

BENCHTALK

Northeastern Wisconsin Woodworkers Guild

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Annual Guild Picnic **August 17, 2025, Sunday**

LAST CALL TO SIGN UP FOR THE PICNIC

We again are meeting at DeBroux Park, 2900 Brighton Place in Bellevue. See map on page 4 of this issue.

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.

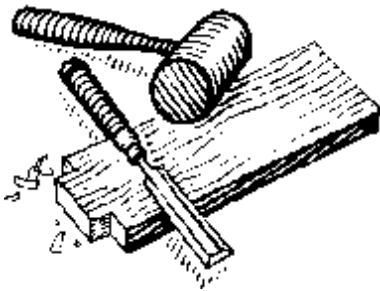
If you were unable to sign up at the July meeting,

Please contact Pete Schuh by August 11th if you plan to attend.

Thank you Pete Schuh 920-788-3871 pjscls@live.com



IT'S LATER THAN YOU THINK!! Deadlines approaching for the **November Show.** **More Guild volunteers needed to make it a great success.** See article on page 2.



Show committee update:

September is a very important meeting for the 2025 Guild show. This show is the single largest fundraiser the Guild has, so we hope each and every member can participate in some way. We're hoping at the very least, that you'll come out and join in the fun by stopping in to check out the show on Saturday or Sunday Nov 8th or 9th.

EXHIBITORS - If you haven't already done so, get your registrations in soon so we can map out a floor plan for the September Guild General meeting.

DONOR SOLICITORS - We'll have donor thank you forms available as well as a list of current donations and supporting businesses. Now is the time to get out and get support.

VOLUNTEERS - We'll start signing up volunteers for the show. Please have your schedules at the meeting so you know which shifts you can cover. (shifts are 3 hrs.)

MEMBERS WITH YARD SIGNS - Count your yard signs, we should have replacement stickers and stakes available as well as new signs for those who ordered them.

ADVERTISEMENT - It's important to get posters and "Save the Date" cards out to let the public know about the show. We'll have these items available. Do you know of some local business that'd be a good spot to put a poster up? Have you been talking to people you meet about the show? Giving them a "Save the Date" postcard increases the odds that they'll come to the show.

Have any questions? Bring them to the September meeting. Thanks for your support, this show is very important in the operations of your Guild.

Show Committee

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.

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

Oct 15th - Michael Doerr - Making Contemporary Furniture

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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

WOODCRAFT IS ON THE MOVE!

Woodcraft is a huge supporter of our Guild, and a sponsor of our annual Show.

Follow them to their new location, only about 1 mile from current site.



Membership Report - Bench Talk August, 2025

Currently we have 168 active members

One new member joined last month. Please welcome Catherine Yurk of Freedom

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

New

After his presentation at our July meeting, Bob Kloes offered all members a 10% on figured wood at his retail location Kloes Specialty Hardwoods at E10885 Eulrich Road in Clintonville. Please call 920-883-1745 to confirm store hours and preview the wood inventory at <https://www.kloesspecialtyhardwoods.com>

Thanks to Bob for offering this benefit to NEWWG members. Just ask for the discount at checkout.
(Below are a couple photos from Bob's presentation)

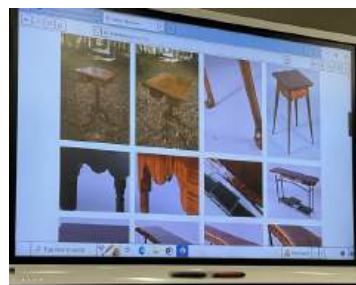
Membership benefits

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!

