

# BENCHTALK



**Northeastern Wisconsin Woodworkers Guild**

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## June 19, 7 pm Carving Comfort Birds

Our presenter for the June meeting is Pat Pelky. Pat is a member of the Mid-Wisconsin Chippers Carving Club in Neenah and the Waupaca Area Wood Carving Club. Pat carves a variety of subjects, but he is well known for his "Comfort Birds". Pat will demonstrate the process of carving



ing and finishing comfort birds. He uses a variety of woods and also carves acrylic material and Spectra-Ply.

One of the reasons Pat got into carving was to help in his personal battle with Parkinson's Disease. It helps him focus to control and steady himself. Pat also donates some of the proceeds of the sales of his comfort birds towards Parkinson's research. Get ready to learn a little about carving.



## Election of board of directors at June Meeting

The annual election is scheduled for this month's meeting.

The Board of Directors have 4 members whose terms have ended. At June's meeting, we will elect 4 members to the board. Later in June or July the board will meet to organize and decide who best fits into which positions.

As of June 8, 3 members have agreed to be nominated. They are Chuck Leonard, Greg Levenhagen and Gerry Jensen. Three more members are considering running.

**Please consider** if you could help your guild by serving on the Board of Directors.

If you would like to volunteer or find out more information, please contact Eric Hansen by June 15. Thanks!

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**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.**

**June 19th** - Pat Pelky - Carving "Comfort Birds"

**July 17th** - Mary Warnecke - Woodworking Intarsia

**August 24th** - Guild Picnic at Debroux Park in Bellevue, Plan to arrive around 11:00 AM

**September 18th** - Final Preparations for Annual Show

**October 16th** - Michael Doerr - Making Contemporary Furniture

**November 9th & 10th** - Annual Show at Denmark high School

**December** - Guild Christmas party at Green Bay Ecumenical Center. Date and time to be determined.

**January 15th 2025** - Rob Martens - Bending 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

### Artistry in Wood Show notes

Advertising for the Artistry in Wood show in November is done on a very low budget. All members could help advertise by putting a yard sign in your yard, in a family member's yard, or at your place of business. This helps advertising to be spread out into many communities throughout NE Wisconsin covering a broad area. Please consider helping in this way, talk to the show committee at the next meeting, as we plan to order yard signs in July/August. We need to know how many members would help in this way before ordering signs. Signs would be picked up and dropped off (after the show) at the monthly meetings. Thanks for your support.

### Community Involvement Opportunities

On May 31, 3 current members assisted a former Guild member move wood working equipment and boards from Luxemburg to Appleton. After several moves, this former Guild member is excited to return to wood working in his new shop. He was very appreciative of the Guild's assistance.

Another community involvement effort discussed earlier this year was helping the "Beads of Courage" program. Recently several Guild members spent time in their shops creating multiple boxes for these patients to keep their beads of courage in. This is a wonderful program that anyone can get involved in. These beautiful new boxes are being sent for use this year.

## Review of May Program

The May meeting was our annual "Member Show and Tell" event. Members brought items or pictures to share. It was also a chance to share tips, ask questions.

John Nowak showed a video of his granddaughter and her "no cut/scrap only" project in his shop. She created an impressive several building structure, complete with furniture. John also shared that a suture removal instrument also works well to hold small parts during assembly.

Rick Brunner showed photos of his recent trip to a local school, with Bill Kocha, to donate toy cars.

Linda Surowiec provided a review of bandsaw blade care and use.

Not all items could be photographed, but here is a sampling :



Jim Michiels Baskets: Black Walnut/Ash/Maple; Yellow birch



Bill Kocha: Box Elder & Maple Bowls



Eric Hansen: Moxon Vise



Pat Williams: Painted Gourd



Glen Koehler: cross cut sled



Dave Kaus: hand carved walking sticks ( one with dragon skin pattern)



Ken Quade: Box & Stool



Turned lidded box George Brudi



Paul Murphy: Hand carved and Woodburned Items



Apple wood



George Brudi: cutting board, pasta press, paddle

**“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

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**Library** 5 new DVD’s donated by Bay Lake Woodturners

The Practice of Woodturning by Mike Darlow (disk #2 is missing if you have it bring it to the meeting)

Turning Projects by Richard Raffan

Finial Star by Cindy Drozda

Woodturning, Getting Started Right, Alan Lacer

Introduction to Segmented Turning by Curt Theobald

I sent out reminders on overdue materials. Check your e-mails, let me know if you have the materials, lost them, or have returned them.

