

BENCHTALK



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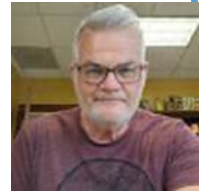
Our guest speaker for the January 15th meeting is Tom Monahan. Tom represents General Finishes, a company headquartered in East Troy, Wisconsin.

Tom has been with General Finishes since 1994. Before that he owned and operated a furniture restoration business for 10 years. He remains active in woodworking, helping his wife Sheryl with her sign business. He also makes cutting boards for his daughter and her husband's cheese business.

He's now working part time towards retirement but is actively involved in technical support and product training and videos.

General Finishes makes a wide variety of finish related products. They make water based and oil-based finishes. This is just a start. They also make stains, paints, wax sealers and other products. Many of their products are available at Woodcraft Stores.

Tom will cover their products and answer any questions you may have. You can learn more about General Finishes by visiting their website at: www.generalfinishes.com. There is much information on the website including videos. This should be an informative event.



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.

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. Programs Coordinator - Northeast Wisconsin Woodworkers Guild

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Bench Talk Membership Report January 2025

As of January 5, we have 163 active members.

Please welcome these new members who joined us this month:

Bruce Albrecht of Appleton

Pacey Berken of Appleton

Creighton Pritzlaff of Oshkosh

February 8 we will be having a Membership Event at Woodcraft in Appleton. Multiple equipment and skill demos by Woodcraft suppliers will be held throughout the day. I'll be there also promoting the guild and signing up new members. Mark your calendar and plan on stopping by for an hour to watch a demo or two and visit the guild table. 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.

Speaking of memberships, all memberships expired October 1st. Thirty-six members have yet to get me their renewal dues. 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.

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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Professional Jointer for sale

The guild has become aware of a Crescent 16" Jointer available for sale. This may be an opportunity for a member to upgrade their equipment. The guild does not know the seller and cannot vouch for the condition of the Jointer but is sharing this with the membership as a unique opportunity

This tool is available for \$2,000 or best offer. It is located in Waterloo, Iowa. If you have an interest, please contact Larisa Beischel <larisabeischel@gmail.com>. Larisa is selling the machine which belonged to her late son.



Events by other organizations

MID-WIS. CHIPPERS

Woodcarving Show, Competition & Sale



Artistry In Wood

Falconry (Live Falcon)

Presentation by Frank Ujazdowski
President, Wisconsin Falconers Association



Bird Carvings, Fish, Caricatures & More
Over 70 Woodcarvers, Pyrographers,

Carved Art for Sale!

Local Carving Clubs, Chainsaw Carver
Wood, Tools, Books & More!

Sunday, May 4, 2025

9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Bucket Raffle! Food Concession! Free Parking!

Everything you need to get started in Woodcarving!

Open to Public Admission: \$5 (Ages 12 & Under free)

The Oshkosh Convention Center

2 North Main Street, Oshkosh, WI

For more show info: www.midwisconsinchippers.weebly.com
or contact Paul Wolters (920) 903-4215

Enjoy the Oldest Annual Woodcarving Show in Wisconsin!

☆ The Oshkosh Convention Center (OCC) P= Free Parking

B Best Western Premier Waterfront Hotel

(Ask for Special Woodcarving Show Room Rate!)



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

How to Get Involved: For inquiries regarding joining The Northeastern Wisconsin Woodworkers Guild, contact:

