

BENCHTALK



Northeastern Wisconsin Woodworkers Guild

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January 17, 2024 Wednesday, 7 pm.

This month's program features the story of Adolph Vandertie, noted artist, whittler.

Adolph's life and story is told by Annette Aubinger, President of the Ashwaubenon Historical Society where Vandertie's collection is on display at Ashwaubenon's Museum of History and Culture. It is the largest collection in the state and probably the country.

Not only was whittling a therapy for hobo and tramp artist Adolph Vandertie it was an obsession.

You will learn how Vandertie developed the art of whittling from childhood. Vandertie always reached for his pocket knife. Whittling was compulsive to the point where he made Ripley's Believe it or Not.



Whittling though different from other forms of working with wood has one thing in common – it's an art. Along with the story how whittling became a therapy for Vandertie, a short video will be shown interviewing Adolph at his home where he shows his collection and tells the trick of whittling where he is known for



making "balls in chains". (For more about Adolph see the attached 2 page PDF from the Ashwaubenon Historical Society.)

Future Programs:

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.

Below is the list and schedule I have in stone for future presenters.

January 17th - Annette Aubinger - Tells the story of Adolph Vandertie, Famous Whittler Also display's some of Adolph's work.

February 21st - Dan Smocke - Making custom built guitars

March 20th - Brendan Biller - Cutting Timber and making slab wood creations

April 17th - Kristi Hulbert - Stripping of old finish and refinishing wood

Almost all the presenters or subjects for presentations are suggestions from fellow guild members. This has worked very well, and I am always open for more ideas for future meetings. Thank you for your help! Sincerely, Barry Bender

Dear Fellow NEWWG **Woodworkers**, Jan. 2024

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!!!

Wow! Another year has gone by! How time flies is amazing! Everyone wants to know where it goes, they say "It seems like only yesterday", or "there aren't enough hours in a day".

Well, we woodworkers know where a lot of time goes....creating in wood! After personal times with family and friends, our minds get our hands busy! Sometimes we create for ourselves or family and then we may have a commission piece to do; or we have a new item we are eager to get at to test our skills.

All and all, our **NEWWG** woodworking artists truly use the gifts God gave them, to look at a piece of wood; an old wood knot; a tree root; a Tunga nut; which after countless hours we decide to try and make our design. Sometimes a new venture doesn't work out the way we planned and we end up with an entirely different creation. But the wood itself sometimes dictates what it want's to be! We all have had that happen.

There are special times when we have to bend the ear of a co-woodworker friend and collaborate to solve our woodworking dilemma.

There are many days and nights in all our lives as Guild woodworkers to be grateful for...too many to mention to list all!

But we want you to know, that our Guild Members, now 150, are on our gratitude list. Over the years, this group stands out above all the other ones we've been involved in. **You are unique in all aspects of camaraderie, skills, teaching, wanting to learn, sharing knowledge, and creating beauty from a God given product!**

"We thank each of you for all you have done to help in making our NEWWG a great success!"

May God Bless You in the coming year, both in your life and your woodworking skills.

Sincerely Yours, President Paul Murphy & Vice President Pat Williams

SOME PHOTOS FROM NOV SHOW



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, Librarian, Pete Schuh.

Unable to attend: Treasurer Chuck Druckrey,

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

Secretary/Newsletter: There will not be a full newsletter in December. Editor will publish a brief issue, highlighting the Show results and the upcoming Christmas party. Next full newsletter will go out prior to the January 2024 meeting on Jan 17. Deadline for articles will be January 8.

Library no report

Treasurer's report: Not available

Membership: - From Eric Hansen, Membership "Current membership stands at 149.

15 new members joined at this year's show.

9 more people are prospects that may mail in their application, or attend the January or February meeting and join at that time.

New membership activity:

I will snail mail notices to members who have not yet paid for the new year that began in October. There are 62 members in that group. These will be mailed by 11/30.

I will send follow-up emails the first week on January.

At the February Board meeting, I will recommend the next steps on any remaining unpaid members."

Programs:

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

January 17th Annette Aubinger - Wood Carving - a life altering therapy

February 21st Dan Smocke - Making guitars

Programs for March and April are in development.

Under discussion are: Brendan Biller - Sawing standing timber, Kristi Hulbert wood/furniture refinishing.

