

# BENCHTALK



## Northeastern Wisconsin Woodworkers Guild

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Guild meeting, Wednesday, September 20, 2023; 7 pm at NWTC in Green Bay

### Next phase of planning for the Annual Show in November

As reported at the August meeting, the Show Committee of Jim Michiels and Randy Hendricks has obtained excellent sponsor backing and have a good start on booking of exhibitors/vendors/demonstrators.

September's meeting will again focus on Show planning, getting into more detail, and identifying where member help is needed. More in depth discussions will be held at the meeting. But to get members familiar with the plan, some of the topics that will be covered are outlined briefly in this article.

**Returning demonstrations:** Jaimie Doeren will again be doing chain saw carving outside at the front entrance. In the atrium, we will have Bruce Kornely doing scroll saw demos; and Stan Fisher with canoe building.

#### NEW FEATURES THIS YEAR

**Admission fee \$5,** You get a wrist band that is good for both days.

**Grab Bags:** Selling for \$10, with items valued @ \$10-\$25.

**Cash Raffle:** Tickets selling @ 6 for \$5; drawing Sunday afternoon, 1<sup>st</sup> prize \$500, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$200, 3<sup>rd</sup> \$100 & 4-7<sup>th</sup> \$50.

**2 Bucket Raffle drawings:** Our usual bucket raffle, but with a twist. Drawings for half the items Sat. pm, the remainder Sun pm. Saturday attendees can bid on all the items.

**Special Raffle items** 2 donated items of greater value will be offered in a separate bucket raffle .

(As in the past, winners of raffle items will be called if not present.)

More detail will be provided at the meeting. Along with the call for "all hands" to make the show a success.

#### AREAS WHERE HELP IS NEEDED

**MORE EXHIBITORS** If you are still thinking about registering, please sign up! More people draw better crowds!!

**DONATIONS needed** for the Grab Bag sales and the Bucket raffle. A bucket raffle item is not a prerequisite for an exhibitor table this year. But donations are essential to the success of the show.

**ADVERTISING** For enhanced advertising, pictures are great "attention getters". If you know what you will be selling/showing at your table, or offering for the bucket raffle, posting pictures will really help increase interest.

Please forward them to: [NEWWG.org](http://NEWWG.org) -> **Annual Show** -> **Exhibit** and follow the prompts

#### ONSITE HELP at the SHOW

**Sign up sheets** with detailed schedules will be available at the September meeting.

**Friday night** general set up, in addition to individual exhibitors setting up their stations

**Sat and Sun Admissions desk,** multiple time slots

**Cash raffle** ticket sales

**Grab bags** Sales

**Bucket Raffle** Ticket sales, 2 time slots each day. Helpers also needed during the prize drawing and distribution both days.

**Sunday post show take down/clean up**

Change of venue for October program. Thank you to everyone who responded to the poll. The results were overwhelmingly in favor of a one time change to the site of Hands on Deck, for Mark Hawkin's presentation. (Our apologies to those who found it inconvenient.) See next page

### **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.

**October 18<sup>th</sup>** - Mark Hawkins - Talks about his youth woodworking program, "All Hands On Deck" \*\* See note below regarding change of venue just for October.

**November 11<sup>th</sup>** and 12<sup>th</sup> - Annual Woodworking Show at Denmark High School

**December 9<sup>th</sup>** Guild Christmas Party - Held at UWGB Ecumenical Center

**January 17<sup>th</sup>** Annette Aubinger - Wood Carving - a life altering therapy

**February 21<sup>st</sup>** Dan Smocke - Making guitars

### **Note from Barry Bender, program Chair October 18 Program**

I corresponded with Mark Hawkins today. The meeting will be at "Hands On Deck" on Wednesday, October 18th. The meeting starts at 7 PM. I told him people usually arrive at our monthly meetings around 6:30 and mingle until the 7 PM start.

