

The Builder News

The Official Publication Of The Wolf River Builders Association

Calendar of Events

February 2022

Feb. 2 - Chamber of Commerce 'Coffee Connections,' 8 a.m., Angie's Main Cafe, 130 S. Main St., Shawano. RSVP 715-524-2139

Feb. 8-10 - International Builders' Show - Orlando, Florida
<https://www.buildersshow.com/Home/default.aspx>

Feb. 8 - WRBA Hard Hat Happy Hour, Brothers' Pub, 5:45 p.m., Shawano. RSVP LINK:
<https://forms.gle/hE7U9bib4HnCARzf9>

Feb. 22 - WRBA Board of Directors Meeting, Launching Pad, 5:45 p.m., Shawano

Mar. 2 - Chamber of Commerce 'Coffee Connections,' 8 a.m., Angie's Main Cafe, 130 S. Main St., Shawano. RSVP 715-524-2139

Mar. 8 - WRBA Breakfast Member Meeting, 6:15 a.m., Angie's Main Cafe, Shawano.
Register online:
<https://forms.gle/9tkkx1VPsBDwARDz8>

Mission Statement

The Wolf River Builders Association's purpose is to serve as an advocate and resource for area building industry professionals, while supporting a commitment to our community through leadership and education.



Wolf River Builders Association

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February

Hard Hat Happy Hour

When: Tuesday, February 8th

Where: **Brothers' Pub**

N5867 Lake Dr., Shawano

Cocktails/networking: 5:45 p.m.
Drawings: 6:30 p.m. (50/50 raffle, door prizes, attendance raffle)
PLEASE RSVP AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

At www.wolfriverbuilders.org/register,
phone call @ 715-853-2310 or via Email -
wolfriverbuilders@gmail.com

Beverage tickets provided for members.

Progressive Attendance Pot

\$220 for February Meeting

**Door Prize donations
always welcome!
Just bring it along!**

Check out the Member Benefits through NAHB –
<http://www.nahb.org/savings>



Board members and WRBA members were recognized for years of membership/service at the WRBA Christmas Party at Antler's in Bonduel on January 11. Greg Brown of Shawano Community High School Building Trades was recognized as a 15-year member and 5-year board member (left). Mark Flunker of Wolf River Habitat for Humanity was recognized for 10 years as a board member (center), and John Maule of Maule Construction LLC was recognized for 15 years as a board member (right). Past President Darci Kotter (not pictured) was recognized for 5 years as a board member. Membership Milestones also recognized (not pictured) include A-1 Elevator - 5 years, and Bill Biese Masonry - 10 years.

From your president

My name is Justin Buntrock with Exquisite Windows and Doors and I am your 2021-2022 WRBA President. I am honored and excited for the opportunities that lie ahead with the Wolf River Builders Association.



This upcoming year we are looking at doing a fundraiser raffle again to raise money for young people in the trades.

We are also looking for other ways to benefit our community. Any suggestions anyone may have, we greatly appreciate.

Criteria for selection is as follows:

1. Graduating senior of a high school located in Shawano, Oconto or Menominee counties.
2. Show financial need.
3. Proven leadership ability.
4. Good moral character.
5. Continuing their education in a building associated field.
6. Scholarship request must be made on WRBA application.

The 2022 [SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION LINK](#) is available here and in area schools. The deadline is March 15, 2022.

Scholarship deadline March 15

The Wolf River Builders Association Scholarship offers a scholarship(s) (up to 3 individuals), with the possibility of an individual receiving up to \$1500. (The cap for all scholarships are set at \$1500 per year). This is presented to a student or students who are continuing their education in a building-associated trade. The scholarship is payable in one lump sum to be used for the initial semester at an accredited college, university, junior college, technical college, trade or vocational school or other approved educational organization.

Spring Cash Raffle coming soon!

We are continuing with our plans to again hold a 2022 Cash Raffle, with a drawing on Facebook Live on Sunday, April 10 at noon.

Tickets are available for \$20 each, with only 500 tickets sold. First prize is \$2,500 cash, second place \$1000, third place \$500, along with 10 additional prizes of \$100 cash.

