

# BENCHTALK



**Northeastern Wisconsin Woodworkers Guild**

**Volume 42: Issue # 4, April 2024**

**Program for April 17, 2024 7 pm, at NWTC, in Room EE201, Great Lakes Energy Ed. Center.**

**Kristi Hulbert - Stripping of old finish and refinishing wood**

Our presenter for our April monthly meeting is Kristi Hulbert. Kristi and her husband, Mike, own Affordable Stripping and Refinishing in the Southwest part of Green Bay. Not all the work is done in their shop, some of the magic happens right in their customers' homes. Kristi will talk about the multi-dimensions of her business, starting with the refinishing of furniture to the beautiful transition of refinishing cabinets on-site. Get ready to learn about the art of refinishing from a true professional.



**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.**

May 15<sup>th</sup>- Member "Show and Tell", also jigs and fixtures (See article pg. 2)

June 19<sup>th</sup>- Michael Doerr on custom furniture

July 17<sup>th</sup> open

August-Annual picnic details TBD

September 18<sup>th</sup>-Rob Martens on bending wood.

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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](mailto: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 April 2024**

Please welcome 10 new members who joined the Guild recently! Please look for these new members at one of our upcoming meetings and welcome them:

Bernard Christiano of Neenah

Ben Hendrickson of Appleton

John Hielsberg of Oshkosh

Larry Horkman of Green Bay

Ronald Klemp of Appleton

Curt & Sue Solberg of Greenville

Karen Ullmer (wife of current member Lee who ungraded to a Family Membership)

JJ Van Parys of Appleton

Donovan Hull-Riggs of Appleton

As of April 7, we have 135 members.

Thanks to Woodcraft for hosting our Membership Event on March 23 during their busy Treasure Chest promotion! Most of this month's new members signed up at that event!

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.

Eric Hansen - Phone: 952-567-4625 - Email: [ericjonhansen@yahoo.com](mailto:ericjonhansen@yahoo.com)

W6994 Angel Hill Drive, Greenville, WI 54942

**Library** \_\_\_\_\_ All library items are now due!

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

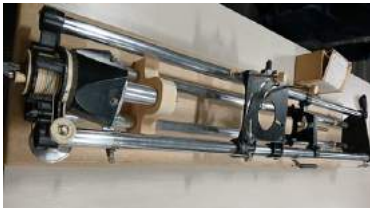


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Since many woodworkers do primarily bowl turning, member Barry Bender did a presentation on spindle turning. He began turning wood in high school, and fine tuned his skills turning metal as a machinist. Barry gets inspiration from many sources: pre-internet, from magazine articles & ads. Almost unlimited sources now on line. Spindle turnings can be small, like pens, letter openers, and ornaments. Or large, like lamp bases, table legs, and ornamentation on larger items such as clocks.

Barry draws his designs, with detailed measurements, using freezer paper as a durable pattern to follow. He discussed types of wood, turning blank prep, and procedures. Tools for duplicable details include dial calipers and contour gauge. He gave a detailed demonstration of the use of a Sears "router crafter"\* for making the patterns on his lamp bases. For stability on long, slender spindles, and thin bowl edges, there are various "steady rest" options. Barry recommended high speed steel as his preferred tool composition. Barry showed several modifications he has made to customize his lathe, for greater speed control for different sized turnings.



\*U-Tube video on line demos use of router crafter.

A video of the program is available from the library, at meetings.



### March Show & Tell

Electric Guitar, by Caleb Caster, Made at age 16, with his grandfather



Turned and carved ornaments , from Linda Surowiec

Carved "platters", from Paul Murphy, Alternative to the "burn pile" for small wood pieces.



### 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

## Final Show Revenue Report

I inspected my records and was able to confirm the 2023 Expense/Revenue Report submitted by the Show Committee. The final numbers are:

Expenses - \$4,589.42

Revenue - \$16,890.00

Net - \$12,358.00

I would like to thank everyone who helped with the show for making it a success. Special thanks to Jim Michiels and Randy Hendricks for their efforts in planning and executing the 2023 Artistry In Wood Show. This is the highest earning show during my tenure as treasurer and it has helped put the Guild on an excellent financial footing.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chuck Druckrey – Treasurer

(For monthly income/expenses, see report in BOD minutes)

## Community Out Reach Report

Dear Guild Members,

On Thursday evening 4/4, four of our Guild members participated in an event to share information about our NEWWG. The Howard/ Suamico Historical Society invited us to their monthly meeting. Each Guild member did a presentation and showed the beautiful Wood Art they created, during the course of an hour. Guild pamphlets were given to those in attendance.

It was very well received and many in the audience had their questions answered.

The members were: Paul Murphy, Ted Seidl, Barry Bender, and Pat Williams. It would be nice when you get a chance to say Thank You to them for representing our Guild so well.

