

# BENCHTALK



## Northeastern Wisconsin Woodworkers Guild

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Program Wed. July 17, 2024, 7 pm Woodworking Intarsia

Our presenter for the July meeting is Mary Warnecke. Mary is from Greenleaf and her specialty is intarsia. Intarsia is the use of various woods to create a mosaic type image. It is similar to marquetry, except the pieces are thicker and are finished or shaped to show depth.



Mary got her start into intarsia when her husband saw a woodland design (pictured above) made by Judy Gale Roberts and suggested she try it. This was in 1990. It turned out great, and she has done over a hundred since.

Mary also combines her carving and woodburning skills into some of her works of intarsia. She is a creative, multi-talented individual. At this meeting she will explain how she does intarsia and give some useful tips. Also, get ready to view some of her beautiful work!



## Board of Directors Organization

At the June regular meeting, members elected 4 candidates to 3 year terms on the Board of Directors. On June 25th, the new members met with existing Board, and agreed on duties for the coming year.

### Board Organization beginning 6/25/2024

#### Officers:

President: Greg Levenhagen  
VP/Membership: Eric Hansen  
Secretary: Gerald Jensen  
Treasurer: Chuck Druckrey

#### Additional Board Members:

Programs: Barry Bender  
Newsletter: Maureen Birk  
Library: Chuck Leonard  
Web Site: Matt Hamblin

The Board thanks the members who faithfully served us during the past years: Paul Murphy, Pat Williams, and Pete Schuh.

**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.**

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

**August 24th** - **Saturday** 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

### **Guild Picnic Reminder Note change to Sat for this year**

The summer picnic is scheduled for **Saturday** 24 August.

DeBroux Park 2900 Brighton Place Bellevue

We plan to eat around noon. The guild supplies, Hamburgers, brats, hot dogs, sweet corn on the cob, buns, soda, and water. We also supply the condiments, napkins, plastic ware and paper plates.

Members bring desserts, salads, or what ever you want to share.

If you want to bring a show and tell item feel free to do so.

Please contact Pete Schuh by August 19<sup>th</sup> if you plan to attend.

**I will have a sign up sheet at the July Guild meeting**

Thank you Pete Schuh 920-788-3871 pjscls@live.com



### **Show committee news:**

Advertising for our show is very important. A key part of our advertising is to get information about the show to all the various communities in NE Wisconsin. This is one area where we need the Guild member's help, it doesn't take a lot of effort, but could add a lot of benefit. Please call Randy at 920-676-6466 or Jim at 920-863-8658 if you can put out a yard sign or 2 in your community. Thanks!

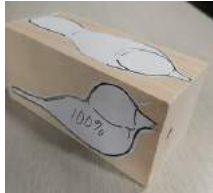
It's not too early to think about local sponsors/donors for the show. We are already getting some interest from past sponsors. I know a few of you already have plans to contact those you have had success with last year. New donorship letters have been created to help you in this effort.

Last but certainly not least, we have 28 exhibitors signed up to show this year. This puts us ahead of where we were last year at this point in time. We'd love to have more exhibitors, please consider joining us if you haven't already registered.

Please contact Randy or Jim for more info on any of these show items. Thanks!

## Review of June Program

Our June presenter was Pat Pelky, a member of the Mid-Wisconsin Chippers Carving Club in Neenah and the Waupaca Area Wood Carving Club. He explained how carving has helped him cope with Parkinson symptoms. His work has been featured in a carving publication, as well as a Parkinson's magazine and Neurosciences Group. He creates "comfort birds" of which he has donated over 800, to Parkinson's support groups, and other organizations. When handled, these provide a sensory calming effect, like "worry beads".



Pat described the materials he uses (Spectra ply, wood and acrylics) and his process, starting with band sawing a rough shape, then hand carving the detailed shape. He hand sands from 80 grit to 12,000 grit. For safety he recommends: safety gloves when hand carving (No Cry brand), a dust mask when sanding. One finishing product he uses is call "Unicorn Spit".



His carvings also include caricatures, and whimsical creatures. Many members gathered after the program, to ask questions and view Pat's work.

(This presentation was recorded, and is available to check out from the Guild library)



A humm/mule 2 sided figure  
—humming bird/mule

## June Member Show and Tell



From Trudy Ferrier  
Woodburned Red Tail Hawk



From Al Ostermann Turned, segmented bowls  
for Beads of Courage 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.