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Treasurers Reports

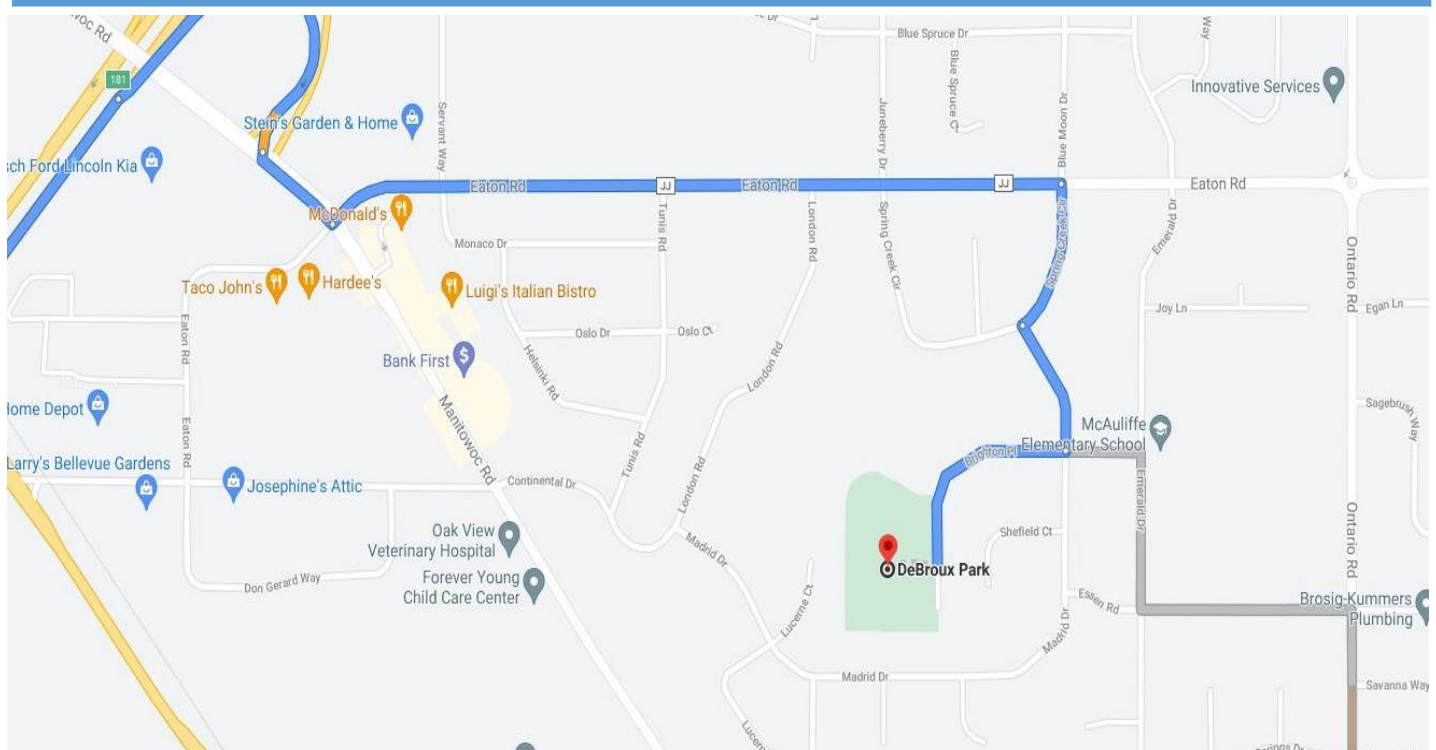
Balance as of 06/02/25 - \$27,903.12 Financial Activity (June 2, 2025 – June 30, 2025)

Income:	Expenses:	Check #	Description
\$25.00 – Membership fees	\$737.48	Debit	2 Wheelchair Accessible Planters
\$625.00 – Show registrations and membership fees	\$90.27	1309	Raffle prizes
Total \$650.00	\$163.90	1310	Newsletter and office supplies
	\$100.00	1311	June speaker fee
	Total (\$1091.65)		

Balance as of 08/04/25 - \$26,962.94 Financial Activity (July 2, 2025 – August 4, 2025)

Income:	Expenses:	Check #	Description
\$47.76 – Show registrations	\$457.85	1308	Video equipment
Paypal	\$125.00	1312	Picnic shelter rental
\$11.66 - Interest income	\$328.62	1314	CP center planters (donation)
Total \$59.42	\$100.00	1313	July speaker fee (donated to Ricks Toybox by speaker)
	Total (\$1,011.47)		
	Respectfully Submitted	Chuck Druckrey – Treasurer	

Map for DeBroux Park, Picnic Location



NEWWG BOD Meeting Aug 4, 2025 - 7:00 pm – Virtual via Teams

Board Meeting Minutes

Northeast Wisconsin Woodworkers Guild

August 4, 2025 - 7:04 pm (Online Meeting) – Adjourned 7:50pm

Present: President - Greg Levenhagen, Secretary - Gerald Jensen, Treasurer - Chuck Druckrey, Programs - Barry Bender, Newsletter - Maureen Birk, Website - Matt Hamblin, Library – Ben Abadeer

Excused: Chuck Leonard, VP & Membership - Eric Hansen,

Approve June 30,, 2025 meeting minutes - Gerald Jensen

Treasurer's Report - Chuck Druckrey – Balance \$26,962.94 – Details to appear in August newsletter

Membership report (submitted by Eric Hansen) - Current Membership Count: 168. Proposal in the works to update guild brochure - brochure covers similar content to Jim Michiels and Randy Hendricks email of 8/2. Still working on nominations for September's election

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Library – Ben Abadeer / Greg Levenhagen / Matt Hamblin - Update on camera and tripod, looking at process for build Youtube site and load meeting content

Web Site - Matt Hamblin – Working on updating pages for annual show.

Newsletter - Maureen Birk – Looking for alternative publishing software as MS Publisher is being discontinued.

Discussed concerns about member support of “Artistry In Wood Show”. Jim & Randy need volunteers to step up and assume more of the work-load. Put on agenda for September guild meeting.

CP Center project – Wheel-chair accessible planters have been installed and they are delighted with them. Still need 3 wall-hugger planters to be built/installed in 2026.

Picnic - August 17 – DeBroux Park, Bellevue. Gerry will have the key to the shelter and meet Pete Schuh and volunteers to assist with setup at 10am.

Next Board meeting - Online meeting September 1, 2025 at 7:00 pm

WISCONSIN RIVER WOODCARVERS, INC.
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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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Officers:

President - Greg Levenhagen
VP & Membership - Eric Hansen
Secretary - Gerald Jensen
Treasurer - Chuck Druckrey

Board Members:

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

Other committees:

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