

# BenchTalk

## Northeastern Wisconsin Woodworkers Guild

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### NEWWG *Annual Christmas Party*



SAVE THE DATE: **Saturday December 6, 2025**

Celebrate the Season with your NEWWG friends. Take this opportunity to meet the Guild members you do not know. You can also bring a guest.

- Entertainment: We are looking for suggestions. Contact Linda at [SUROLJ@YAHOO.COM](mailto:SUROLJ@YAHOO.COM)
- Held at the Mauthe Center on the UWGB Campus
  - 2418 Leon Bond Dr. Green Bay WI Just past the Kress Sports Center.
  - There is a lot of close parking.
- Gather at 4:30 to visit and help set-up.
- Bring a guest.
- This is a great opportunity to get to know better your Guild members, their guests and talk woodworking.
- Dinner is served at 6pm. Set up is 4:30pm.
- Main dish and beverages, condiments, buns, utensils will be provided by the Guild. Bring your favorite side dish or dessert to share.
- We have a gift exchange so if you want to participate bring a gift then get a gift.

In order to have enough food, etc, the planners need an accurate count. If you did not sign up at the meeting, please be sure to do so by **Dec1 Monday!**

Contact Linda at [surolj@yahoo.com](mailto:surolj@yahoo.com)

or Pete Schuh at [PJSCLS@live.com](mailto:PJSCLS@live.com)

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### 2025 ARTISTRY IN WOOD SHOW

#### Preliminary Report:

The dust has not yet settled, but early returns are great!

Total attendance for both days was 1088. Saturday was 672, Sunday 416.

Total Income was \$14,465,

less expenses of \$4,890.52, for net \$9574.48.

Jim and Randy will have a detailed report within a few weeks.

**THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HELPED MAKE THE SHOW A HUGE SUCCESS!**

A few photos from the show



## Upcoming Programs

**December 6<sup>th</sup> Saturday - Guild Christmas Party at Ecumenical Center on UW-Green Bay Campus**

Starting time is around 4 PM. See article for full details and alternate location

**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.**

**January 21, 2026** - Barry Bender - Working with exotic woods

**February 18<sup>th</sup>** - Gerald Jensen - Making segmented bowls and other segmented turnings

**March 20th (Friday)** - Tour of the Fox Valley Technical College woodworking shop.

Located at the Spanbauer Center on the south side of Oshkosh

Tour begins at 10:30 AM.

As always, I am open to new ideas from members. I have gotten many helpful suggestions and I am willing to get more. Thank you for your help!

Barry Bender

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## Membership Report - Bench Talk November, 2025

Currently we have 185 active members

Twenty-one new members joined in the last month! Most joined at our Denmark show while others joined at the October Woodcraft event. Please welcome:

Mike Balskus of De Pere	Daphne Lewis of Appleton
Josh Blankenburg of Appleton	Wayne & Ginger Micksch of Green Bay
Brad Crandall of Beloit	Ginger Micksch of Green Bay
Jim Draxler of Kiel	Charlie McKeefry of Pulaski
Jeff Greuel of Little Chute	Robin Nelmark of Crandon
Mark Hawkins of Green Bay	William Peters of Two Rivers
Kelly Helhowski of Freedom	Paul Reynolds of Green Bay
Joshua Jones of Suamico	Hugh Richards of Neenah
Liz Keenan of Green Bay	Steve Seyler of Green Bay
Mark Kubiak of De Pere	Baron Zamis of Appleton
Al Lanaville of Green Bay	

Many new members come from your invitation and encouragement with your woodworking friends and neighbors. Thanks for “talking up” the guild!

### Membership benefits

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. Please stop by and check out their new digs.

You also can get a 10% discount on high quality figured hardwoods at 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 Kloes for this new benefit!

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 past meetings are available too!

