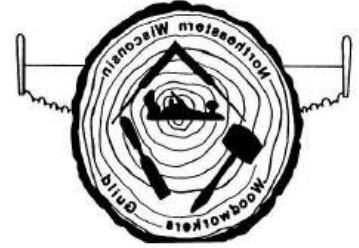


BENCH TALK

Northeastern Wisconsin Woodworkers Guild
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General Meeting, Wednesday, September 17, 2025 7pm

There will be 2 parts to the September program

#1 Preparation for the November Show: Show Committee Report

We are officially 2 months away from our 42nd annual Artistry in Wood show & sale. The excitement is building - come join the fun!

This past week has seen a number of exhibitors sending in their registrations. As of the writing of this report we're at 37 exhibitors with an expectation for a few more later this week (Sept. 7-13).

The Sept general meeting will be an important one. Randy will be there to hand out save the date cards, posters for local businesses, stickers with new dates for yard signs, replacement stakes if needed, sign up for volunteers to work at the show, and a review of the floor plan. Yard signs and posters should be put out around Oct 1st. If you are new to the Guild, come out and see what the Show is all about. Get involved, most people who volunteer to work at the show come away with an enjoyable experience.

If you haven't already done so, send a few pictures of what you'll be selling/showing at the show to Matt Hamblin <mhamblin6703@gmail.com> to help us advertise the show on social media. There are numerous changes this year, come find out what's changing at the next Guild meeting. Submitted by Jim Michiels

#2 Member Show and Tell Sharing time! Bring a creation you are proud of, and tell a bit about the process. Or bring up a question/problem you would like advice or opinions on. Or... highlight a glitch (we all have them!) that did not turn out as planned. Amusing, alarming, just informative.

Another note regarding the Show:

Recognition for donors

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

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

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

Wood for Sale

Guild members,

Here is an opportunity to purchase rough sawn lumber at bargain prices. Below is an email from Kathy Palmer in Manitowoc with details. Call her directly if you are interested.

We live in Manitowoc and have a lot of wood available at bargain prices. My husband is 84 and has been collecting wood and doing woodworking for 50 years. It is time to thin the collection!

We have Cherry \$2 bd foot, Walnut \$3 bd foot and Oak \$1 bd foot. There may be some maple left too. Some traditional boards, some irregular pieces.

Kathy and Joe Palmer 920-901-8218

Membership Report/Update September 2025

As of September 6, we have 168 active members. No new members joined us this month.

Please 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.

Woodcraft moved to their new HUGE store location at 1810 North Casaloma Drive in Appleton. The new location is about one mile north of their old location. A Grand Re-Opening is scheduled for September 19-20. Please stop by and check out their new digs.

Speaking of memberships, **your membership renewal is due October 1**. All memberships expire October 1st. 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 won't pester you for your renewal 😊.

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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

How to Get Involved: For inquiries regarding joining The NEWisc. Woodworkers Guild, contact: Eric J. Hansen ericjonhansen@gmail.com 952-567-4625 Or any other Board or committee member.

Re: newsletter, Maureen Birk: birkmr2@gmail.com

Re: web site: Matt Hamblin: froggy6703@gmail.com 920-419-3910

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

Board of Directors Online meeting September 2, 2025 - 7:00 pm on Microsoft Teams

Participants:

President - Greg Levenhagen, VP & Membership - Eric Hansen, Programs - Barry Bender, Newsletter - Maureen Birk, Website - Matt Hamblin, Library Temp Appointment - Ben Abadeer

Optional Participants: Show Committee Leaders Jim Michiels & Randy Hendricks

Excused: Chuck Leonard, Gerry Jensen, Chuck Druckrey

Minutes of last BOD meeting: Approve as submitted: Motion by Greg, 2nd by Eric. Passed unanimously

Treasurer's Report – pending

Membership - Eric Hansen - Current Membership Count: 168. All memberships due Sept/Oct annually. 12 renewals received already. Eric will remind members at the Sept. meeting. Use of PayPal is encouraged.

Programs - Barry Bender Programs set through Jan 2026, as previously reported. Barry is working to arrange a field trip to the Spanbauer facility in Oshkosh, to see their construction/woodworking operation.

Options for time of day, time of year were discussed. Decision pending.

Library - Ben Abadeer covering for Chuck Leonard Some discussion on procedure for checking out items. Video system for recording next meeting is in place.

Web Site - Matt Hamblin Web site update for Show info is in process. "Event" also being posted on Face Book.

Newsletter - Maureen Birk - Due date for next month's articles: Monday, 9/8

Annual Picnic Recap Lightly attended this year, around 20 participants. There may have been conflicting events scheduled.

Artistry In Wood Show Update - Jim Michiels & Randy Hendricks reported some major changes.

2 key "front of house" exhibitors (the chain saw artists, and canoe builder) are not available. Paul Murphy and Pat Williams have agreed to take one spot. Suggestions for another requested.

