

# BENCHTALK



**Northeastern Wisconsin Woodworkers Guild**

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## **IT'S SHOW TIME! 41<sup>st</sup> Artistry in Wood Show**

– Now is the time to let your friends know about the show by handing them one of the postcards, talking to them about the show, or sharing items on Facebook, etc.

Volunteers for setup on Friday Nov 8<sup>th</sup> can come around 3:45 – 4:00. The tables should arrive around 4. Spaces will be labeled starting at 3:30. Once spaces are all laid out and tables brought in, exhibitors can start setting up. Volunteers helping on Saturday and Sunday should be there at 8:30. We open at 9 but people tend to show up early.

Remember after the show to pick up all the yard signs. Keep them for next year, all we need to do is add the new dates and they can be reused. If you don't want to store them, bring them to the January meeting and Randy and I will store them for next year.

We had one exhibitor who let us know he cannot make it this year, so if there is any last-minute interest, there is one space available yet.

We also have a few spots open for volunteers, call Jim Michiels at 920-863-8658, or Randy Hendricks at 920-676-6466 if you can help. Thanks, We are looking forward to another great show!



From last year's show



**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.**

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

**December - 14** Saturday (on UWGB campus) Details in article)

**January 15th 2025** - Michael Doerr - Making Contemporary Furniture

**Feb 19 2025** Tom Monahan - Rep. from General Finishes, Working with their products.

**March 19** Wes Brown, about Woodcraft, and for member Q & A.

**April 16** Chris Shoemaker on working with veneer

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

## Bench Talk Membership Report November 2024

Current membership stands at 145 members. Annual dues are due in October. If you have not mailed or PayPal'd for the new year yet, please see me at the NEWWG Booth at the show to update your membership status. Thanks!

Renewal for individual members costs \$15, family membership renewals are \$20. You can renew by cash or check at any meeting or by check mailed to my home or by using PayPal. Send your PayPal transfer to the guild at [treasurer@newwg.org](mailto:treasurer@newwg.org).

Thanks in advance for renewing soon! If you don't plan on renewing, let me know and I will stop pestering you for your renewal.

Thanks, Eric

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Woodcraft of Appleton is helping promote this year's show with a large banner in front of the of their store (and facing the Walmart exit). All shoppers also receive a Save The Date Show postcard! Please note Woodcraft will have a special coupon to handout at our show.... 15% off most items! Plus a free coffee mug offer when they show at the store!

## Advance Announcement Guild Christmas Party

**SAVE THE DATE:** NEWWG Annual Christmas Party Saturday December 14, 2024

- Held at the Mauthe Center on the UWGB Campus
- 2418 Leon Bond Dr. Green Bay WI Just past the Kress Sport Center.
- Gather at 4:30 to visit and help set-up.
- Bring a guest.
- This is a good opportunity to get to know your guild members, their guest and talk woodworking.
- Diner served at 6pm
- Main food and drink will be provided by the Guild. Bring your favorite side dish or dessert to share.
- Bring a small item for door prize exchange.



**Sign up Deadline: December 1<sup>st</sup>**

Contact Linda Surowiec: e-mail: [surolj@yahoo.com](mailto:surolj@yahoo.com), or call 920-606-2409

## Oct program review

Our presenter was Rob Martens, long time Guild member. He presented the tools and techniques he employs, to create curved elements for furniture, musical instruments, toboggans, bows, quilting rings, deck awnings and more. An accomplished carver, Rob carvers elements into some of his pieces, also. Rob began his woodworking adventure with his father, Lyle, also a long time Guild member, and for about 13 years, they worked together in a shared woodworking shop.



Rob explained his process, beginning frequently with “auto cad” designs. Laminations consist of glued up multiple layers of veneer. Discussion included veneer cutting, thickness and species selection, dependent on the degree of curve desired. Cutting on band saw->sanding to final thickness. Recommendations: straight grain woods, kiln dried. Pine or maple recommended.



2 shaping types/techniques:

**Form**-via vacuum bag or MDF form



**Jig**- uses a custom, often adjustable form board, with multiple clamps.



For either method, uses 3 strips at a time. Strips are left slightly over sized on width to allow for clean up and final sizing after gluing.

Dampen before applying glue, use glue with longer working time. Wrapping with wax paper limits glue on form. With either method, clamping overnight recommended. (Rob uses Gorilla Glue) For out door only projects, Rob uses epoxy based Epifanes finish.



## Product information

The topic of wood fillers came up at the meeting. Barry Bender has shared the following:

Timber Mate wood filler is the best wood filler I have worked with in my 50 plus years of woodworking. It is available in colors corresponding to various wood species. It has the viscosity of cookie dough. If it gets dry over time, just add the right amount of water, and you can work it to its ideal condition for application. This stuff lasts forever! It hardens and sands easily. It comes in an 8 ounce container and costs around \$8.



## Events by other organizations



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

**WAUPACA RECREATION CENTER  
407 SCHOOL STREET  
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 3,  
2024  
9 am to  
4 pm**

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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](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)

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Matt Hamblin - Website

### **Other committees:**

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





# NORTHEAST WI Technical College

Park in Lot G and enter door E2 of the Great Lakes Energy Education Center. The meeting will be held in room EE201.