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**NEWWG Board Meeting Minutes** – November 3, 2025 (Virtual via Microsoft TEAMS)

**Participants:** President - Greg Levenhagen, VP & Membership - Eric Hansen, Secretary - Gerald Jensen, Treasurer - Chuck Druckrey, Programs - Barry Bender, Newsletter - Maureen Birk, Website - Matt Hamblin, Show Committee Leader Jim Michiels

Approved last meeting minutes – unanimous

**Treasurer's Report** - Chuck Druckrey – Balance: \$29,764.09 (full report in November newsletter) Gerald moved to accept, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Barry, vote unanimous. Discussed acquisition of point-of-sale (POS) components to accept credit cards. Approximately \$200 for PayPal. Approval moved by Greg, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric, vote unanimous.

**Artistry In Wood Show Update** - Jim Michiels – 59 exhibitors signed up, some from previous years moved to larger exhibit spaces. Setup for members: 4:30pm Friday, non-members 6pm. Denmark Booster Wrestling Club to assist with table setup/ removal with donation of \$100 for each day.

**Membership** - Eric Hansen- Current Membership Count: 170 - Woodcraft event on 10/18. Recruiting candidates for Board Nominations for January election. As of 11/2, we have 4 candidates, 3 pending, 5+ more to contact

**Programs** - Barry Bender – Scheduled through March, 2026. Exotic Woods in January, Segmented Turning in February, Tour of Spanbauer Center set for March 20, 2026 @ 10:30am

**Newsletter** - Maureen Birk - Due date for next month's articles: Sunday November 16

Other: Discussion on ways to alleviate over-crowding in our meeting room at NWTC and provide space for library display at meetings.

Other: **Christmas Party plans** - date set for December 6, 2026 at the Mauthe Center, 2418 Leon Bond Drive, UWGB campus.

Adjourned 7:45pm

**Treasurers Report** November 3, 2025 Financial Activity (September 30, 2025 to November 3, 2025)

Income:	Expenses:	Check #	Description
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>\$12.50 – Interest</li><li>\$119.66 - Paypal deposit</li><li>\$57.42 – Paypal deposit</li><li>\$820.00 – (230.00 donations, 20.00 water, 550.00 registrations, 20.00 membership fees)</li><li>\$405.00 – Dues and table fees</li><li>\$12.39 – Interest</li><li>\$211.58 – Paypal deposit</li><li>\$330.00 – Show registrations</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>\$245.00</li><li>\$100.00</li><li>\$177.45</li><li>\$83.98</li><li>\$468.57</li><li>275.62</li><li>\$51.00 debit</li><li>\$54.99 debit</li><li>\$75.00 debit</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1316</li><li>1325</li><li>1322</li><li>1324</li><li>1323</li><li>1320</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Show advertising</li><li>October speaker fee</li><li>Show expenses</li><li>Meeting raffle expenses</li><li>Show and membership expenses</li><li>Christmas party rental</li><li>corporate filing fees</li><li>Tax filing fee</li><li>raffle license fee</li></ul>
Total \$1,968.55	Total (\$1,531.61)		

Respectfully Submitted, Chuck Druckrey – Treasurer



## October Program Review

Our presenter was Michael Doerr, woodworking artist and furniture builder, from Sturgeon Bay. He has made furniture for customers across the country. He detailed his start as a shipwright at the Ferdinand Nimphius' shipyard in 1977, with examples of the techniques needed for ship building.

He later worked with Sam Maloof, learning furniture specific techniques. He has taught in many venues himself, and has devised his own techniques.

He builds from what he calls the "cube" or "box" form, creating major joints at this point, and later shaping legs, etc. to final form. He recommends Festool track saws, and Domino cutters for joints. Also slow setting epoxy for glue up, Turgoll (boiled linseed oil/marine varnish) hand rubbed finish.

For more information about Michael Doerr and his work, visit his website at [www.MichaelDoerr.com](http://www.MichaelDoerr.com)

A sampling of some of Michaels work:



## October Member Show & Tell items



Guild logo sign with QR code  
Gerry Jensen



Woodburning, Trudy Ferrier



Turned box elder ornament  
Kevin Carpenter



Wood burned white ash bowl  
Paul Murphy



Black walnut bowl, with bark remnants  
Ted Seidl

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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](http://www.newwg.org)

How to Get Involved: For inquiries regarding joining

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**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