

BENCHTALK



Northeastern Wisconsin Woodworkers Guild

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May Program, Wednesday May 21, 2025 7 pm NWTC (location details next page) Our guest speaker for our May meeting is Scott Lyon. He is the Forest Products Program Supervisor with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Previously, he worked as a Forest Products Specialist with the DNR assisting with industry partners to improve manufacturing processes, source wood products materials, utilize urban wood, and provide training and assistance to companies and individuals. He previously worked in both wood products sales and manufacturing domestically and internationally. Scott earned a B.S. degree in Wood Products Business and Marketing from Penn State and a M.S. degree in Forest Products from Virginia Tech with an emphasis in international marketing. As a result of his professional network, his connections span the geography of the US and even reach internationally. In 2018, he was identified by the Woodworking Network on the Woodworking Industry 40 Under 40 list as an innovator and relationship builder. Most recently he was awarded Penn State's Department of Ecosystem Science and Management Outstanding Alumni in 2024.



Scott will be presenting on Wisconsin's forests and the forest products industry. In addition, he will be discussing current markets and challenges, along with new forest products and manufacturing technologies. The forest products industry is one of Wisconsin's leading manufacturing sectors, representing over 11% of the state's total manufacturing jobs. Nationally, Wisconsin's forest industry is ranked sixth in generating forestry employment and fourth in value of production.



The DNR's Forest Products Program role is to foster growth of Wisconsin's forest-based industries, while enhancing the management of Wisconsin's urban and rural forest resources by providing technical assistance in wood utilization, market development, and statewide forest inventory and analysis.

Your Help Needed to Pre plan July meeting

Bob Kloes will be our guest speaker for our July meeting. Bob makes custom built furniture. Furniture is a very broad subject. Bob would like to get some specific questions from members who will be attending. That way he is better prepared to answer them and have pictures on hand to show solutions to specific questions. When I talked to Bob in March, he thought an interactive question and answer type presentation would be more informative than a show and tell. Many years ago Bob did a presentation on finishing. This may be a good time to ask questions about that as well. If possible. I would like to have your questions before June 15th.

If you have any questions, please email them to me and I can forward them to Bob.

My email address is: 2barryand2ellen@gmail.com Barry Bender -Programs Coordinator

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.

June 18th - Pacey Berken - Constructing Adirondack chairs

July 16th - Bob Kloes - Making Custom Furniture

August ? - Guild Summer Picnic

Sept.17th - Show & Tell & 2025 Show Preparation

Oct 15th - Michael Doerr - Making Contemporary Furniture

November 8th & 9th - Annual Show at Denmark High School

Dec 6th? - Guild Christmas party

January 21st, 2026 - Barry Bender - Working with Exotic Woods

Membership Report - Bench Talk

Currently we have 165 active members

One new family joined last month. Please welcome:

Russ & Marcia Oberstadt of New London

Compared to a year ago, we've added 27 new members!

Thanks for "talking up" the guild with your woodworking friends and neighbors

Next Event - Woodcraft Family Day:

The Guild will be helping at Woodcraft's Annual Family Day on June 28. Eight to Ten volunteers are needed to provide help. You can volunteer for either the "first shift" from 9:30-12:30 or the "second shift" from 12:30 to 3:30, or both shifts. A picnic lunch is provided by Woodcraft. Volunteers will help hand out the kid's activity kits to build a small trading card box. Some volunteer will also distribute paint or art supplies as people complete their box. **Volunteers in past years have enjoyed helping at this free, fun family-focused event.**

If you want to volunteer you can sign up at the May 21 meeting or call, text or email me (see below).

Thanks in advance for volunteering!

Membership benefits

Please remember a key benefit 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.

Another benefit is our extensive guild library of books, magazines and DVDs on a wide range of woodworking topics. Browse and borrow at one meeting and return it at a future meeting. Video recordings (DVDs) of most past meetings are available too!

Eric Hansen - Phone: 952-567-4625

NEWWG BOD Meeting May 5, 2025, virtual (via Teams). Convened 7:12 pm.

Attending: President Greg Levenhagen; V.P. & Membership Eric Hansen; Secretary Gerald Jensen; Treasurer Chuck Druckrey; Programs Barry Bender; Newsletter Maureen Birk; Web Site Matt Hamblin; Show Committee: Jim Michiels. Unable to attend: Library Chuck Leonard.