Some of the Historical Society members had attended our 2023 show at Denmark HS, and that's how they found out about the Guild. There were a lot of those attending who were excited about coming to this year's show! Some of those in attendance are woodworkers themselves and are interested in our meetings and possibly becoming a member. It was a very nice evening!

## Future Opportunities:

In October, Barry Bender will be doing a presentation on scroll sawing, for the UWGB Life Long Learning Program

## “Party Planner” Needed (Event Coordinator)

Do you like planning events, or know someone who does? 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.

**NEWWG BOD Meeting March 26, 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; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chuck. Approved unanimously.

**Secretary/Newsletter:** Dead line for articles for March newsletter is Mon. 4/8/2024.

**Library** no report

**Treasurer's report:** Balance as of 3/26/24 - \$20,936.64 Financial Activity (Feb 26, 2024 to March 25, 2024)

Income: \$ 8.72 interest income \$ 25.00 water sales \$ 190.00 membership fees Total \$223.72 Respectfully Submitted, Chuck Druckrey – Treasurer	Expenses: \$ 100.00 presenter fee \$ 54.99 2022 Tax filing \$ 54.99 2023 tax filing Total: \$209.98
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**Membership:** Now 134 paid/active members. 7 new members from the Woodcraft show/event.

**Programs:**

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**Web Site:** Matt reports that the library listing will now have a "search" feature.

Discussion regarding potential to set up PayPal option for member dues payment. Chuck would need to set up account. Pat moved to proceed with establishing a PayPal account for the Guild. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric. Unanimous approval. Chuck will follow up.

**Show 2023:** Final report: Chuck ran a comparison between the report submitted by the committee, and his figures. There were some minor variations, but essentially numbers were in agreement.

Expenses: \$4589.42. Revenue: \$16,890.00. Net: \$12,358.00.

Motion by Eric to accept show report as submitted by Chuck; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Matt. Unanimously accepted.

Further discussion regarding donation of some of the profits from the Show. Motion by Chuck to donate 10% (\$1200) of profits to Rick's Toy Box. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric, unanimous approval. Check will be presented at the next meeting.

Discussion on a charity for next year, at 10% of profits. Motion by Paul to designate 10% of 2024 Show profits to St. Vincent Hospital Pediatric Emergency Center. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chuck, unanimous approval. Pat will contact SVH for details and report at next meeting.

**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. Chuck has the forms and contacts, and is pursuing the application. Dept. of Tourism will suggest a plan for advertising, that should be able to begin about 4 months ahead of time.

**Guild Budget:** Preliminary discussion on a formal budget development for next year. Cost of possible ads in publications re: Guild membership need to be determined. Chuck will develop a plan for next year, for BOD consideration.

**BOD Positions:** "Annual Meeting" is in June, and election of board members. Need slate of candidates. Eric will write a note for the newsletter, to solicit nominations for BOD positions.

**Member/Dues:** After discussion, Motion by Eric to keep dues as at present, for the membership year starting Oct 2024. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chuck, unanimous approval. Further consideration deferred until 2025.

**Additional Business: Out Reach Opportunities:**

Barry has agreed to do a 4 hr. presentation on scroll sawing, 10/10/24, for UWGB Life Long Learning program.

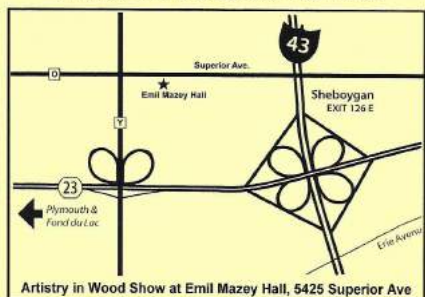
Pat, Paul and Barry will do a presentation 4/4/24, through the Howard Suamico Historical Society, on various aspects of wood-working. Next regular membership meeting: Wed. April 17, 2024 Next Board of Directors meeting Tues. April 30, 2024 will be at NWTC. 7pm Meeting Adjourned at 8:20 pm. Respectfully submitted: Maureen Birk

**Activities/Events by other organizations**



**KETTLE KARVERS**  
**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  
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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](http://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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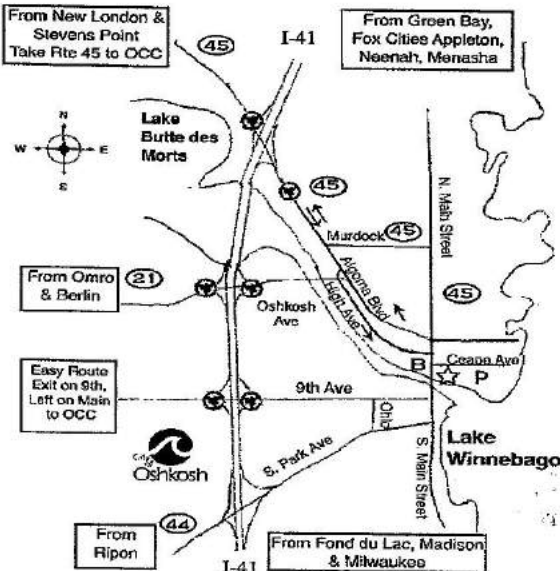
For more show info: [www.midwisconsinchippers.weebly.com](http://www.midwisconsinchippers.weebly.com)  
or contact Paul Wolters (920) 727-2139

