

# BENCHTALK



**Northeastern Wisconsin Woodworkers Guild**

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We are having our annual Christmas Party, rather than a regular group meeting in December. The extended deadline to sign up is 12/6, see below:

YOU ARE INVITED to the 41<sup>st</sup> Annual NEWWG Christmas Party.



DATE: Saturday December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024

TIME: 4:30 PM to 8:30 pm.

- \* Dinner will be served at 6pm
- \* Main food and drink will be provided by the Guild.
- \* If you'd like bring your favorite side dish or dessert to share.
- \* Invite a guest.



GIFT EXCHANGE: If you would like to, bring an item for the Gift Exchange.

ENTERTAINMENT: Do you know someone that plays a guitar or other musical instrument? Maybe they want to make a little money or volunteer? They can also stay for diner.

PLACE: Richard Mauthe Center on the UWGB Campus just past the Kress Sport Center. 2418 Leon Bond Dr. Green Bay WI

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/E9XbkbwdjkwnSW7Z6>



**NEW DEADLINE is Friday December 6th BUT... \*If you decide later come anyway.**

**HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**

Contact Linda Surowiec: e-mail: surolj@yahoo.com 920-606-2409

**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.**

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

**2025 There have been some schedule changes**

**Jan 15** Tom Monahan - Rep. from General Finishes, Working with their products.

**Feb 19** Wes Brown, manager Appleton Woodcraft, and for member Q & A.

**March 19** Michael Doerr - Making Contemporary Furniture

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

If you would like to do a presentation or have a topic suggestion, please contact Barry Bender.

## Bench Talk Membership Report December 2024

As of December 1, **we have 161 active members.**

Please welcome these new and returning members who joined us this month:

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| Rick Allcox of De Pere             | Don Lanik of Appleton      |
| Geoff Athens of Appleton           | Kristin Nemetz of Denmark  |
| Kelly Bresnahan of Green Bay       | Michael Oaks of Waupaca    |
| Liz Brown of Kaukauna              | Lydia Puddy of Green Bay   |
| Scott & Linda Dolgner of Green Bay | Nathan Schultz of Appleton |
| Steve Dorner of Appleton           | Lori Sepnanski of De Pere  |
| Gary Hammen of Oshkosh             | Deb Sova of Kaukauna       |
| Rebecca Kitchen of Suamico         | Jeffrey Vogt of Green Bay  |
| Jacob LaFave of Denmark            | Don Wagner of DePere       |

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 as proof of your membership. Use this benefit to restock your shop and buy woodworking gifts!

Speaking of memberships, all memberships expired October 1st. Renewal for individual members costs \$15, family membership renewals are \$20. As of today, 52 members have yet to renew! 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 😊.

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## Wood Available

Oak for turning is available in the Fond du Lac area. If you are interested please reach out to Bill Gau directly.

This summer's wind blew over an Oak tree leaving it's very twisted truck. Great grain for turning smaller items. If anyone is interested, it's free for the taking. Located near Fond du Lac. Just give me a reply.

Bill Gau

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**NEWWG Board Meeting, 7:09pm, November 21, 2024, NWTC Great Lakes Energy Education Center**

Participants: Greg Levenhagen, Eric Hansen, Gerald Jensen, Chuck Druckrey, Barry Bender, Matt Hamblin, Jim Michiels, Randy Hendricks. Excused: Chuck Leonard, Maureen Birk,

Minutes from last meeting: Move to accept: Gerry, 2nd Eric. Approval unanimous.

Treasurer's Report - Chuck Druckrey - Balance as of 11/20/24- \$33,868.20  
Financial Activity (October 21, 2024 through November 20, 2024)

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| Income:<br>\$710.00 - Dues<br>\$520.00 - (\$115.00- registrations, \$125.00-cash raffle, \$30.00-water sales, \$250.00-Donations)<br>\$9.15 - Interest income<br>\$29.10 - Paypal<br>\$12,181.10 - Show Deposit (includes show starter cash)<br>\$43.01- Paypal<br>Total \$13,492.36 | Expenses: Check # Description<br>\$292.50 #1277 Christmas party expenses<br>\$100.00 #1276 October meeting presenter fee<br>\$126.22 #1279 Office supplies and postage<br>\$53.40 #1278 Show printing<br>\$450.00 Withdrawal Show starter cash (returned in show deposit)<br>\$38.50 #1281 Show postage<br>Total (\$1,060.62) |
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Newsletter - Maureen Birk - Due date for next month's articles: Monday 12/2

Show Committee (Jim Michiels, Randy Hendricks) - Initial recap on Nov show. Attendance was down 99 when compared to 2023, however feedback from vendors indicates it was a very good show. Final report on the show will be presented in January once all numbers are in. Barry made motion to grant \$1,300.00 to St. Vincent Children's Hospital, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Greg. Approval unanimous. Jim and Randy agreed to organize 2025 show, and planning is underway for the 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend in November 2025.

Membership - Eric Hansen - Current Membership Count: 161 (53 have yet to renew) 15 new since September.

Programs - Barry Bender – Programs booked through April. Details to follow in newsletter.

Library – No report

Web Site - Matt Hamblin – Show survey results similar to 2023. Setting up Microsoft Teams for on-line winter meetings. Updating website with photos from the show and adding gallery photos.

Other: Request from CP non-profit for help with raised garden beds. Barry to contact CP to get details on the requested project.

Other: Declining request from Preble High School for financial help with proposed sawmill. Eric will inform them of board decision.

Other: Table rescheduling of Board Meetings for 2025 until January. Next Guild Meeting - Christmas Party - December 14 - Next board meeting January 21, 2025 @ 7pm.

Adjourned 9:24pm on motion by Greg, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric. Unanimous Approval

**Show Report**

A big Thank You goes out to the 40+ volunteers who helped with this year's show. As you know, this is our biggest fund raiser each year. It allows the Guild to do what we do each year. Without your help, there wouldn't be a show!

With the proceeds and donations collected at the show, we were able to donate \$1,300 to St. Vincent's Children's Hospital. There are also discussions on possible scholarships in the future. Stay tuned!

2023 was our biggest show ever. 2024 was a very close 2nd. Thanks again for all you do to make this a fun and successful endeavor!

Randy and Jim

(Some show related photos are on the following page)

## A few photos from the Show



A salute to veterans



Randy Hendricks



Pat Williams



Trudy Ferrier

(More Show related photos in subsequent issues)

**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:

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Or any other Board or committee member.

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### **Officers:**

President - Greg Levenhagen  
VP & Membership - Eric Hansen  
Secretary - Gerald Jensen  
Treasurer - Chuck Druckrey

### **Board Members:**

Barry Bender - Programs  
Maureen Birk - Newsletter  
Chuck Leonard - Library  
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.