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

Treasurer's report: Balance as of 05/05/25 - \$28,290.10

Financial Activity (March 31, 2025, through May 5, 2025)

Income:	Expenses:
\$12.14 – Interest	Check # Description
\$11.70 – Interest	\$348.68 1305 Christmas Party Expenses
\$14.55 – Paypal membership dues	
Total \$38.39	

Respectfully Submitted, Chuck Druckrey – Treasurer

Move to accept: Gerry, 2nd Eric. Approval unanimous

Membership - Eric Hansen - Current Membership Count: 165

Continuing to follow-up with members who have not yet renewed

Woodcraft Family Day - June 28, Eric to lead guild effort to help at event. Volunteers needed

Move to accept: Greg, 2nd Chuck. Approval unanimous

Programs - Barry Bender. Program schedule locked in through January 2026

Library - Chuck Leonard - on leave balance of 2025.

Ben Abadeer to serve as interim librarian. Appointment moved by Eric, 2nd Chuck. Unanimous.

Board is moving forward on purchase of new camera and DVD recorder to record guild meetings. Greg to contact Pete Schuh to determine required equipment.

Web Site – Matt Hamblin. Matt reviewed use of Team meetings software.

Newsletter – Maureen Birk. Deadline for articles: May 12. Request submissions in either Word documents of plain text (email).

CP Center project. Barry Bender, Gerald Jensen, Jim Michaels, and Randy Hendricks visited CP Center on May 5, 2025 to determine their needs and develop tentative plans for the project. Barry will present recommended options to the general membership at the May 2, 2025 guild meeting.

Adjourned 8:12pm

Respectfully submitted, Gerald Jensen, Secretary

SHOW 2025 PRELIMINARY INFORMATION

2025 show - Email registrations have been sent out. If you did not receive one and would like one, contact Jim Michiels at JKMichiels@gmail.com Paper copies will be available at the next meeting as well. Prices are the same as last year. Please share with those you think may be interested. Any questions, let me know. Thanks, Jim

April "Show and Tell"



Elf carving by Linda Surowiec

Maple Burl carving by Ted Seidl



Review of April program

Chris Shoemaker, Guild member and clockmaker. Gave a presentation on veneer: types, sources, and techniques. Chris covered a vast amount of information; this article will be a brief summary.

Uses of veneer: to provide an accent on a piece, or to cover “ugly wood”.

Resources: Primary recommended reference: The Craft of Veneering by Craig Thibodeau.

Sources: Chris provided a handout list of retailers and web sites

Types of veneer :Wood: Cuts similar to lumber cuts: rotary cut, plain cut, quartersawn, rift sawn. Alternatives: reconstituted stone dust, mother of pearl/abalone

Backer types: Chris explained the pros and cons of each. Paper backing: stabilizes and prevents glue bleed through. Wood 2ply; Phenolic/resin; Fleece back (non woven paper), Raw (no backing); pre-glued. Substrates: for attaching veneer: pro’s and con’s: MDF, Baltic birch plywood, some solid woods. Seams: use veneer tape, (not painter’s tape) Look for acid free. Use/Application: Chris covered treatment/softening of veneer prior to use, cutting of veneer. Also methods of application and final trimming.

It was a very informative program, and many members had questions for Chris afterwards To see the full program, check out the recording, available in the Guild library at meetings.



Thank You! 2024 Artistry in Wood Show Sponsors.

80+ Individuals and businesses sponsored our show last November. Here is a partial list.



More sponsors will be highlighted in future newsletters.
They would appreciate your support.

Events by other organizations

WISCONSIN RIVER WOODCARVERS, INC.

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Show, Competition & Sale

Saturday, Sept. 20th, 2025
9am-5pm

Sunday, Sept. 21st, 2025
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jerald6@gmail.com

ITEMS FOR SALE Marquetry supplies

From: Jean Fuchs

My husband did marquetry and I have a large supply of veneers of all kinds and other supplies. I am getting ready to move and would like to sell this things. If you know of anyone who would be interested please contact me at owlfuchs@gmail.com. I can send pictures.

A few more of the 2024 Show sponsors

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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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Or any other Board or committee member.