The proceeds will help support our scholarship fund for graduating high school seniors pursuing a future in the building trades.

If you are interested in having tickets at your place of business, please contact us at wolfriverbuilders@gmail.com.

Progressive Attendance Drawing



The name drawn for the \$200 pot at the January Christmas Party was Top Shelf Builders. A representative was not in attendance, so the pot at the next member event will be at \$220.

Unfamiliar with the “Progressive” Attendance Drawing”? For each General Membership Meeting, each member will have a chip with a number that corresponds to their name placed in the bucket, whether the member is in attendance or not.

If present and your name (#) is drawn, you will win the pot! If you are not present and your name is drawn, the pot will grow by \$20 for the next meeting or Hard Hat Happy Hour event. Minimum pot will always be \$20. It costs you nothing, but you could be a winner if you’re there!

Make sure you are there to win if your name (#) is called!

Health Insurance Plan available

Health insurance remains one of the most expensive employee benefits your business offers. During a time when you are reviewing your current health insurance renewal plans, please take this time to review all your options with superior health care provider networks that are available through our partnership with the Wisconsin Builders Association.

Take a look at cost-effective options with superior health care provider networks that are available through the partnership of the Wolf River

Builders Association and the Wisconsin Builders Association (WBA).

Through the buying power of WRBA and WBA, you can get large group service and prices for your business of any size. New and existing members can take advantage of this opportunity to choose coverage from WPS Health Insurance and Arise Health Plan.

You get help controlling costs and navigating a complex health care system through special pricing exclusively for members. If you are interested in reviewing the options, simply contact:

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Membership is not required to receive a quote!

Free continuing education courses

Thanks to a partnership with Slipstream and the [B4 Conference](#), the Wisconsin Builders Association is offering members 12 free credits through a promo code on their website. You will need your members-only login to access the page with the code - <https://www.wisbuild.org/online-courses>

These courses are designed to fulfill Wisconsin's continuing education requirements for dwelling contractors (12 credit hours every two years), and are approved by the Wisconsin Department of Safety & Professional Services (DSPS).

Instructions to Receive Free Credits:

1. Visit <https://www.wisbuild.org/online-courses>
When website launches, find promotional code and click "Take Courses" button
2. Review the available course(s) you want to take and click "Details/Register Now"
3. Read through the course details and click "Register"
4. Choose 1 ticket under the "For Credit" option and click the blue "Enter Promotional Code" link. Enter the promotional code, click "checkout," and submit information (view image below)
5. View course, pass quiz, and Slipstream will submit your information to DSPS for license renewal!

Membership News

Memberships Renewed – Welcome Back!

- Exquisite Windows & Doors LLC - Justin Buntrock
- Raddant Electric Service - Sheri & Keith Raddant
- Torborgs Shawano Lumber - Jim Torborg

Members – Renewal Due February

- Bill Biese Masonry, Inc. - Bill Biese
- Robinson Construction LLC - Ray Robinson
- Schneider & Son's Landscaping Inc. - Angela Schneider
- The Sherwin Williams Company - John Zovnic

Help boost our membership!

Please **invite member prospects** to membership meetings! We'll pay for their meal for the first meeting to give them the opportunity to see what we are all about. We'll also give **you** a \$10 Kwik Trip Card for bringing them! Share our membership info by sharing this link: [WRBA Potential Member Letter](#)

There are many reasons to maintain your membership! We'd love to hear what you find valuable in your membership! Let us know!
Membership: Trish Kieckhafer – 715-853-9961



2022 Event/Meeting Calendar (so far)

February 8 - Hard Hat Happy Hour, Brothers Pub

March 8 - Member Breakfast, Angie's Main Cafe

April - TBD

May 17 - Sporting Clays Shoot - J&H Game Farm

June 14 - Picnic - Kuckuk Park, Shawano

JULY - NO MEETING

August - Golf Outing Date TBD

RED = OPEN TO THE PUBLIC / Spread the word!