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



## **Membership Update July, 2024**

Please welcome one **new member** who joined the Guild recently. **Ian Prosser of Appleton.**

Ian is new to woodworking and wants to learn (especially about making furniture and scroll sawing). Please welcome him when you see him

As of July 8, we have 140 members.

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.

Could you please help Woodcraft of Appleton at their Family Day event on July 27? As we did last year, the Guild will be helping hand out project kits to the families who registered ahead of time, assist with a picnic lunch and provide some demos for people to watch. Any help you could provide between 9 and 3 would be very valuable. Thanks!

Besides general help, we are specifically looking for someone to help demonstrate how to prep rough lumber for project use using hand tools. This would involve some work with planes, squares and a handsaw. If you can help, please call or email Eric Hansen (contact info below).

Woodcraft has become a huge supporter of the NEWWG. Family Day is a way we can say "thanks" for all they do for us.

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

**NEWWG BOD Meeting June 25, 2024** At NWTC Great Lake Energy Ed. Center meeting room. Convened 7:00 pm.

**Attending:** Pre. Paul Murphy, V.P. Pat Williams, Treasurer Chuck Druckrey, Membership, Eric Hansen, Secretary /Newsletter Maureen Birk. Web Site, Matt Hamblin (via conference call), Unable to attend: librarian, Pete Schuh; Programs Barry Bender. Also newly elected board members: Chuck Leonard, Greg Levenhagen, Gerry Jensen.

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

**Secretary/Newsletter:** Dead line for articles for July newsletter is Mon. 7/8/2024.

Member Rob Martens reports having many of the old newsletters. Maureen will take them, scan and digitalize them, and make available on USB drive for permanent archive.

**Library** no report

**Treasurer's report: Balance as of 6/25/24 - \$20,389.52** Financial Activity (May 22, 2024 to June 24, 2024)

Income: \$ 8.60 interest income \$ 235.00 Show Registrations \$ 0.17 Paypal acc't verification \$ 0.04 Paypal acc't verification \$ 1.46 Paypal transfer Total: \$245.27	Expenses: \$ \$100.00 June Presenter Fee \$ 9.35 Office supplies \$ 0.21 Paypal acc't verification Total: \$109.56 Respectfully Submitted, Chuck Druckrey – Treasurer
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**Membership: Elections:** Membership Update: 139 members holding steady this month. About 60 new members in past 6 months.

Newly elected BOD members were introduced: Chuck Leonard, Greg Levenhagen, Gerald Jensen. Each described their background and interests. Eric reviewed the BOD positions and general responsibilities. After discussion, the positions as agreed upon are:

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Motion to accept positions as presented by Chuck D, 2<sup>nd</sup> by: Chuck L. Accepted unanimously.

Official files were turned over to new officers.

**Programs:**

July 17<sup>th</sup> Mary Warnecke on woodworking Intarsia  
Aug.- 24<sup>th</sup> Annual picnic DeBroux Park, Bellevue, Change to **SATURDAY 8/24**  
Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>-Final prep for annual show  
Oct. 16<sup>th</sup> Michael Doerr - Making Contemporary Furniture  
Nov. 9-10, Annual "Artistry in Wood" Show  
Dec Guild Christmas Party At UWGB Ecumenical Center -Details TBD  
Jan. 15, 2025: Rob Martens on bending wood.

**Web Site:** No new information. New members agreed to send self photos newsletter editor, for sharing on web site and in newsletter.

**Grant Up-Date:** Chuck reports he was unable to complete the application process in time to make funds available for use for this year's show. Recommendation to begin process early in 2025 for next year.

**Guild Budget :** New budget, as accepted by BOD at last meeting, will be presented to the general membership, for approval, at the July meeting.