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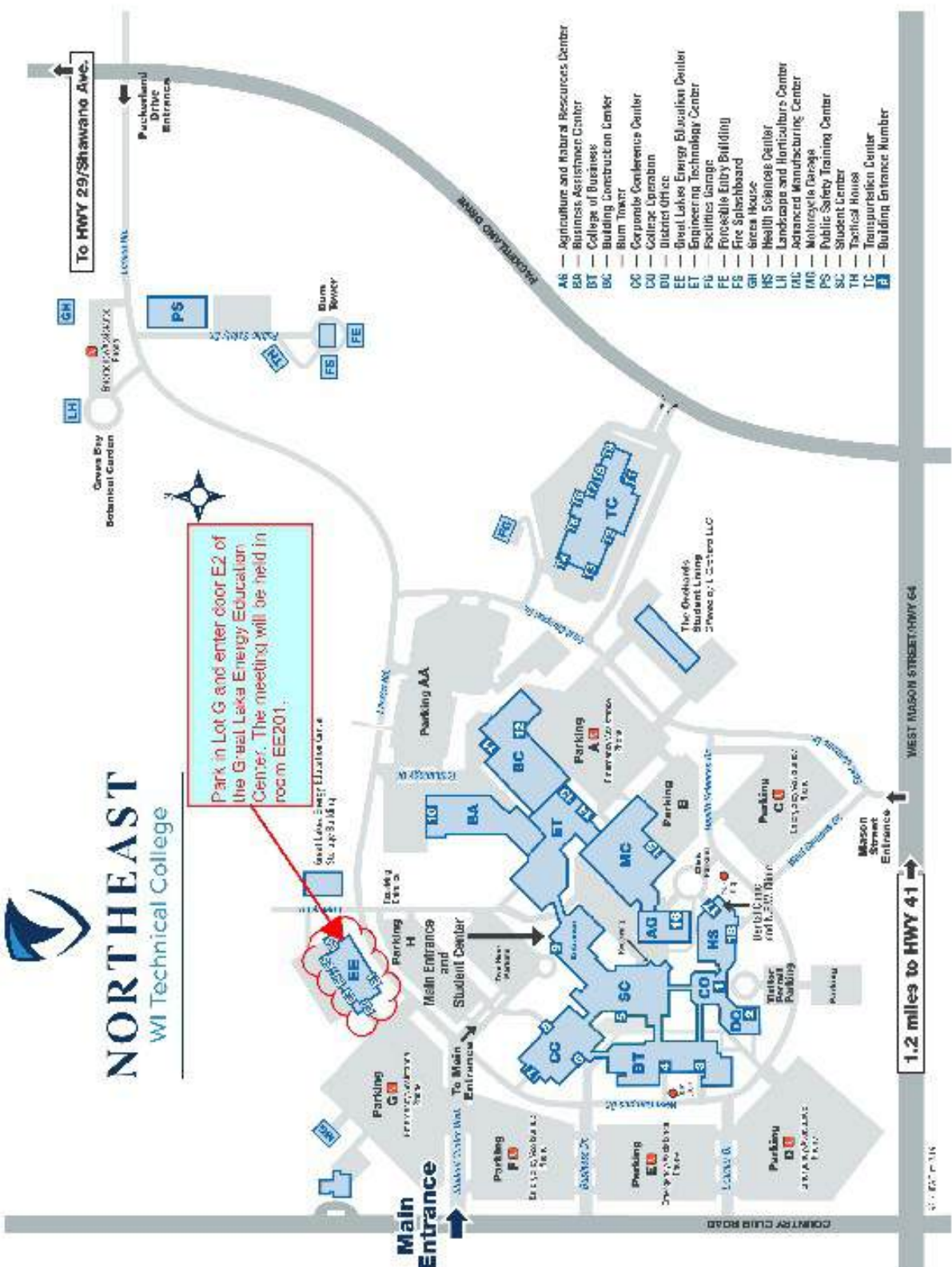
Other committees:

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.



- AG — Agriculture and Natural Resources Center
- BA — Business Assistance Center
- BT — College of Business
- BC — Building Construction Center
- Bum Tower
- CC — Corporate Conference Center
- CD — College Openation
- DU — District Office
- EE — Great Lakes Energy Education Center
- ET — Engineering Technology Center
- FG — Facilities Garage
- FE — Fire Station
- FS — Fire Substation
- GA — Green House
- HS — Health Science Center
- LH — Landscape and Horticulture Center
- MC — Manufacturing Center
- MO — Mohave College
- PS — Public Safety Training Center
- SC — Student Center
- TH — Technical House
- TC — Transportation Center
- B — Building Entrance Number

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