

BENCHTALK



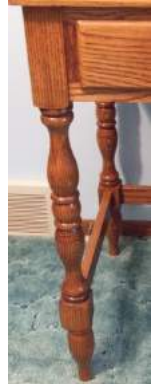
Northeastern Wisconsin Woodworkers Guild

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Program for March 20, 2024 7 pm, at NWTC, in Room EE201, of the Great Lakes Energy Ed. Center.

Our presenter is Barry Bender, Guild member and program Chair.

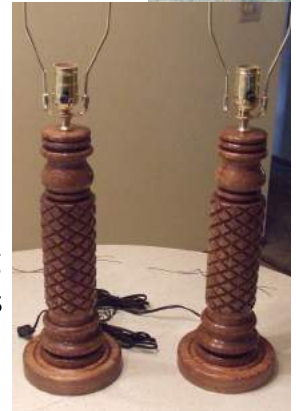
Many wood turners do face plate work. A lot of it is turning bowls. This presentation will be about spindle turning. Spindle turning is usually done between centers. Many turned spindles you see on furniture such as chair back rungs or legs are done this way.



In this presentation, I will show how to turn spindles and get duplicate results. I will feature turning a pair of table lamps and enhancing them on a Sears Router Crafter.



I have been turning wood since I was 15, and working on all types of lathes when I was a machinist and die maker. My experience as a machinist enhanced my woodworking skills. I have turned numerous items ranging from toys, baseball bats, furniture spindles, and anything else that may have needed to be done. I will show some tooling aids I made to make turning long pieces very easy. I hope to show people that there are limitless things you can make on a wood lathe.



Future Programs:

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

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

May 15th - Member "Show and Tell", also jigs and fixtures

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August - Annual picnic

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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

Special note regarding May program: The May monthly meeting will be a wood-worker's forum. Members may bring show and tell items, custom made fixtures or jigs. If you have a question or topic you would like to have for discussion at that meeting, please email Barry at: 2barryand2ellen@gmail.com

If your item is large, you can email your pictures to Barry and he will make them available to view on the Large LED screens in our meeting room.

Membership Update March 2024

5 new members who joined the Guild recently!

Please welcome these new members at one of our upcoming meetings:

Bob Arwine of Green Bay

David Kaus of Coleman

Casey Bavinck of Abrams

Andrew Shockey of Green Bay

Mark Herring of Newton

As of March 10, we have 128 members. Nineteen members have not renewed for 2024.

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 of Appleton will also be helping the guild again on March 23. That day we will be holding a membership drive in their store to invite shoppers to join the guild. The store will be busy as it is the final day of the Woodcraft's Treasure Chest promotion.

Stop by Woodcraft on the 23rd, say Hi and pick up some supplies!

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

W6994 Angel Hill Drive, Greenville, WI 54942

"Party Planner" Needed (Event Coordinator)

Do you like planning parties/picnics?

Would you have a few hours, twice a year, to organized our social gatherings: the summer picnic and Christmas Party? It's an easy and fun way to get more involved with the Guild, but with no huge commitment.

Pete Schuh has been doing it for years, and will share all you need to know.



Library All library items are now due!

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



Review of February Program

Dan Smocke was our guest presenter for the February meeting. Dan makes custom built guitars in his home basement shop in Little Chute.

Dan covered all of the pieces that go into making an archtop guitar. He explained how you make the soundboard with craftsmanship and a trained ear. There were also custom-made fixtures and jigs he fabricated to make his guitars. Among them was a fixture for making a dovetail joint to attach the neck to the body of the guitar.

Dan makes 6,7, and 12 string guitars. His craftsmanship is stunning to say the least. Near the conclusion of the presentation, Dan opened up his guitar case and showed off his first custom-made guitar which he described as "defective". It did not appear that way to the members present to view it. The presentation was very well received and informative.



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Something different at upcoming meetings

New Door Prizes at Guild Meetings

We're changing the raffle we hold at our meetings to Door Prizes!

- Each person attending regular meetings will receive one door prize ticket at no charge
- Door prize drawings means everyone is eligible for a prize without having to buy tickets - no more "pay to play"
- The Door Prizes will replace the Raffle we have had in the past

NEWWG BOD Meeting February 27, 2024 At NWTC Great Lake Energy Ed. Center meeting room. Convened 7:00 pm.

Attending: Pres. Paul Murphy, V.P. Pat Williams, Programs Barry Bender, Secretary /Newsletter Maureen Birk, Membership, Eric Hansen. Treasurer Chuck Druckrey, Web Site, Matt Hamblin
Unable to attend: Librarian, Pete Schuh.

Minutes from last meeting: Move to accept: Matt; 2nd by Barry. Approved unanimously.

Secretary/Newsletter: Dead line for articles for March newsletter is Mon. 3/11/2024.