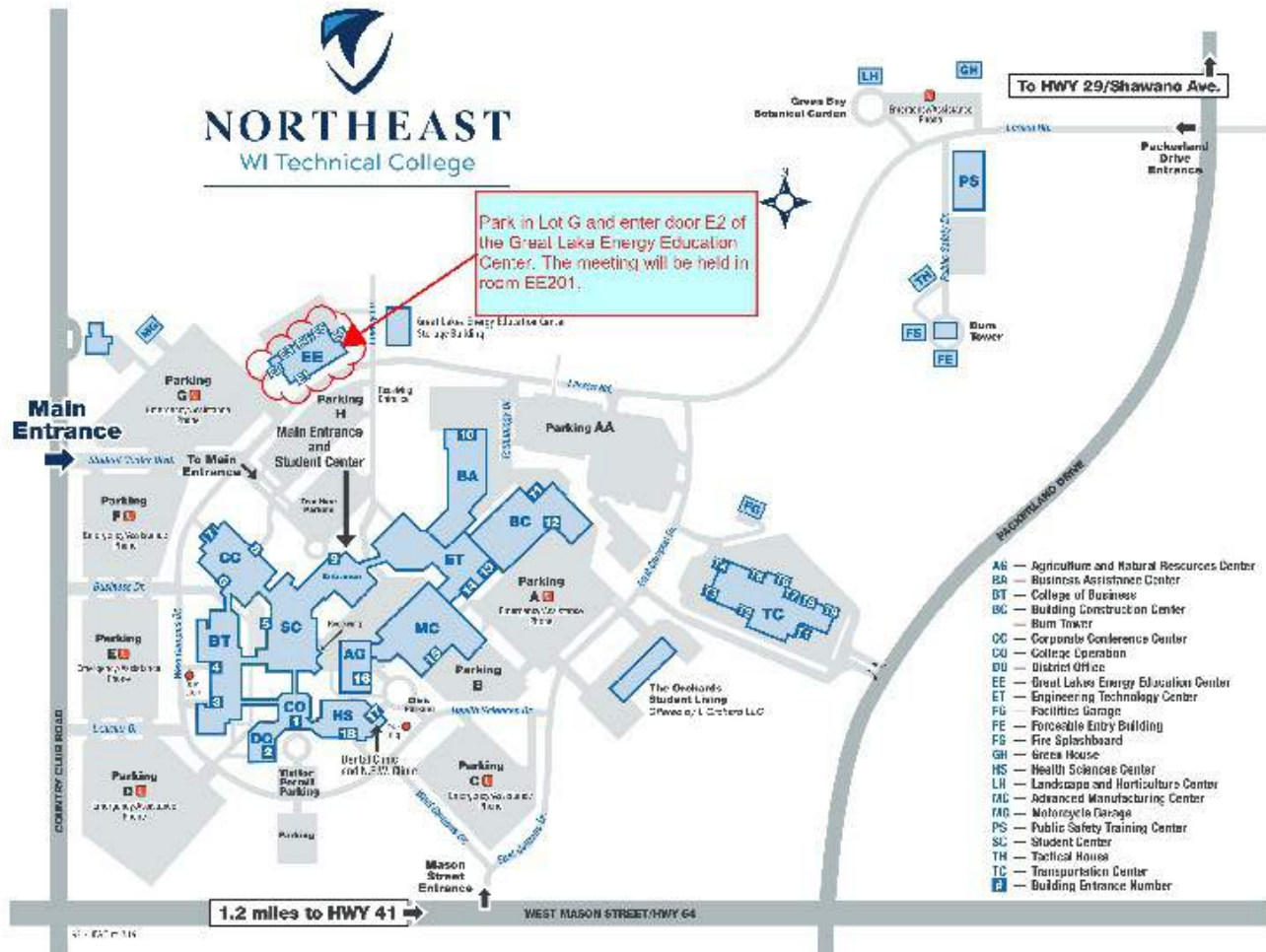
**By Laws** Update: Will also be presented to the membership for approval.

Sincere **THANK YOU!** to Pete Schuh, Paul Murphy and Pat Williams, as they step down from their Guild leadership positions.

Next regular membership meeting: Wed. July 17, 2024@ 7 pm

Next Board of Directors meeting Tues. July 23, 2024 @.7pm

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30 pm.



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

How to Get Involved: For inquiries regarding joining The Northeastern Wisconsin Woodworkers Guild, contact: Eric J. Hansener [ericjonhansen@yahoo.com](mailto:ericjonhansen@yahoo.com) 952-567-4625 Or any other Board or committee member.

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 Re: web site: Matt Hamblin: [froggy6703@gmail.com](mailto:froggy6703@gmail.com) 920-419

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 Maureen Birk - Newsletter  
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**Other committees:**

Annual Show: Randy Hendricks, Jim Michiels  
 Event Facilitator: open