Apply for Badger Craftsman Awards

Join the best in our industry by entering the 2022 Badger Craftsman Awards, presented by the Wisconsin Builders Association and Johnson Financial Group. The Badger Craftsman Awards offer recognition to members of the association for excellence in new home development, construction, and remodeling, while also highlighting our associate members' accomplishments. Take advantage of this opportunity to showcase your outstanding achievements!

Only members of the Wisconsin Builders Association are eligible to enter. Projects must have been completed between Jan. 1, 2020 through Dec. 31, 2021. Entries must be submitted online through WBA's website platform within the appropriate category. Additional requirements are detailed on the respective category pages. Each entry must be a separate project. Multiple entries per company are allowed in any category. Entry fee for each submission is \$75.00.

Voting will be open to the public and is limited to one vote per category per person. There must be at least two entries per category to have a winner. If a category has only one entry, the sole applicant will be refunded their entry fee. WBA reserves the right to change the terms of the voting at their discretion. Award winners will be announced during the Celebration of Housing Event. Exposure for winning companies include:

- The use and marketing privileges of the Badger Craftsman Awards winner logo
- Your company logo, a color photo of project, and link to your website featured for 12 months on the WBA website
- A statewide press release highlighting Badger Craftsman Award winners
- Notification of award to local HBA Executive Officer for possible inclusion in local HBA newsletter/emails
- Feature in fall issue of the Badger Builder magazine
- Feature in WBA's e-newsletter
- Photos of you with your award will be taken at the presentation and made available to you

To register, please visit

<https://www.wisbuild.org/badgercraftsman>

Member Spotlight - Woodstock



Hello to the WRBA from Woodstock! 2022 has already started off as a stellar year, with steady customer traffic, and finally some relief on the product backorders!

We've had quite a few changes in the past year at Woodstock. We are starting to take on more work toward the Shawano and Green Bay area - especially in the commercial market. The Woodstock showroom is ever-changing, as new samples and products are rolling through the door every month!

Woodstock has a new dedicated area with In-Stock LVP and Carpet. If you're ready now, have a DIY project, or just can't wait for something to be ordered - we've got you covered with more than 15 styles of LVP in-stock. We also have a variety of rolls of carpet in stock from apartment-grade to a nice plush feel for your living room or bedrooms!

If you haven't been to Birnamwood in a while, stop by and see us and all of the NEW Woodstock has to show you! One of us would love to show around a fellow WRBA member!

Kwik Trip Gift Cards Available






WRBA has Kwik Trip Gift Cards. Denominations currently in-stock are \$10 and \$25. Feel free to order a large amount for employee incentive programs, or just a few for personal use.

You may access our online [ORDER FORM](#), or send an e-mail to wolfriverbuilders@gmail.com

Wolf River Builders Association 2021/2022 Board of Directors

President	Justin Buntrock Exquisite Windows & Doors N6680 Elm Road Shawano, WI 54166 Mobile: 715-851-5309
President Elect	Jess Kosnicki CoVantage Credit Union 911 E. Green Bay St. Shawano, WI 54166 Work: 715-524-8200 ext. 3238
Treasurer	Don Pedersen KerberRose, S.C. 115 E. Fifth Street Shawano, WI 54166 Work: 715-526-9400
Secretary	Bryan Nemetz Bryan Nemetz Construction W8885 Oak Avenue Shawano, WI 54166 Mobile: 715-853-7104
Past President	Darci Kotter (Mobile: 715-250-2448)
Builder Directors	John Maule – Maule Construction LLC (Work: 715-745-2256) Bill Rapaich – Top Shelf Builders Inc. (Work: 715-524-2016) Greg Brown - SCHS Trades Program (Work: 715-526-2175) Mark Flunker - Wolf River Habitat for Humanity (Mobile: 715-584-5995)
Associate Director	Trish Kieckhafer - Stone Creations of WI (Work: 715-526-8690)
State Directors	Trish Kieckhafer – Stone Creations Greg Brown – SCHS Building Trades
Executive Officer	Nathan Falk Email: wolfriverbuilders@gmail.com Website: www.wolfriverbuilders.org Ph: 715-853-2310 (no texting)

