

BENCHTALK



Northeastern Wisconsin Woodworkers Guild

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July Program Wednesday, July 19, 7 pm

Our guest presenter for our July monthly meeting is Bob Kloes. Bob is the proud owner of Kloes Custom Furniture located a couple of miles west of Seymour. Bob has been working with wood most of his life. He did it part time 40 to 50 hours a week along with his full time employed job until 1999. It was at that time he decided to do the woodworking business full time.

Bob is a self-taught craftsman. He used every resource available such as books, magazines, help from fellow woodworkers and so forth. Since woodworking was his passion, Bob was successful in what he did because of his love for woodworking.

Bob also has a lumber business in which he deals with figured lumber. Be ready for an interesting session on rough lumber to the finished masterpiece. You can learn more on the website www.bobkloes.com.



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.

August - Guild Summer Picnic Sunday, August 19 **See article for more details**

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

Annual Guild Picnic August 19, 2025, Sunday

We again are meeting at DeBroux Park, 2900 Brighton Place in Belleview.

We plan to eat around noon. The guild supplies, Hamburgers, brats, hot dogs, sweet corn on the cob, buns, soda, and water. We also supply the condiments, napkins, plastic ware and paper plates.

Members bring desserts, salads, or what ever you want to share.

If you want to bring a show and tell item feel free to do so.

Pete will have a sign up sheet at the July Guild meeting

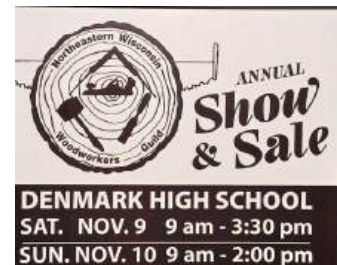
If you cannot attend the July meeting, Please contact Pete Schuh by August 11th if you plan to attend.



SHOW 2025 PREPARATION

The Show committee is looking for someone skilled in Facebook to help us advertise/ get the word out for this year's show. If you have those skills, please call Jim Michiels 920-863-8658 or Randy Hendricks 920-676-6466. Thank you

Also, if you need road signs, new date stickers for ones you have, or replacement metal stakes, either contact Jim or Randy via text, or talk with them at the July meeting.



REGARDING DONATIONS FOR THE SHOW RAFFLES from Regan Buchholz

Any guild member who should happen to get any donations for all Fall show raffles ---please get the mailing address for the business or person who is donating an item. Some businesses have a post office box where they receive their mail. So please be aware of this when accepting any donations. We want to make sure every business or person who donates get a well deserved thank you note from the guild. ANY QUESTIONS-- PLEASE CONTACT REGAN BUCHHOLZ at reganandkathy@gmail.com

Review of June program

Our presenter for June was Pacey Berken. He outlined his route into woodworking, from high school shop classes, to Fox Valley Tech, and the Spanbauer Center. Then to working at Woodcraft, Arc Ways.

He explained his process for design and production of his “hemispheres” Adirondack chairs for woodworkers. He took a plan designed by Tom McLaughlin and redrew it for AutoCAD, adjusting it to more accurately fit human anatomy, for better comfort. This required a redesign of back and seat angles, lumbar support, seat height and depth and arm rest profiles. He pointed out that a person’s height would dictate changes for maximal comfort. Also, for a project, “the more curves there are, the more complex the project.”



Pacey showed multiple videos of his process, and of the CNC in operation. He made recommendations for equipment purchase for home shop use, materials choices, and finish options.

This was a very informative program, with technical detail beyond the scope of this summary. But, as always, you can check out the recorded program from the Guild Library at a meeting.



Membership report

July Membership Report

Guild membership stands at 168 members.

One new member joined at the Woodcraft Family Day.

Please welcome: Matthew Buchberger of Kimberly

The guild’s support of Woodcraft’s Family Day event was a smashing success with a dozen members pitching in to help Woodcraft field this community event. Thanks to the volunteers!

Details to follow in the August Bench Talk. Woodcraft is grateful for the guild’s help with this event.

Besides the volunteers, another 6-8 members stopped by to say hi and see the activities. Thanks for your support.

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Community Outreach Opportunities

CP Center Planters

For several months, the Guild has been working with CP to replace planter boxes used by their clients. The current boxes had deteriorated due to weather exposure. Barry Bender has been spearheading the project, coordinating with Julie Tetzlaff at CP.

Randy Hendricks and Jim Michiels built several raised bed boxes.



The Guild purchased wheelchair accessible planter kits, and they were assembled by Russ Oberstadt and his 12 year old grandson.

On Monday 7/7 Russ & Marcia Oberstadt, and Barry Bender delivered the boxes, which are deeper, holding more soil than other styles. The design allows wheel chair users to reach fully into the box. Some of the older boxes can be seen in the background. CP staff, Julie Tetzlaff was very appreciative.



Beads of Bravery

Guild members are invited to build and donate boxes to the St. Vincent Children's Hospital "Beads of Bravery" program.

Children dealing with serious illness are given a colorful bead, each bead representing a different special treatment, procedure or event in their journey. They collect the beads and make a meaningful necklace showing their path have taken to recovery. They need a box to store their bead collection in.