I still have the cards in the box as still out standing.

Thanks, Pete Schuh



**NEWWG BOD Meeting May 23, 2024** At NWTC Great Lake Energy Ed. Center meeting room. Convened 7:00 pm.

**Attending:** Pre. Paul Murphy, V.P. Pat Williams, Programs Barry Bender, Treasurer Chuck Druckrey. Secretary /Newsletter Maureen Birk. Web Site, Matt Hamblin, librarian: Pete Schuh

Unable to attend: Membership, Eric Hansen.

**Minutes** from last meeting: Move to accept: Barry, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pete. Approved unanimously.

**Secretary/Newsletter:** Dead line for articles for June newsletter is Mon. 6/10/2024.

**Library** 4 new DVD's from the wood turners club

**Treasurer's report: Balance as of 5/22/24 - \$20,532.91** Financial Activity (April 30, 2024 to May 22, 2024)

Income:	Expenses:
\$ 8.98 interest income	\$ \$100.00 April Presenter Fee
\$ 130.00 Show Registrations	\$ 11.04 Office supplies
\$ 308.00 Dues ; Water \$20.00	Total: \$111.04
Total: \$316.98	
Respectfully Submitted, Chuck Druckrey – Treasurer	

**Membership:** May Membership Update: 139 members holding steady this month. Since August 2022, we've added 55 new members.

Nomination Committee Update

1. Two members committed to run: Chuck Leonard and Greg Levenhagen
2. Three more members seriously considering
3. Still working to expand the slate of candidates

**Elections:** Discussion on terms ending: BOD members not continuing: Paul Murphy, Pat Williams, Pete Schuh, Maureen Birk

**Programs:**

June 19<sup>th</sup> - Change in presenter—details to be in newsletter

July 17<sup>th</sup> Mary Warnecke on woodworking Intarsia

August- Annual picnic DeBroux Park, Belleview, Change to **SATURDAY 8/24**

Member Chuck Leonard has volunteered to be the Belleview resident contact, to allow the Guild to continue to hold the picnic at DeBroux park, Thank you Chuck!

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

October 16<sup>th</sup> TBD, with update on Annual Show (Sept/Oct topics may be switched)

Nov. 9-10, Annual "Artistry in Wood" Show

Dec Guild Christmas Party At UWGB Ecumenical Center -Details TBD

\*\* Due to changes in presenter availability, the schedule is subject to change.

Discussion regarding purchase of a USB camera, for use at meetings/presentations. Motion by Pat: that Guild purchase overhead, USB camera; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chuck, unanimous approval.

**Web Site:** Working on web updates regarding Show.

**Grant Up-Date:** Chuck reports continued progress working with grant advisors. Once format is finalized, he will submit it and have it reviewed. He is waiting for some details from Show committee. Once application is completed, he will send copies to BOD for review. If the grant is approved, funds will be available in August, for use over a 2 year period.

**Guild Budget :** Chuck presented detailed Income/Expenses report for 2023, and proposed budget for 2024. Discussion followed, with some changes recommended.

Motion by Paul: to approve the budget, with amendments, for budget year 2024, (July1,2024 – June 30, 2025)