Library no report

Treasurer's report: Balance as of 2/26/24 - \$20,949.90 Financial Activity (January 23, 2024 to February 26, 2024)

Income: \$690.00 membership fees \$ 9.69 interest income Total \$699.69 Respectfully Submitted, Chuck Druckrey – Treasurer	Expenses: \$1100.00 Denmark H.S. rental for 2023 show \$ 340.00 WWG insurance Policy \$ 100.00 January presenter fee \$ 42.33 Newsletter expenses \$ 34.00 Show 2023 printing Total: \$1,616.33
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Membership: Now 147 paid up members; 4 new members joined at the Feb. meeting. Eric reports reaching out via email, as well as some “snail” mail follow ups. Despite this, 23 members have not renewed. Board members agreed to make some personal contacts, but failing this, these unrenewed members will be dropped from the mailing/email lists.

Eric suggested a change at the general meetings. Instead of the “raffle” tickets for purchase, each attendee will receive a free “door prize” ticket for the drawing. Details to be worked out. Pat made a motion to adopt the change; 2nd by Eric. Accepted unanimously.

Eric presented the results of a survey of similar Guilds/clubs fee structure, for possible future consideration.

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Web Site: Matt reported that he has begun updating the site with information for the 2024 Show. He is also working to get some of the sign up/request forms into a format allowing on line completion.

Show 2023: Final report pending. After discussion, agreement reached regarding donation of a portion of the proceeds from the 2023 Show. Motion by Eric to donate \$400 from the Show profits to Rick’s Toy Box. 2nd by Pat. Accepted unanimously.

For this year (2024 Show) members are asked to suggest eligible charities. The Board of Directors will review the suggestions, and make selections.

Grant Up-Date: Chuck and Barry are working with the state JEM (Joint Effort Marketing) to obtain a grant to cover some of the marketing costs for the Annual Show.

Additional Business: Request from UWGB Life Long Learning: asking for member/s who would be able to present a program/class on their wood-working activities. Barry agreed to contact them for more information.

Next regular membership meeting: Wed. March 20, 2024

Next Board of Directors meeting Tues. March 26, 2024 will be at NWTC. 7pm

Meeting Adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted: Maureen Birk

Activities/Events by other organizations



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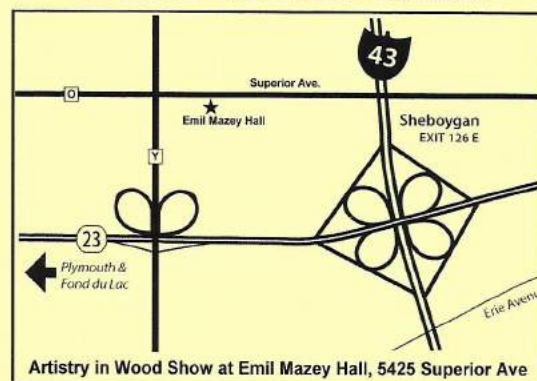
**31st Annual
Wood Carving Show
Sunday April 28, 2024
10 am to 4 pm**

**Emil Mazey Hall 5425 Superior Ave.
Sheboygan, WI**

Free Admission - Donations Appreciated

New carvers welcome. Tables \$25.00
See original wood carvings and visit with carvers.
Wood Carving Tool Vendor
Chain Saw Carver
Featured Carver: Stuart Thiel
Food and Beverage Sale on-site

For information contact:
Bob Lawrence 920-458-4947, bob.dee@att.net
Jim Rooker 920-918-8512, jrooker49@gmail.com



Artistry in Wood Show at Emil Mazey Hall, 5425 Superior Ave

www.kettlekarvers.org

Activities/Events by other organizations

MID-WIS. CHIPPERS Presents

Artistry In Wood



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



Wood Sculptures for Sale!
Blue Ribbon Competition
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Carving Demos & More!
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Everything you need to get started in Woodcarving!

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The Oshkosh Convention Center

2 North Main Street, Oshkosh, WI

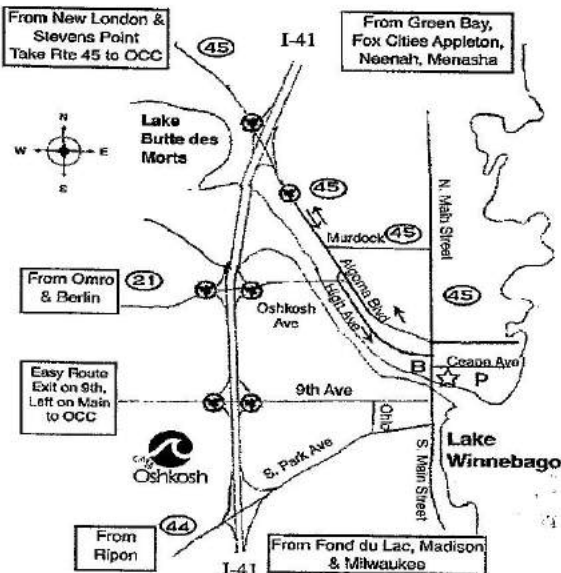
For more show info: www.midwisconsinchippers.weebly.com
or contact Paul Wolters (920) 727-2139