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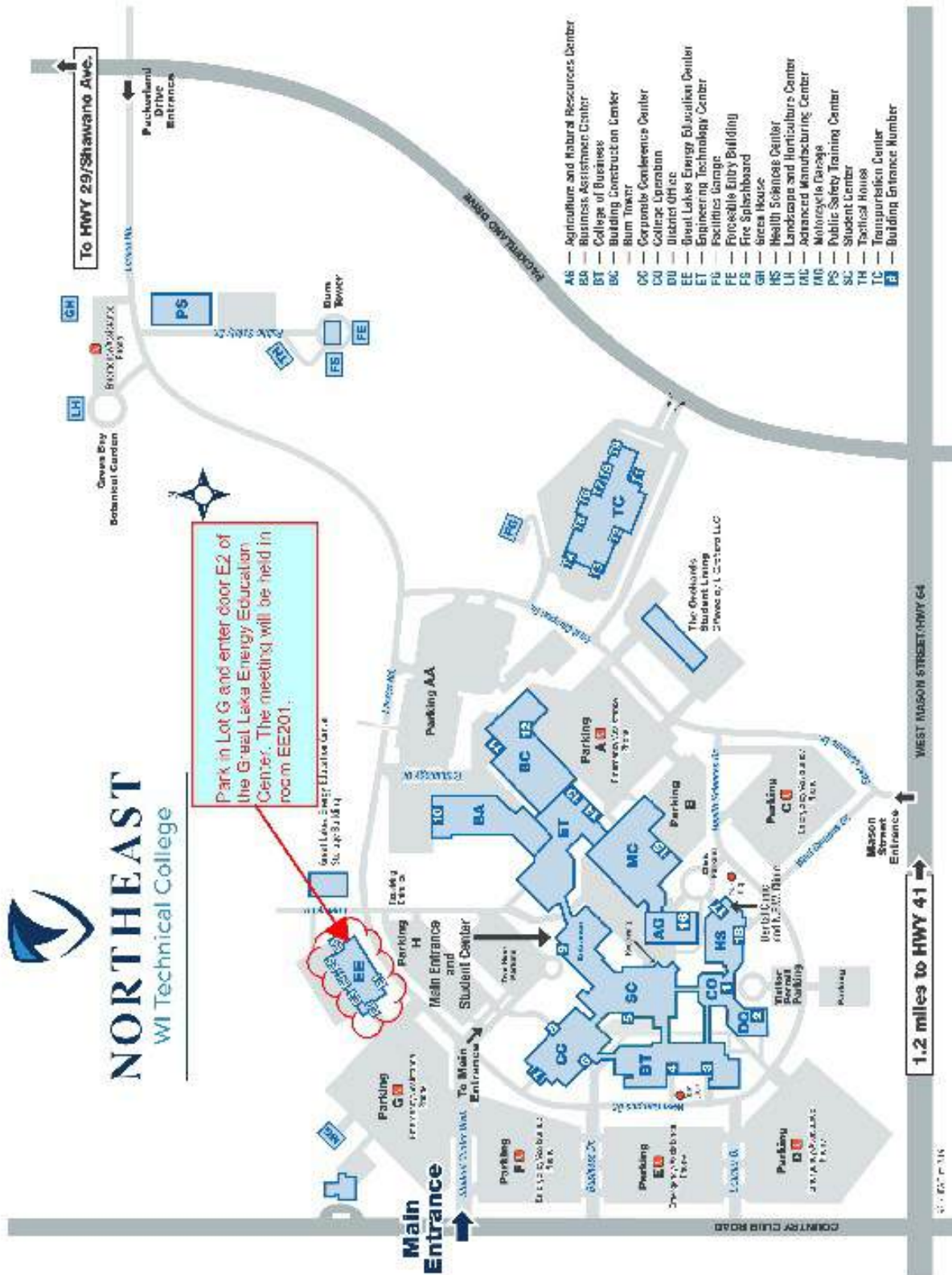
Other committees:

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 Administration Center
- BT — College of Business
- BC — Building Construction Center
- BM — Bus Transit
- CC — Computer Conference Center
- CD — College Operation
- DD — District Office
- EE — Great Lakes Energy Education Center
- ET — Engineering Technology Center
- FG — Facilities Garage
- FE — Forensic Entry Building
- FS — Fire Station
- GA — Green House
- HS — Health Science Center
- LH — Landscape and Horticulture Center
- MG — Manufacturing Center
- MS — Motorcycle Garage
- PS — Public Safety Training Center
- SC — Student Center
- TH — Technical House
- TC — Transportation Center
- B — Building Entrance Number