

BENCHTALK



Northeastern Wisconsin Woodworkers Guild

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June Program, Wednesday June 18, 2025 7 pm NWTC (location details next page)

Our guest presenter for the June meeting is Pacey Berken. Pacey is a graduate of the Woodworking Technology program with Fox Valley Technical College - Spanbauer Center. This facility is located on the southern side of Oshkosh near Wittman Regional Airport. Pacey currently works at The Woodcraft of Appleton/Fox Cities. He also runs his own small business called Pacey's Workshop where he sharpens hand and turning tools for customers, and builds custom furniture.

In his presentation he will cover the aspects of constructing his AWFS Freshwood award winning Adirondack chairs. The discussion topics of preparation, designing process, joinery, jigs and fixtures, and finishing will be shared during the presentation. Questions about the Wood Technology program at FVTC are welcome.

It will be a unique and welcome presentation coming from an accomplished younger member of our woodworking trade.



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.

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

Schedule is subject to change. As always, I am open to suggestions and referrals. About 75% of the presenters we have gotten were from referrals or suggestions from guild members. Thank you for your help! Barry Bender

Membership report

Currently we have 165 active members

Two new members joined last month. Please welcome:

- o John Phillippi of Cecil
- o Dan Thumann of Medford

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. Twelve members volunteered at the May meeting to help with this event. Two more “standby volunteers” would be great in case additional help is needed. 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 volunteers will also distribute paint or art supplies as kids 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 June 18 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 wood-working 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

Treasurer's Report Balance as of 06/02/25 - \$28,345.77

Financial Activity (May 5, 2025 – June 2, 2025)

Income:	Expenses:	Check #	Description
\$11.65 – Interest	\$56.98	1306	Raffle Prizes for member-
\$101.00 – Show registrations	ship meetings		
Total \$112.65	Total (\$56.98)		

Respectfully Submitted, Chuck Druckrey – Treasurer

Carving Supplies for Sale

My 83 year old brother in law —Doug Payne, a serious duck carver—died last month and we have “inherited” a ton (?) of basswood and other carving woods and a semi-trailer shop full of all his wood carving power tools, including a highly specialized “copy lathe” (?) and all the other usual power tools (joiner, planer, drill press, sliding miter saw, vertical and horizontal sanders, air compressors, etc. — along with dozens/hundreds (?) of half-carved ducks (produced by that specialized lathe?). The wood is stacked 4 feet high, 6 to 8 feet long, on covered pallets in back of the trailer he lived in, and the ends are badly weathered and the planks would need to be planed but essentially is still fine. I’m 86—too old to start a new hobby—and Doug’s landlord is anxious for us to get this wood and tools off the property (located in a rural area of Junction City), so we’re open to any offers, ideas, advice, suggestions for disposing of Doug’s wood and tools ASAP. I have photos of tools and wood and “Doug’s Ducks” for anyone interested.

Mike Murphy mwmurphy@new.rr.com



(The wood and tools are in a semi-rural area in Portage county near the intersection of County Highway 34 and County Highway C—about 20 miles/20 minutes northwest of Stevens Point. The address is 148202 Altenburg road and the pallets of wood are visible from the road and driveway. Junction City itself is just a bar and a post office, several miles west on Hwy 34.)

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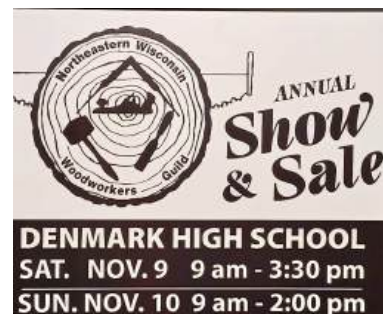
2025 Artistry in Wood show needs your help. We need to identify yard sign needs for this year's show. With that in mind, please **text the following info to Jim Michiels 920-863-8658** at your earliest convenience. Thanks

Your name, number of yard signs you currently have, how many of those signs need new metal stakes, and if you need any more signs this year than what you currently have.

A text message would look something like this:

"Jim Michiels has 16 signs, needs 2 new stakes and 2 additional new signs."

We'll tally up everyone's needs, get replacement stickers for old signs, new stakes and order any additional signs needed. Thank you for helping support your Guild's annual show.



Thank You! 2024 Artistry in Wood Show Sponsors.

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



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They would appreciate your support.



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And yet more 2024 Show Sponsors



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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 web site at: www.newwg.org

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