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

Show 2023: Matt presented the results of the data collected registration desk, including : zip code/area where visitors came from, distance traveled, how they heard about the show. Also how many people came during which hours Sat and Sun, and more demographic info that can help in future planning. Randy and Jim provided documentation on Show income, broken down by activity and day: Show expenses, Show participants this year, and prior participants. Sponsors and donors. They also presented an outline of suggested committees for next year's show, as well as a schedule/guide lines for planning and contacts.

Extensive discussion on multiple aspects followed. Including contributing a % of the show proceeds to a chosen charity each year. No decision on future recipients or the amount were reached, but the donation this year will go to Rick's Toy Box.

Additional Business:

Next regular membership meeting: January 17, 2024

Next Board of Directors meeting Tues. Jan.23, 2024 will be at NWTC. 7pm

Motion to Adjourn: Barry, 2nd Eric.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted: Maureen Birk

Library All library items are now due!

Please return them, so others can check them out, too.



Membership Update January, 2024

Please welcome 9 new members who joined the Guild recently! Many of our new members signed up at our Artistry In Wood Show or at the Woodcraft of Appleton event. Please welcome these new members at one of our upcoming meetings:

John and Lois Albertson of Algoma Peter Bose of DePere
Carol Brawn of Appleton Dan DeCremer of Luxemburg
Michael Eckes of Appleton Hope Engeseth of Appleton
Harry and Cindi Jacques of Green Bay

As of January 8, we have 147 members. Three members decided not to renew for a variety of reasons.

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.

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).

Forty-eight of you have yet to renew for 2024. Please do so. Thanks in advance for renewing at the meeting or by mail or via PayPal!

Eric Hansen - Phone: 952-567-4625 - Email & PayPal: ericjonhansen@yahoo.com

W6994 Angel Hill Drive, Greenville, WI 54942

More Show Pictures



A great turn out!



A salute to our veterans on Veterans Day

Activities/Events by other organizations

MID-WIS. CHIPPERS Presents

Artistry In Wood

48th
Annual

Sunday, May 5, 2024
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.



Wood Sculptures for Sale!
Blue Ribbon Competition
70+ Woodcarvers & Pyrographers

Basswood, Bark, Tupelo,
Tools, Books, Supplies & more

Wisconsin Carving Clubs
Carving Demos & More!
Chainsaw Carver!

Bucket Raffle! Food Concession! Free Parking!
Everything you need to get started in Woodcarving!

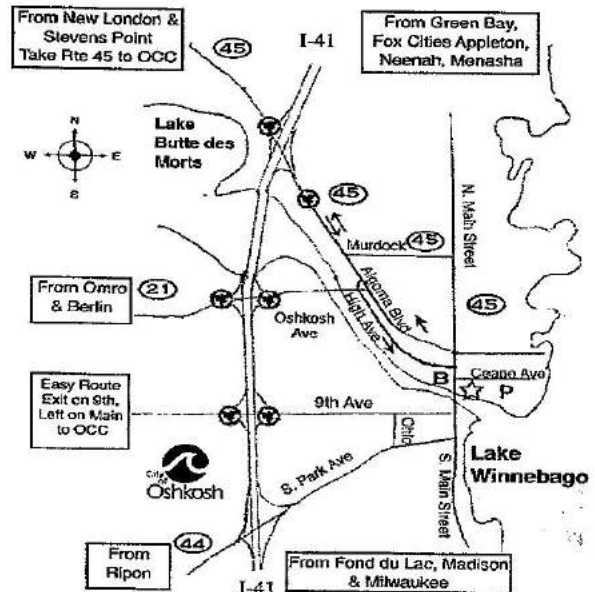
Open to Public Admission: \$5 Ages 12 & Under free

The Oshkosh Convention Center
2 North Main Street, Oshkosh, WI

For more show info: www.midwisconsinchippers.weebly.com
or contact Paul Wolters (920) 727-2139

Enjoy the Oldest Annual Woodcarving Show in Wisconsin!

- ☆ **The Oshkosh Convention Center (OCC)** P= Free Parking
- ☒ **Best Western Premier Waterfront Hotel**
(Ask for Special Woodcarving Show Room Rate!)



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

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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

Or any other Board or committee member.

