

BENCHTALK



Northeastern Wisconsin Woodworkers Guild

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Our guest presenter for our February meeting is Wes Brown, the store manager at Woodcraft located in Appleton. Wes will share his expertise on many of the products and services in his store. If you are interested or have any questions about Woodcraft, this is a good meeting to attend.

One of the great things about shopping at Woodcraft is that their employees are also woodworkers with helpful experience with the products in their store.

Woodcraft started out as a carving specialized catalog outlet in West Virginia. Since then, it has expanded into all areas of wood-working and added stores across the USA. They carry many major brands of power tools such as Saw Stop, Jet, Laguna, Festool, and Powermatic to name a few. They also have finishes, safety items, abrasives, jigs, router bits, exotic lumber, books, and pretty much everything you can think of related to wood working.

Woodcraft is one of our most valued partners with the Northeast Wisconsin Woodworkers Guild. Our members get a 10% discount on their purchases upon presenting their membership badge. Woodcraft has also been helpful with adding to our membership in the guild.



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.

March 19th - Michael Doerr - Making contemporary furniture

April 16th - Chris Shoemaker - Working with veneers

May 21st - Scott Lyons and Heather Berklund - Forestry management in Wisconsin by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

June 18th - Pacey Berken - Constructing Adirondack chairs

I am thankful to all the people who have helped me finding people and topics for future presentations. Any suggestions are welcome. Barry Bender

Membership Update As of February 10, we have 165 active members.

Please welcome these 3 new members who joined us Saturday at the Woodcraft Demo Day membership event:

Bryce Bukowski of Hortonville

John Conrardy of Appleton

Jeff Anderson of Wautoma

At Saturday's event, I talked with many people about the benefits of joining our guild. I expect at least 3 others to join in the coming months. Woodcraft events like this help give the NEWWG visibility to many woodworkers through their social media posts, emails, monthly sales fliers and allowing us to join in their special events.

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. If you are a newer member and don't have your name tag yet, watch your mail. I mailed a batch of name tags today so you should receive it before our next meeting. If not, talk to me about it on the 19th.

Speaking of memberships, all memberships expired October 1st. Twenty-nine 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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Laser For Sale

Hello,

My name is Paul Van Boxtel and I purchased a Boss LS 1416 laser in January of 2023 I have not used the machine very much. I am looking to clean up my shop and add another C & C. I would appreciate very much if you to forward this note to members of the Guild. It has less than 100 hours on the laser, It contains all of the accessories. (Rotary, chiller, Internet connection, cleaning kit, etc...) I paid almost 8K for the unit and I am asking for 3500.

I am located in Neenah and you may use the email to reach me or you can call 2628041138.

Thanks for your help.

Events by other organizations

MID-WIS. CHIPPERS
Woodcarving Show, Competition & Sale

49th Annual

Artistry In Wood

Falconry (Live Falcon)
Presentation by Frank Ujadowski
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!)



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For more information on activities, meetings and members, check out the Guild website at: newwg.org

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MEETINGS (Guests and prospective members welcome)
3rd Wednesday of each month, Time: 7:00 p.m. Visit our
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Annual Show: Randy Hendricks, Jim Michiels
Event Facilitator: open

