

BENCHTALK



Northeastern Wisconsin Woodworkers Guild

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Program for May 15, 2024, 7 pm, at NWTC, in Rm EE201, Great Lakes Energy Ed. Center.

Our May meeting is our once a year "Woodworkers Forum" meeting. At this meeting, attending members bring show and tell items such as projects, woodworking jigs and fixtures, This is also a good time to ask questions about any woodworking issues you may have. There is a good chance someone attending the meeting will be able to answer your concerns.

Many members joined the guild to learn more about woodworking. The "Woodworkers Forum" meeting was set up to do just that. We can learn from each other and share knowledge and tips. There is more time to do that at this meeting because there is no guest presenter. Please attend and bring your show and tell item, questions, and knowledge. Some examples:

Custom made vise from Eric Hansen

And from Barry Bender: Grandmother Clock, Wood turning chisel sharpener, modified knob on jointer



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.

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August- Annual picnic details TBD

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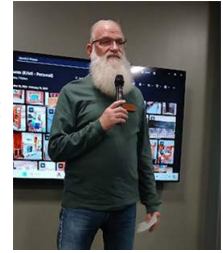
Dec Guild Christmas Party-Details TBD

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

ANNOUNCING A NEW PROGRAM NEWWG Charity Fund

With the success of the 2023 Artistry in Wood Show, the Guild Board of Directors established this fund. Giving back to the community is an important aspect of being a not-for-profit organization. The guidelines are to donate 10% of the Show profits to a local non-profit organization annually.



This year's recipient was Rick Brunner, owner of Rick's Toy Box. Rick and his crew of volunteers make wooden toy cars. These are then donated to organizations, to be given to children in trying circumstances, to provide a bit of joy. Rick's toys have been donated locally, around the USA, and internationally.

Next year's designated recipient is Green Bay's HSHS St. Vincent Children's Hospital.

Review of April Program

Many of us have done some version of stripping and refinishing. Kristi takes it to a new level!

Kristi Hulbert presented concepts/processes well beyond what many of us have used. Her background includes working in several cabinet shops, prior to purchasing the business she currently owns, with her husband.



Some work is done in their shop, but often it is done in the clients' homes. Kristi detailed the processes used for stripping and refinishing in both settings.

Chemical stripping is only done in their shop, under safety controlled conditions. Other "stripping" involves extensive sanding. Painted surfaces are only sanded. She uses a random orbital sander on flat surfaces, and hand sands contours, starting at 80 grit, and successively higher grits until the surface is clean. She says perfectly smooth is not necessary, as some texture allows better color absorption.



Refinishing options are many, primarily sprayed on. She has multiple techniques for fine tuning color, adding depth to the finish. She provides customers with multiple finish/color samples from which to choose.



Almost all the products she uses are from Sherwin Williams. Sometimes a colored wiping stain is added to a water based varnish (not poly). Sometimes she uses a glaze (thicker than stain) combined with mineral spirits. (McCampbell alkyd glaze). Final varnish coat is a Sherwin Williams conversion varnish, to which a catalyst is added. This provides a finish that does not decolor in sunlight, but must be used within 24 hours of mixing.

Kristi's contact info: www.affordablestrippingandrefinishing.com 920-336-1701

A video of this presentation is in the NEWWG library, available at meetings.



Prep in progress

Project completed



Membership Update

Currently we have 138 active members

Three new members joined in the last month!

Steve Van Lanen of Green Bay

Theo Wasielewski of Pulaski

Kristi Hulbert of Kaukauna

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 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.



WAUPACA AREA WOODCARVERS
2024 ARTISTRY IN WOOD
SHOW, COMPETITION AND SALE

WAUPACA RECREATION CENTER
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WAUPACA, WI

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Ray Claussen

DEMONSTRATIONS
THROUGHOUT
THE DAY!

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
ADMISSION IS \$5.00
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SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 3,
2024
9 am to
4 pm

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

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KATHY BREHM 920-740-1986

OR VISIT THE WAUPACA AREA WOODCARVERS FACEBOOK PAGE



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

Library All library items are now due!

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



NEWWG BOD Meeting April 30, 2024 At NWTC Great Lake Energy Ed. Center meeting room. Convened 7:10 pm.

Attending: V.P. Pat Williams, Programs Barry Bender, Membership, Eric Hansen. Treasurer Chuck Druckrey. Show Committee: Jim Michiels, Randy Hendricks. Present via conference call: Secretary /Newsletter Maureen Birk.

Unable to attend: Pres. Paul Murphy, Web Site, Matt Hamblin, librarian: Pete Schuh

Minutes from last meeting: Move to accept: Eric; 2nd by Chuck. Approved unanimously.

Secretary/Newsletter: Dead line for articles for May newsletter is Mon. 5/6/2024.

Library no report

Treasurer's report: Balance as of 4/30/24 - \$20,936.64 Financial Activity (Mar 26, 2024 to April 29, 2024)

Income:	Expenses:
\$ 8.32 interest income	\$ 1236.00-Rick's Toy Box (10% of show profits)
\$ 325.00 Show Registration	\$ 166.00 Gift card prizes & printing
\$ 288.00 Show registration (\$125.00) and membership (\$136)	\$ 134.99 Meeting door prize
Total \$621.32	Total: \$1,536.99
Respectfully Submitted, Chuck Druckrey – Treasurer	

All last year's show expenses have been paid

Membership: Now 138 paid/active members. 7 new members from the Woodcraft show/event. Future new member name tags may be done only quarterly, but in the interim, new members will receive temporary name tags that will allow them access to the Woodcraft discounts, etc. Next Woodcraft Family Day is in July, and NEWWG volunteers will be needed.