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2024 ARTISTRY IN WOOD
SHOW, COMPETITION AND SALE

WAUPACA RECREATION CENTER
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WAUPACA, WI

**FEATURED
LOCAL
CARVER:**

Ray Claussen

**DEMONSTRATIONS
THROUGHOUT
THE DAY!**

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
ADMISSION IS \$5.00
**AGES 17 and under are
FREE)**

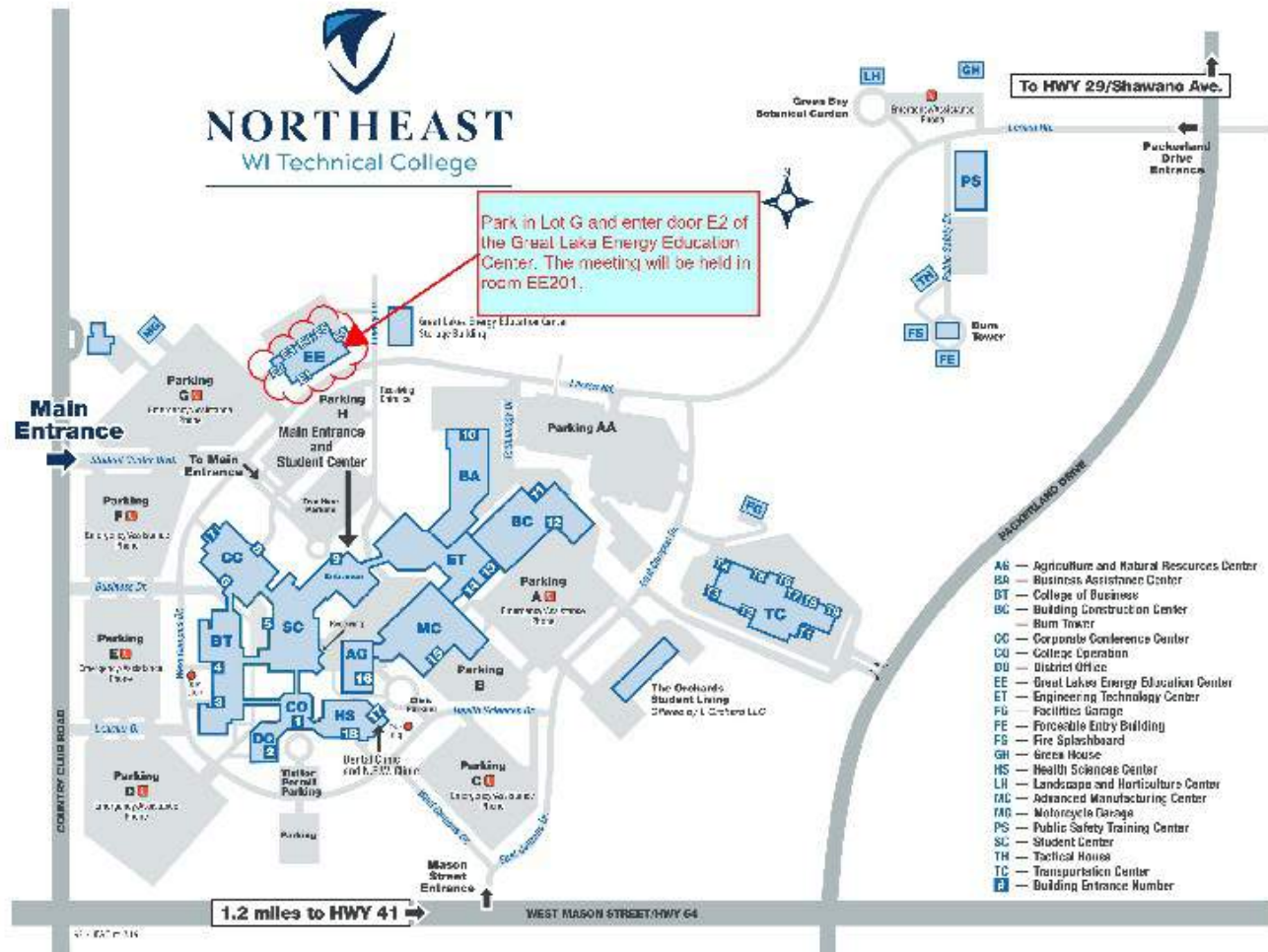
**SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 2,
2024**
9 am to
4 pm

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

HAROLD MOHR 715-281-4923
KATHY BREHM 920-740-1986

OR VISIT THE WAUPACA AREA WOODCARVERS FACEBOOK PAGE





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

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

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 Or any other Board or committee member.
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