Extensive discussion regarding ways to increase member participation including starting earlier in the year with information at the general meetings. Currently many time slots for multiple needs are open. Also, as August is a key time to get members involved, a general meeting would be helpful. Motion to move the annual picnic to another month by Eric, 2nd by Barry. Accepted unanimously. Details pending.

Nominations for Board Election - Eric Hansen report that there are 3 open positions. There were 3 volunteers, but 2 have now declined. Election will need to be postponed until slate is full. Discussion on how to increase member interest in leading the Guild. BOD members will try to make personal contacts.

CP Center planter project: Barry reported that the planters built with Guild involvement are in use. Remaining need is for several "wall hugger" style units, a project for next year.

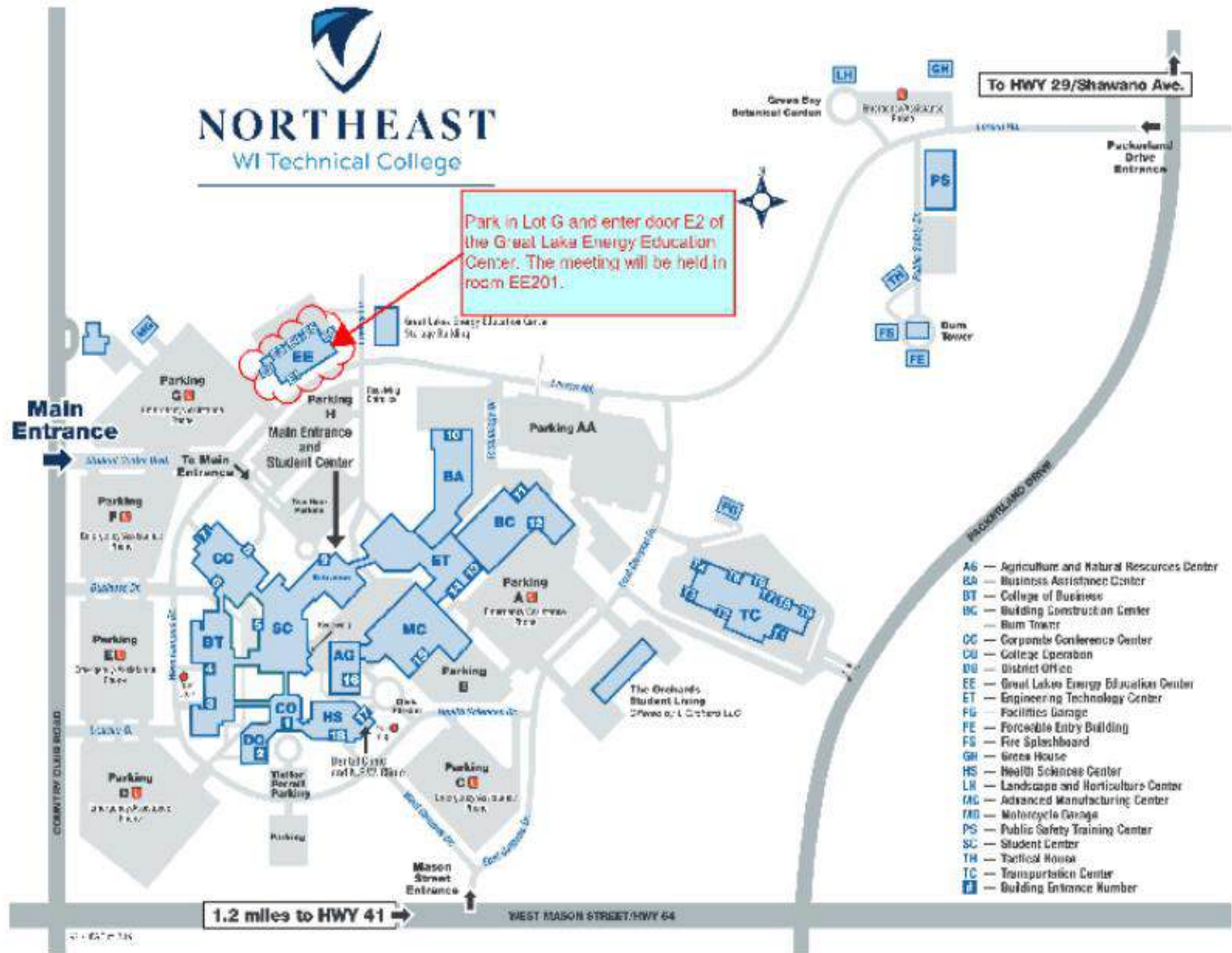
Motion to adjourn: by Greg, 2nd by Eric. Unanimous approval—adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Upcoming Meetings:

Next Guild Meeting - September 17 at 7:00 pm

Next Board meeting - September 29, 2025 at 7:00 pm

Respectfully submitted: Maureen Birk



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