AUTO

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	GM Save \$500 per vehicle on select vehicles for retail customers. Save \$500 - \$1,000 per vehicle on select vehicles for fleet customers. Stackable with most national retail & fleet offers. NAHB member & household family eligible.	Chevrolet, Buick, GMC	nahb.org/gm
	NISSAN / INFINITI Save between \$2,000 - \$9,500 per vehicle. Must be purchased in member's company name. NOT stackable with most national offers. Member's company eligible.	Nissan, Infiniti	nahb.org/nissan
	AVIS Save up to 30% off Avis PAY NOW rates when making a reservation with Avis Worldwide Discount (AWD) number G572900.	Rental Cars	avis.com/nahb 800-331-1212 AWD #G572900
	BUDGET Save up to 35% off Budget PAY NOW rates when making a reservation using Budget Customer Discount (BCD) number Z536900.	Rental Cars	budget.com/nahb 800-283-4387 BCD #Z536900
	GEICO Special discount on personal auto insurance.	Insurance	geico.com/disc/nahb 800-368-2734

BUILDING MATERIALS


COMPANY	SAVINGS	PRODUCTS	INFO
	LOWE'S Extra 2% off Lowe's Account Receivable or Business Account. FREE delivery of \$500 plus orders. 5% off at store using LAR or LBA.	Building Materials	lowesforpros.com/nahb 877-435-2440

SHOPPING & ENTERTAINMENT

COMPANY	SAVINGS	PRODUCTS	INFO
	MEMBER DEALS Up to 50% off.	Theme Parks, Movie Tickets, Concerts, Water Parks, Gift Cards	memberdeals.com/nahb/?login=1 (877) 579-1201
	SAM'S CLUB One-year membership for \$24.88.	Bulk Discount Retail	bit.ly/nahbsams (877) 579-1201
	HOTELPLANNER NAHB members can save up to 65% on hotel room rates at over 800,000 properties worldwide in more than 250 countries.	Hotels	nahb.hotelplanner.com 1-800-497-2175

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BUSINESS MANAGEMENT

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 Heartland	HEARTLAND Heartland offers innovative payment & point of sale (POS) solutions to help you streamline sales, operations & increase productivity. NEW! "Heartland for Service Professionals" — the quick & easy payment solution mobile APP for service providers.	Payment & POS Solutions	go.heartlandpaymentsystems.com/nahb 800-613-0148
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 OFFICE DEPOT	OFFICE DEPOT Up to 75% off in-store or online. Free shipping over \$50.	Office Supplies	officediscounts.org/nahb 855-337-6811 x2897
 ASCENTIUM	ASCENTIUM Streamlined financing program including no down payment! Ascentium Capital makes it easy with no down payment financing* for nearly anything for your business for the construction industry. <small>*Financing & instant decisions subject to credit parameters</small>	Business Financing	ascentium.info/nahbad
 HOZZ	HOZZ 10% off Houzz Pro Ultimate, free help with best practices, 10% trade discount on Houzz Shop purchases.	Marketing Solutions, Building Products	houzz.com/nahbmembers
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 AMERICAN EXPRESS	AMERICAN EXPRESS Eligible NAHB members can earn 125,000 Membership Rewards® points after they spend \$30,000 on eligible purchases in the first three months of card membership. Terms apply.	Business Platinum Card®	nahb.org/amex

NAHB ASSOCIATION DISCOUNTS

COMPANY	SAVINGS	PRODUCTS	INFO
 NAHB INTERNATIONAL BUILDERS' SHOW®	NAHB INTERNATIONAL BUILDERS' SHOW® Up to \$200 off show registration. Up to \$2.75 per sq. ft. off exhibit space.	Trade Show	buildersshow.com
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 BUILDERBOOKS	BUILDERBOOKS 10% off books. Up to 45% off research.	Books	builderbooks.com
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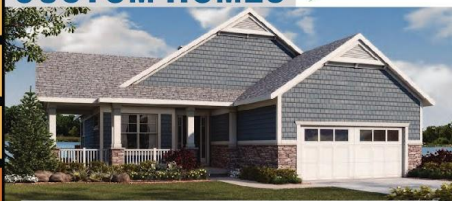
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