

BENCHTALK



Northeastern Wisconsin Woodworkers Guild

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FINAL COUNT DOWN to the show on 11/11 & 11/12, at Denmark High School. This year's show is featuring member exhibitors, vendors, demonstration, and the traditional bucket raffle of sponsor donations and member wood art. New this year are: a cash raffle, 2 smaller raffles for high end items, \$10 grab bags.

From the Show Committee: Set up Schedule,

Friday Night set up times:

Volunteers coming to set up tables, raffle items, and tool crib can start at 4:00 PM. NOTE: Some older exhibitors may need some help setting up their booths/hauling in materials. Once volunteers are done setting up tables, please consider helping others haul in their items if you don't have your own booths to set up. Thanks!

Exhibitors can start setting up their booths at 5:00 PM. It is expected that everyone setting up on Friday will be done by 9:00 PM. If they need any more time for set-up, they can finish Saturday AM before the show.

Sat am Set up times

Members can set up starting at 7:30 am.
Doors open to the public at 9:30 am
Show ends 4:00 pm

Sunday am

Doors open 7:30 am for members
Doors open to public 9:30am
Show ends 2:30 pm

Volunteers are Still Needed

Sat pm: 1 person -Special raffle sales
1 Relief person 12:30-4 pm

Sunday:

Raffle Sales: am: 1 person -9-12.
Pm: 1 person 12-2pm
Tool Crib am: 1 person 9-12

Do you have a few hours to help?

If so, contact: Randy Hendricks randall044@centurytel.net 920-676-6466.

Jim Michiels jkmichiels@gmail.com 920-863-8658.

Upcoming Programs

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

December 9th Guild Christmas Party - Held at UWGB Ecumenical Center Details to Follow.

Regular general member meetings resume January 2024. 3rd Wednesday of the month. 7 pm at **NWTC**, in Room EE201, of the Great Lakes Energy Ed. Center. Use parking lot G, entrance door E2

January 17th - Annette Aubinger - Therapy through Whittling

February 21st - Dan Smocke - Making custom built guitars

March 21st - Brendan Biller - Sawing standing timber

I am always open for suggestions and ideas. If you have someone or a topic you would like to have at one of our meetings, feel free to contact me.

Barry Bender

October Program Review at Hands on Deck, in Green Bay

Our presenter was Mark Hawkins, the Executive Director, veteran wood worker and instructor.

He outlined the history and growth of the organization, which is Green Bay's only wood-working school for all ages.

Elementary Mechanical Skills (EMS) are taught to children as young as 5 years old. These can be as basic as which way to tighten and loosen a screw. Ages 11->14 can participate in the Industrial Arts program, working on specific projects. Youth 14->18 are eligible for a paid internship program. Different classes are held every week day.

Past emphasis has been on the use, and to some extent, restoration of hand tools. Other projects have included building of a sailing surf board, boat restoration, and a canoe build. The goal of many of these is to get the children to then use/pilot the restored crafts on the water.

Funding for the projects has come from grants and foundation funds, class revenue, and pizza sales.

Lumber comes from a variety of local suppliers, with some specialty wood from Finland.

A spin off group of rowers has formed. They have built a dory kit, and hold rowing sessions weekly.

After the presentation, members were able to tour the facility and see the projects underway.

For details on programs/classes, etc, visit the web site: <https://www.handsondeckgb.org>



Membership Update November 2023

As of October 28, we have 135 active members.

Please welcome five new members who joined the Guild at the Membership Event at Woodcraft on Saturday.

- Jeff Somers from Oshkosh
- Bryan and Cassie Kimpel from Fremont
- Gary and Daniel Hively from Bowler

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 at checkout as proof of your membership. Woodcraft helped the Guild again in October. On Saturday, October 28, Woodcraft held three live demos and invited the Guild to hold another new member event from 10-2. I was at Woodcraft in Appleton telling people about the Guild, the Show and signing up new members. In addition to the five new members mentioned above, four other people are interested and will attend the Nov 11-12 Artistry In Wood show to check us out!

Speaking of memberships, all memberships renewal date was due October 1. 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 or via PayPal! I'll be at the Guild table just inside the door at the Artistry in Wood show, you can renew then too.

Eric

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Member creations.

No "Show and Tell" items last meeting, but Gary Emerich shared his first time experience in making a knife handle.

"Here's a black walnut knife handle I just finished. It's my first attempt at making a knife handle. I've made many hammer handles but never handle that was this complex before. I am pleased with how it turned out. The knife works as it should and has a great feel."



NEWWG BOD Meeting October 24, 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, Secretary/Newsletter Maureen Birk, Membership, Eric Hansen. Show Committee-Randy Hendricks. Jim Michiels Web Site, Matt Hamblin. Unable to attend: Treasurer Chuck Druckrey, Librarian, Pete Schuh.