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Web Site: No Report

Show 2024: Update: Jim and Randy detailed the new sizing and pricing for display areas and areas with electricity. Yard signs will be modified for better visibility.

Raffles: last year's cash raffle did make a profit. Grab bags also made a profit; looking at a 2 tier pricing for bags this year.

Bucket raffle profit was less impressive. Discussion on focusing donations to wood working related items, as these did the best. Also, perhaps limiting it to ~ 30 items.

Sponsors/donors: Potential contributors will receive letters. There will be several levels of recognition on posters and publicity media.

Annual donation: at 10% of show profit; will be called the "NEWWG Charity Fund". For 2024 the recipient will be HSHS Childrens Hospital in Green Bay.

Grant Up-Date: Chuck reports he will participate in Zoom meeting this month, when the grant advisors will help him develop a grant request, for submission by the end of My. If the grant is approved, funds will be available in August, for use over a 2 year period.

Guild Budget : Still in development.

BOD Positions: Discussion on how many BOD positions are opening. Conclusion 4.

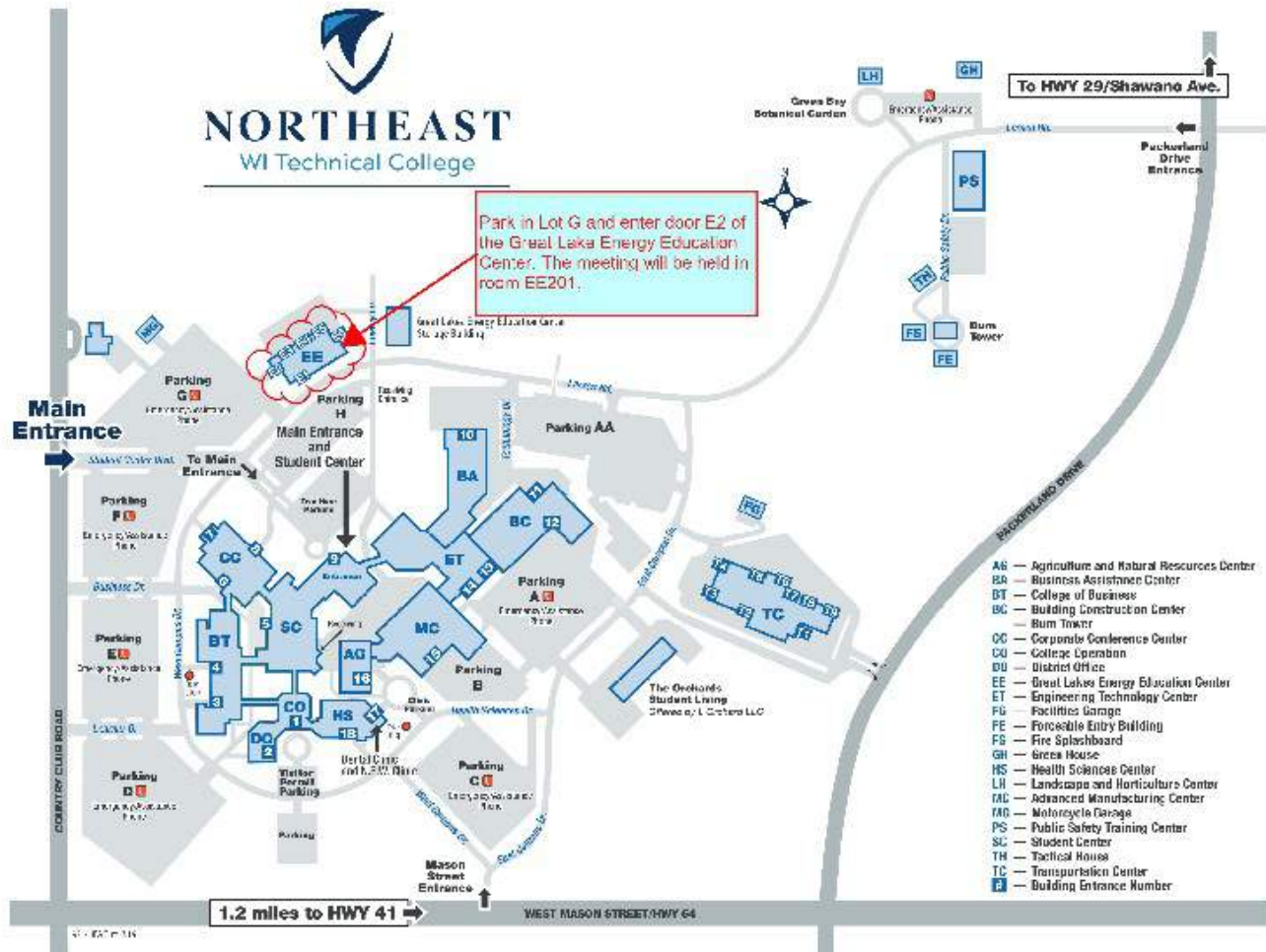
Next regular membership meeting: Wed. May 15, 2024

Next Board of Directors meeting Tues. May 21, 2024 will be at NWTC. 7pm

Meeting adjournment moved by Barry, 2nd by Eric. Approved.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:55 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

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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