2nd by Matt ; approved unanimously

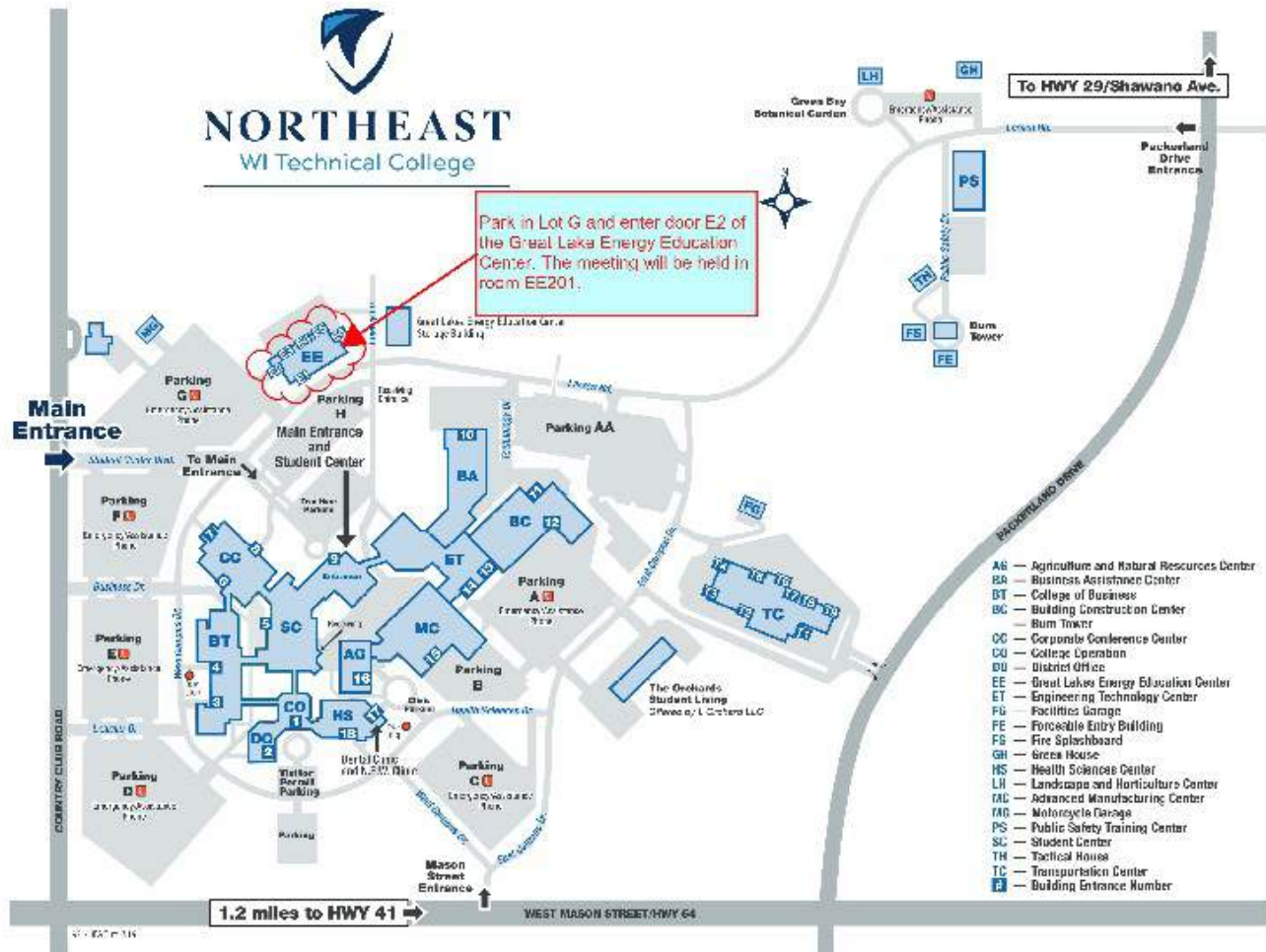
Next regular membership meeting: Wed. June 19, 2024

Next Board of Directors meeting Tues. June 25, 2024 will be at NWTC. 7pm

Meeting Adjourned at 7:45pm.

Respectfully submitted: Maureen Birk

Expenses	2023 Actual	2024 Proposed
<b>General</b>		
Office Expenses	\$6.72	\$30.00
Newsletter Expenses	\$18.29	\$20.00
Presenter Fees	\$658.00	\$750.00
Insurance Premium	\$355.00	\$370.00
Web Hosting Fees	\$220.00	\$230.00
Membership Expenses	\$105.10	\$200.00
Summer Picnic	\$349.66	\$375.00
Christmas Party	\$494.63	\$525.00
Door prizes		\$750.00
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>\$2,207.40</b>	<b>\$3,250.00</b>
<b>Show</b>		
Printing	\$412.86	\$450.00
Advertising	\$867.55	\$3,000.00
Misc	\$299.76	\$300.00
Facilities Rental	\$1,100.00	\$1,600.00
Raffle Prize Payout	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
table rental	\$720.00	\$800.00
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>\$4,400.17</b>	<b>\$7,150.00</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,607.57</b>	<b>\$10,400.00</b>



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**For more information on activities, meetings and members, check out the Guild website at: [newwg.org](http://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](http://www.newwg.org)

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