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**407 SCHOOL STREET**  
**WAUPACA, WI**

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**AGES 17 and under are FREE!**

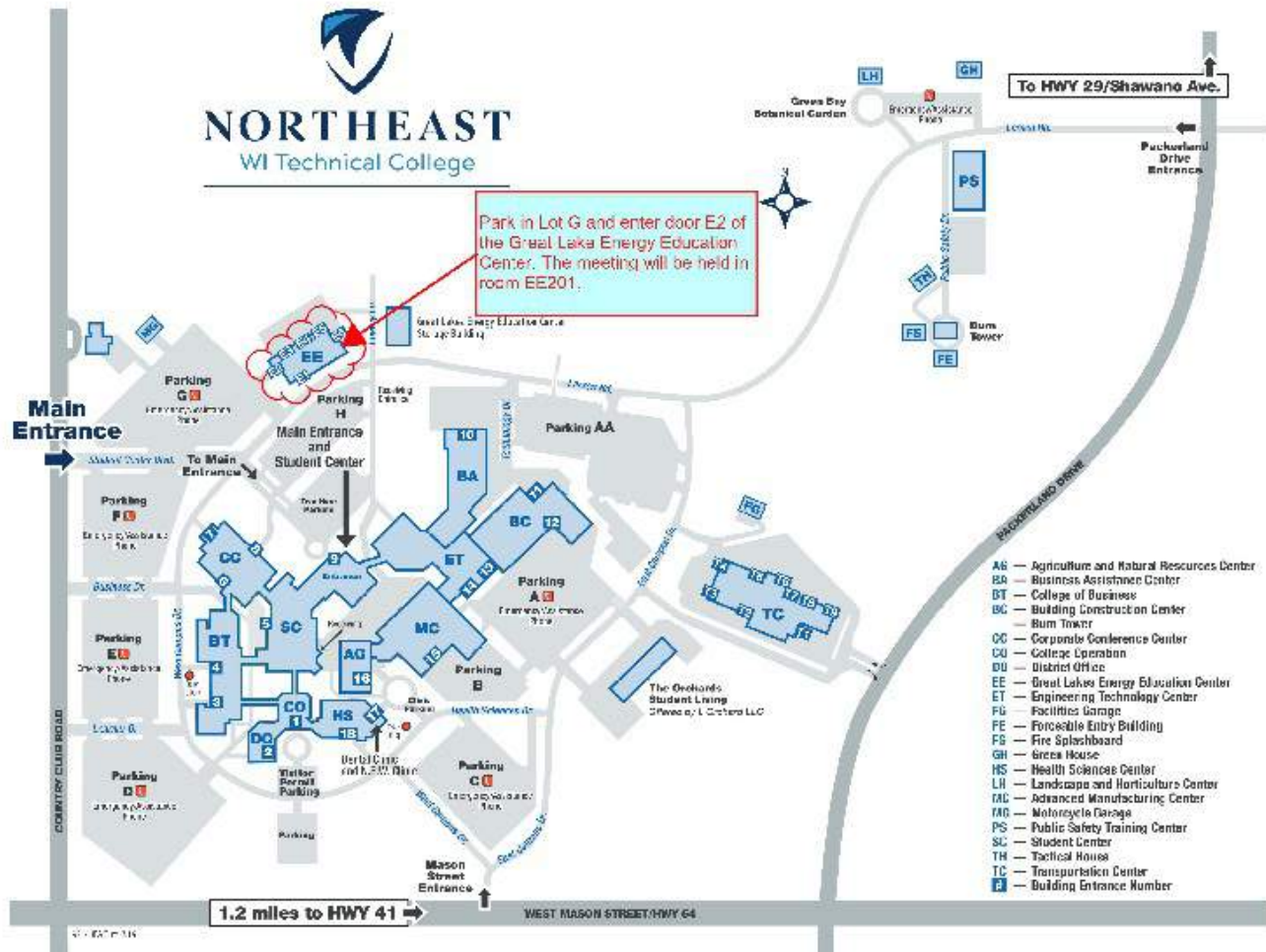
**SUNDAY NOVEMBER 3, 2024**  
**9 am to 4 pm**

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

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**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](http://www.newwg.org)

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