"Hands On Deck" is located at 101 Bay Beach Road in Green Bay. Take Highway 43 to Webster Ave. Take Webster Ave north (toward Bay Beach Amusement Park) to Bay Beach Road. Take a left to Bay Beach Road and go west about a mile until you are near the end of Bay Beach Road. At the end of Bay Beach Road is a large white building on your right. You will see a large sign on your right with the names of a few businesses. One of which is "Hands On Deck". Take a right at the sign and go to the other side of the building where you will see the Paradise North Microbrewery. Hands on Deck is located next to it.

### **Library**

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



**Bench Talk is the newsletter of the Northeast Wisconsin Wood Workers Guild, published prior to regularly scheduled monthly meetings.**

**For more information on activities, meetings and members, check out the Guild website at: [newwg.org](http://newwg.org)**

## August Meeting Review and Show and Tell

The majority of the meeting time was spent in discussion of and prep for the November meeting. (See update in front page article.) Guest Pat Pelkey shared insights on advertising from his involvement in carving shows. His key takeaways: "Word of mouth and Facebook."

Shoe and Tell items:

Turned bowls from Barry Bender;  
Box Elder, Pink Ivory, Red Zebra with Heart



Red

Randy Hendricks:  
Band sawn Box of Maple,



Cherry and Macacauba,  
with antler drawer handles



From Pat Pelkey [shaking@charter.net]  
Comfort Birds, that he carves and donates  
as hand held items for sensory comfort at times of stress.

## Membership Update

As of September 11, we have 133 active members. No new members joined us this month.

Please remember one of the benefits to your membership is a 10% discount on most items at the Woodcraft store in Appleton. You must show your NEWWG name tag as proof of your membership.

Speaking of memberships, your membership renewal is due October 1. All memberships expire October 1st. Renewal for individual members costs \$15, family membership renewals are \$20. You can renew by cash or check at any meeting or by check mailed to my home or by using PayPal. Send your PayPal transfer to my email (ericjonhansen@yahoo.com). Thanks in advance for renewing at the meeting or by mail!

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**THANKS TO DAN and JANE ALESCH (By Linda Surowiec)**

Recently long time Guild Members, Dan and Jane Alesch moved to Virginia to be with their daughter.

When they joined the Guild, more than 30 years ago, they soon volunteered to be Board Members. They are greatly responsible for the growth of our Guild.

Dan was a PHD at UWGB, when the Guild needed a new meeting place, he helped organize a meeting room at UWGB.



For many years they welcomed Guild members to their beautiful home for the Annual Christmas Party. Their home was always decorated with many lighted and ornamented trees and good food. A Christmas wonderland.

When the Guild out grew their home, they arranged to have the Christmas party at the UWGB Ecumenical Center where we still have it.

Dan is a skilled woodworker, wood carver and talented oil painter. For many years they offered their studio to the wood carvers for weekly meetings. One of Dan's carvings, of his daughter, is featured on the Guild Home Page.

Jane also has many skills. She makes beautiful handmade greeting cards. She is also a wood carver and helped organize a guild for people with spinning wheels who spin wool into yarn. And of course, she has many other talents.

They were both instrumental in reorganizing the Guild's Woodworking Show. Jane especially took charge. Finding a venue, organizing the raffle, wood workers booths, demonstrations, vendors, volunteers, tables, chairs, skirts, show layout, groups for food booth and so much more that needed to be done.



Northeastern Wisconsin Woodworkers Guild thanks them for all their years of participation. Organizations like ours cannot exist without people like Dan and Jane Alesch. Virginia will be lucky to have them.



Items of interest from other organizations



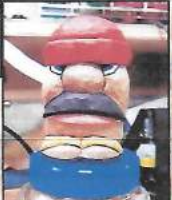


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**MEETINGS** (Guests and prospective members welcome)  
3rd Wednesday of each month, Time: 7:00 p.m. Visit our web site at: [www.newwg.org](http://www.newwg.org)

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# 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.

