requested by a Guild member

Treasurer's report: No Report

Membership: 132 members total, with 2 applications requested.

For the Family Day at Woodcraft, Eric can still use helpers; arrive 9 am, to start at 10 am.

Picnic: Only 25 signed up so far. Maureen will send a reminder to members by 8/1, with deadline of 8/7 to sign up with Pete.

Website: Matt has made adjustments to the Show page.

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Show 2023: Update: 7 confirmed exhibitors, 1 vendor, 15 sponsors so far. Several art pieces at Austin Straubel Airport are now on permanent display. Funds available and spent reviewed. (Will provide written report on funds at next meeting.) Jim and Randy reported we need to emphasize the sale of raffle tickets and table reservations.

Publicity: Newspapers in Brown and Kewaunee counties would publish notice of the show, (which can reach 10-20,000 readers), in October. There is a possibility of radio and T.V. spots also.

**** Planning meeting** for full membership. This will be on the 3rd Wed of August. There will be a sign up list of jobs/ways to help, for members.

Guild Constitution/Bylaws Deferred until next BOD meeting

Additional Business:

Woodcraft Family Day, 7/29/23: Additional volunteers welcome. Please contact Eric if you can help.

Next membership meeting: Wed, Aug 16, 2023.

Next Board of Directors meeting Tues. Aug 22, 2023 will be at NWTC.

Meeting adjournment motion by Pete, 2nd by Barry Adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Maureen Birk Secretary/newsletter editor.

July Show & Tell

2 charcuterie boards, by Paul Murphy



Al Herwig's automaton

Gifted to him with the inscriptions:

Alfred Herwig and his Sheboygan Stumpf Fiddle

*Carved with love by Betty Wilson,
Mechanized by Vance Wilson 2023*



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

How to Get Involved: For inquiries regarding joining The Northeastern Wisconsin Woodworkers Guild, contact: Paul Murphy: paulmurphywood@gmail.com 920-604-0152

Or any other Board or committee member.

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Guild Officers

President: Paul Murphy

Vice President, Pat Williams

Treasurer, Chuck Druckrey

Newsletter/Secretary Maureen Birk

Committee Chairs & Project Coordinators

Programs/publicity Barry Bender,

Membership, Event Facil. Eric Hansen

Librarian, Pete Schuh

Annual Show, Randy Hendricks, Jim Michiels

Web Site, Matt Hamblin

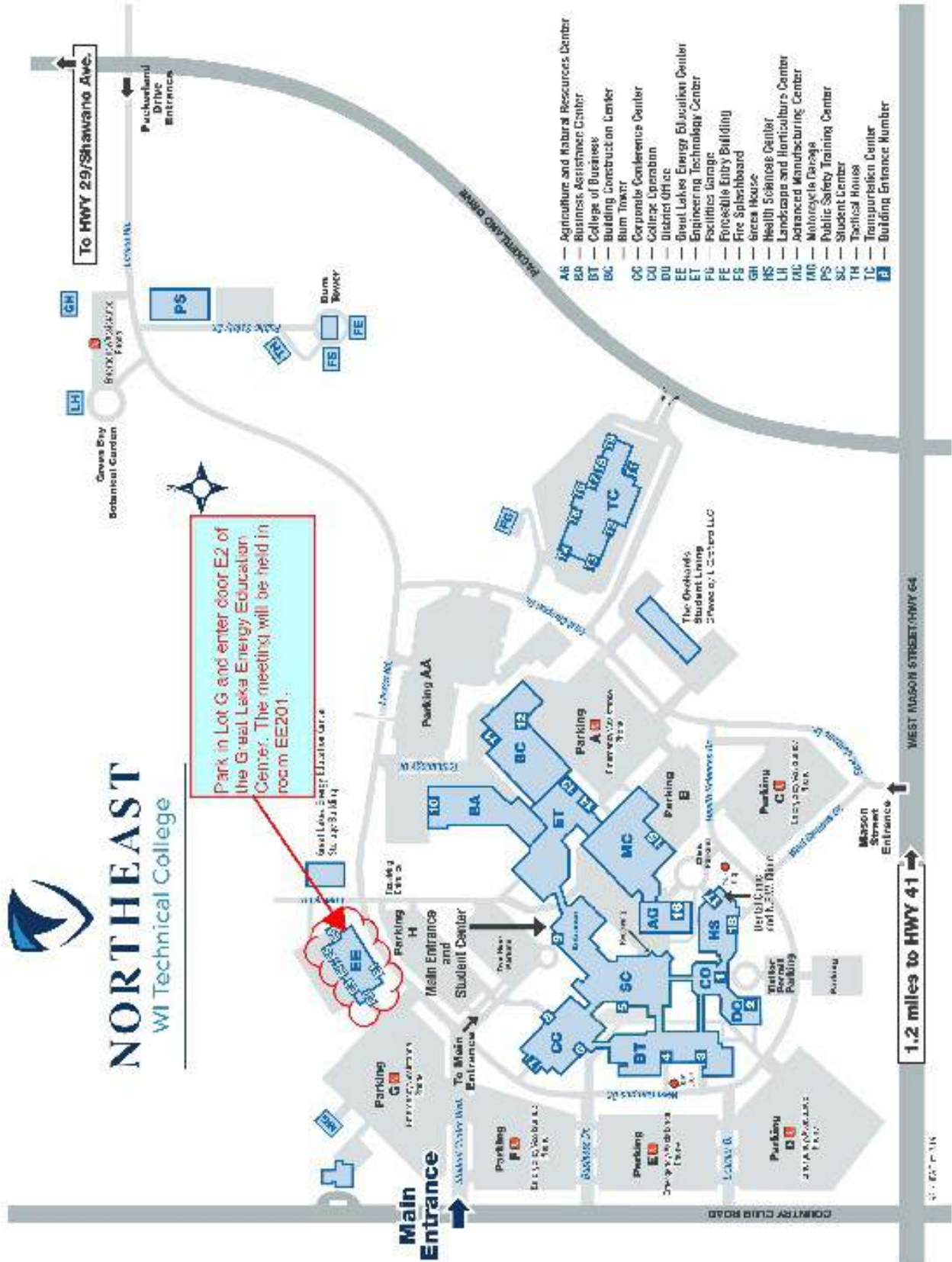
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For more information on activities, meetings and members, check out the Guild website at: newwg.org



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 Orientation
- CU — Career Office
- EE — Great Lakes Energy Education Center
- ET — Engineering Technology Center
- FE — Facilities Management
- FE — Fire Safety Building
- FS — Fire Substation
- GS — Great Lakes
- 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