Minutes from last meeting: Move to accept: Barry, 2nd, Eric. Approved unanimously.

Secretary/Newsletter: Nov. newsletter will focus on Show updates, reminders. Requesting any articles by Sat, 10/28, so issue can be published 2 weeks prior to show.

Library No Report.

Treasurer's report: Financial activity September 25, 2023 to October 23, 2023

Balance as of 10/23/23-\$11,731.20

Income:	Expenses:
\$ 4.04 - Interest income	\$ 224.66- picnic expenses
\$ 225.00- Membership dues	\$ 515.00- Yard signs for show
\$ 15.00 -water sales	Total (\$739.66)
\$ 545.00 -raffle ticket sales	
\$ 940.00 -Sponsor donations	
\$ 565.00 -Registration fees	
Total \$2309.04	

Respectfully submitted, Chuck Druckrey, Treasurer

Membership: - Current membership stands at 135. 64 have renewed for 2024. Eric will be doing a membership drive at a Demo Day at Woodcraft 10/28.

- Woodcraft has placed Show posters (back to back) on their front door. In addition "show cards" are being given to every customer with their purchase. The cards will be used as bag stuffers at checkout. As a gift for signing up for the Guild at this event, new members will be given a pair of push blocks. Eric was able to get them through Woodcraft @ a special rate of \$6.

Please reach out if you have any questions about my report. Thanks, Eric

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Programs for March and April are in development.

Show 2023: Update: Randy and Jim provided a detailed update; on expenses and revenue to date. (See attachment)

There has been an additional donation for the "special raffle"; a hand made table. The bucket raffle currently has 59 items, with some to be raffled off Sat, some Sun. After discussion, it was agreed that all wood art/hand made items will be on the Sunday list, for more people to have a chance. Info for members: set up times, etc reviewed, for publication.

Advertising: Pete Schuh will be interviewed by Channel 5, on 11/7, and recorded for later showing.

Committee recommendation for next year is to have a minimum of 6 people on the planning committee, with suggested areas of focus: logistics, raffles, exhibitors, advertising. Also discussed: a survey to members following the show to gauge interest, get comments, for subsequent shows.

Guild Constitution/Bylaws Deferred until January 2024 B.O.D. meeting.

Additional Business:

Next regular membership meeting: January 17, 2024

Next Board of Directors meeting Tues. Nov.21, 2023 will be at NWTC. 7pm

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted: Maureen Birk

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

Items of interest from other organizations

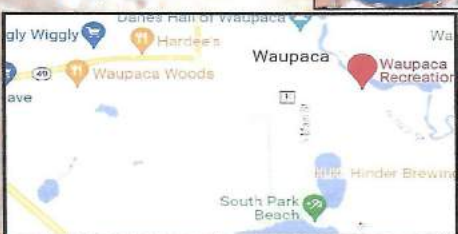
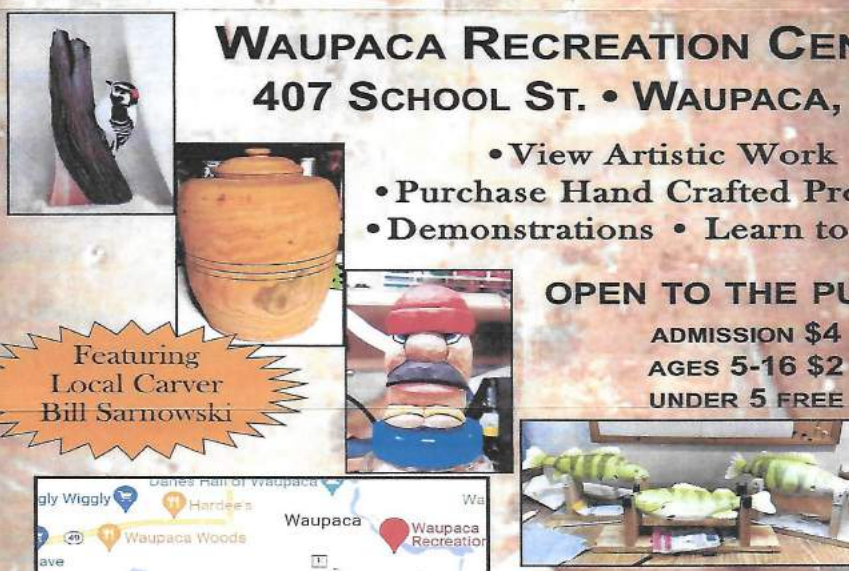
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MEETINGS (Guests and prospective members welcome)
3rd Wednesday of each month, Time: 7:00 p.m. Visit our web site at: www.newwg.org

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

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