Beads of Bravery - Box Guidelines

Boxes can either be rectangular flatwork or turned. Boxes should have interior dimensions of approximately 96 to 100 cubic inches to accommodate the large numbers of beads some patients receive.

Flat boxes could have interior dimensions of 3" X 8" X 4" = 96 cu inches; 5" X 6.5" X 3" = 97.5 cu inches; 4" X 4" X 6" = 96 cu. Inches.

Interior for turned boxes: approximately 6" in diameter, 5" in height

The base for each box must be wide enough to be stable and prevent tipping easily. The lid for each box must be easy for small children to remove or lift, with a knob instead of a finial or elaborate handle.

Finishes used on each box must be non-toxic, and properly seal the wood.

Finishes that

take a long time to out-gas (linseed oil, tung oil, urethane, etc.) should not be used. Do not use paint. Instead, use clear finishes such as varnish, polyurethane. Water-based finishes are preferred.

Members who wish to participate can bring completed boxes to any regular guild meeting.



Minutes for the June 2, 2025 Board meeting were not available for the last newsletter, so are published here.

N EWWG BOD Meeting June 2, 2025, virtual Convened approx. 7:20 pm.

Attending: President Greg Levenhagen; Treasurer Chuck Druckrey; Programs Barry Bender; Newsletter Maureen Birk; Web Site Matt Hamblin;

Unable to attend: Library Chuck Leonard. V.P. & Membership Eric Hansen; Secretary Gerald Jensen;

Treasurer's report: 06/02/25 - \$28,345.77 (Full June treasurer's report in June 2025 newsletter).

Membership - Eric Hansen - 3 new members this month. Current Membership Count: 168

Eric continues to co-ordinate with Woodcraft Family Day event. 13 Guild volunteers signed up so far.

Programs - Barry Bender. Program schedule locked in through January 2026. In meeting with Junes speaker, Barry toured the Spanbauer Center in the Fox Valley, and suggested it as a possible "road trip" meeting. Discussion, and agreement that this could be an option-more information needed.

Guild elections Discussion regarding when to hold this years. Agreement to postpone until August, to allow time to get announcements in newsletter.

Camera for recording Guild programs -funding previously approved. Greg will proceed with purchase.

Web Site -Nothing new from Matt. (This current meeting is being conducted via Teams software.)

Newsletter - Maureen Birk. Deadline for articles: Mon. June 9. May 12. Report that there are currently just 6n members who need to receive mailings via USPS, having no recorded email address. Greg requested contact info; will contact them to see if there is an option for email.

CP Center project. Barry reviewed what he had presented at the May meeting. There are plans available for wheelchair accessible planters, but also kits available , that just need assembly. Randy and Jim are looking into building another style of planter. After discussion, agreement that Chuck will order 2 planter kits, and volunteers will be asked to provide assembly. Motion to proceed by Greg; 2nd by Matt. Approved unanimously.

Barry will inform Julie at CP Center.

Adjourned 8:30pm Respectfully submitted: Maureen Birk, newsletter editor

NEWWG BOD Meeting June 30, 2025 - 7:00 pm – Virtual via Teams

Attending: President - Greg Levenhagen / VP & Membership - Eric Hansen / Secretary - Gerald Jensen / Treasurer - Chuck Druckrey / Programs - Barry Bender / Newsletter - Maureen Birk, Website / Matt Hamblin / Excused: Chuck Leonard

Membership – (Eric Hansen) - Current Membership Count: 168. One new member signed up at Woodcraft Family Day and there are 7 or 8 prospective members.

Programs – (Barry Bender) – July program will be presented by Bob Kloes, custom furniture builder and sawyer.

Library – (Greg Levenhagen) New camera purchased to record meetings. Eric Hansen offered a motion to create a Youtube channel and upload meeting programs so members can access them online. Seconded by Gerald Jensen and unanimously approved. Greg Levenhagen offered a motion to gradually transfer existing DVD programs to Youtube, seconded by Chuck Druckery. Ben Abadeer has volunteered to fill Chuck Leonard's role as Librarian for 2025

Web Site – (Matt Hamblin) – Preparing website for 2025 Artistry in Wood show, November 8 & 9.

Discussion regarding making online board meetings the default format. Gerald Jensen offered motion to adopt virtual meetings, seconded by Eric Hansen, unanimous approval.

Other: NEWWG teaching at Woodcraft opportunity – Eric Hansen to explore member interest.

Update on CP Center garden boxes – Eric Hansen and Barry Bender. Kits have been purchased and delivered and will be assembled by volunteers.

Update on Election process – Eric Hansen. Election of officers to fill positions being vacated will be held at the September 17, 2025 meeting. Eric working on a slate of candidates to stand for election.

Picnic – Eric Hansen to contact members who live in the village of Bellevue to reserve DeBroux Park

Next Guild Meeting - July 16 at 7:00 pm

Next Board meeting - August 4, 2025 at 7:00 pm online.

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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

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Maureen Birk - Newsletter
Chuck Leonard -/Ben Abadeer Library
Matt Hamblin - Website

Other committees:

Annual Show: Randy Hendricks, Jim Michiels
Event Facilitator: open



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