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Vice President, Pat Williams

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Membership, Event Facil. Eric Hansen

Librarian, Pete Schuh

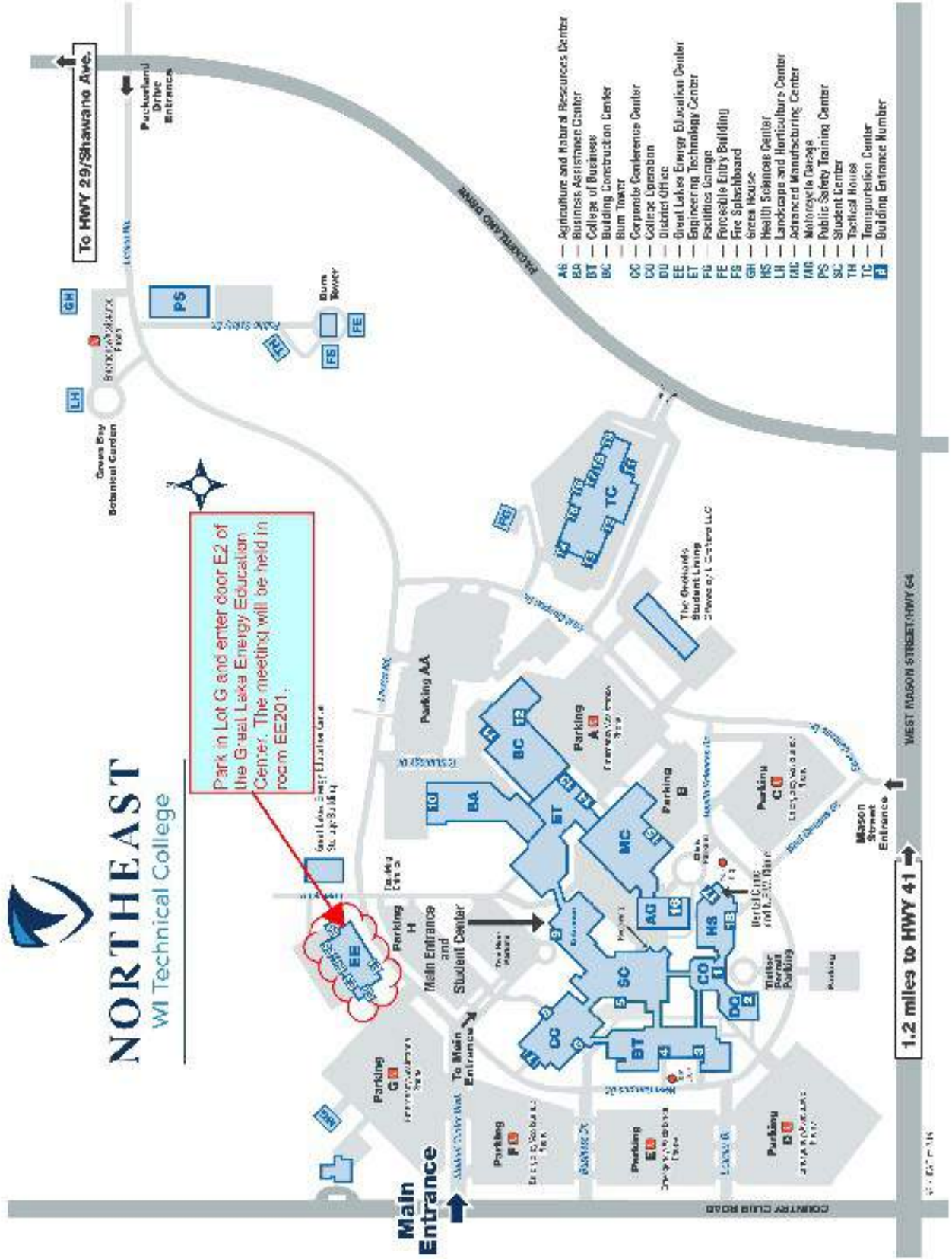
Annual Show, Randy Hendricks, Jim Michiels

Web Site, Matt Hamblin



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.



- AA — Agriculture and Natural Resources Center
- BA — Business Assistant Center
- BC — College of Business
- CC — Building Construction Center
- CD — Bus Tracker
- CE — Corporate Conference Center
- CF — College of Liberal Arts
- CG — District Office
- CH — Great Lakes Energy Education Center
- CI — Engineering Technology Center
- CJ — Facilities Garage
- CK — Forensic Entry Building
- CL — Fire Spolichboard
- CM — Green House
- CN — Health Sciences Center
- CO — Landscaping and Horticulture Center
- CP — Advanced Manufacturing Center
- CQ — Mohrville Garage
- CR — Public Safety Training Center
- CS — Student Center
- CT — Tactical House
- CU — Transportation Center
- CV — Building Entrance Number

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