

SPRING MEETING ACTIVITIES AND AREA ATTRactions

The 2023 Spring Semi-Annual Meeting is scheduled for June 14-17 at the Radisson Hotel and Convention Center located in Green Bay, WI. Note the Oneida Casino adjoins the property so no need to “step outside” to lose your money or win big! The nightly rate will be \$109.00. Breakfast is NOT included with the room rate. You may secure room reservations on line via this link” <https://www.radissonhotels.com/en-us/hotels/radisson-conference-green-bay/deals/midwest-tool-collectors-association>. The rate is good three days prior to and three days following the meeting. Reservations line is 1-920-494-7300 or 1-800-333-3333. Make sure you mention MWTCA.

The men’s display theme will be “Axes – Celebrating Wisconsin’s Logging History”. The Show and Tell display theme will be “My Favorite Tool”. We will have a sizable area for tool trading and displays so plan on bringing lots of tools for sale and trade.

Registration is scheduled for Wednesday June 14 from 2-6 PM. You can expect up to a dozen rooms to be open Wednesday for in room tool trading. Once again we will “kick off” the meeting with a Welcome Dinner at 6 PM with a light meal so don’t forget to register for this function. The Tailgating will begin early Thursday morning (bring a flashlight) weather permitting. Be aware that there is NO BACKUP plan should it be raining.

Several tours are scheduled for Thursday. In the morning there will be a guided tour of the Neville Public Museum to view their new science exhibit as well their inflatable art exhibit. Also included is an exhibit of Shirley Abrahamson, Wisconsin’s first female Chief Justice. This will be followed by a stop at the Ashwaubenon Museum to view their display of “tramp art”. In the afternoon we plan to tour the Cruiser Yacht building factory in Pulaski followed by a tour of the Green Bay Packer Hall of Fame. The Hall of Fame is a treasure of football history. You will find this tour interesting whether you follow the Green Bay Packers or not! Also in the afternoon we will make a trip to the Seroogy Chocolate shop for a sampling of their chocolates. This is a 50 minute tour so you will need to make any selections quickly.

The men’s program on Thursday evening will feature a presentation by Greg Strayer on axes. On Friday the Trade and Display room will open at 6:30 AM for display set up and loading in of tools at 7:00 AM. At 8:30 AM displays will be ready for viewing followed by tool trading at 10 AM. We hope to have a number of area woodworkers demonstrate their skills in the tool room on Friday. Friday afternoon Chuck Druckrey will provide a presentation on his experiences building a timber frame barn. Join Chuck on a nearly two-year project to build a traditional timber frame building. Chuck harvested the trees and cut all the joinery using traditional methods and hand tools (mostly). Learn how careful planning and traditional layout methods allow for building a straight frame from crooked timbers. Chuck also used a variety of traditional “machines” like gin-poles and a boom-crane to move large timbers and raise the frame”. The tool auction will get underway at 7:30 PM with the auction preview at 6:30 PM. If you have tools that you would like to sell please give serious thought to bringing them for the auction.

For those members that can only attend on Saturday there is registration for ‘Saturday Only’ with the trade room opening at 6:30 AM. The What’s It session will be held in the Men’s Program Room at 10:30 AM. Attendance at the banquet is NOT included with “Saturday Only” registration.

The Auxiliary will host a luncheon on Saturday. The guest speaker will be Chris Dunham from the Brown County Historic Society who will present a program on the historic Hazelwood House.

Saturday afternoon Mark Hawkins from Hands on Deck will share his experiences working with youth through the use of tools. Mark’s presentation is titled Elementary Mechanical Skills - A Practical Educational Component For Five Year Olds. You don’t want to miss Mark’s presentation.

Saturday evening we will close out the meeting with a banquet and short business meeting.

Green Bay Botanical Gardens

The 47-acres of display gardens and natural areas capture the beauty of northeast Wisconsin's four distinct and wonderful seasons. While the plants are the main focal point, the beauty in the architecture around the Garden should also be noticed. The Green Bay Botanical Garden offers a variety of educational programs to the community from photography to cooking to hiking.

Ashwaubenon Museum

Collections feature a highly popular exhibit of tramp and hobo art collected by area native, Adolph Vandertie. There are also exhibits depicting the history of the Broadway Street area of Ashwaubenon, the Ashwaubenon schools, pioneer families and farm life. A rotating military exhibit documents the war experiences of Ashwaubenon veterans.

Green Bay Packers Hall of Fame

The Hall of Fame is a two-story shrine devoted to sharing the illustrious history of the Green Bay Packers with the players, coaches, and fans who have been part of the story since the beginning. It is located inside the Lambeau Field Atrium. Priceless memorabilia that helped form the Green Bay Packers are on display for all to admire. Whether you are a football fan or not you will find the displays, etc. interesting. This venue is on our Thursday tour schedule.

Hazelwood Historic Home

Located in the Astor Historic District on South Monroe Avenue, Hazelwood is a fine example of Greek Revival architecture. Hazelwood's ten rooms contain hundreds of period furnishings, photographs and artifacts representing the Victorian period. Built in 1837 overlooking the historic Fox River, Hazelwood was originally the home of the Morgan and Elizabeth Martin family who were a political and cultural force in the city and state for almost one hundred years. It is filled with many original items that the family owned and used on a daily basis. The home was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1964.

National Railroad Museum

The National Railroad Museum provides dynamic educational opportunities through the preservation of railroad objects, engaging exhibits and innovative programs on all things trains and railways. The museum maintains a noteworthy collection of railroad objects, photographs, manuscripts and rolling stock. You'll find many trains on display, both inside the large exhibit hall and outside on actual working railroad tracks. The National Railroad Museum is home to the "Big Boy", the world's largest steam locomotive weighing in at 1.1 million pounds and measuring over half a football field long.

Oneida Nation Museum

Mission of the Oneida Nation Museum is to provide education on the Oneida and Iroquois culture, history, and nationhood. This is accomplished by providing exhibits and educational programming. The Museum also displays and promotes Iroquois artwork. The Oneida Nation Museum provides a unique and enlightening experience for all ages. Nathan Garheart from the Museum will make a presentation Friday evening.

Seroogy's Chocolates

For more than a century, Seroogy's has been specializing in homemade, hand dipped chocolate candy, including toffee, meltaways, caramels, snappers, fudge, nut clusters and more! Three generations into the family business, these fine confections in small batches made with only the highest quality products still follow the original recipes and methods as they've been handed down since 1899. Aside from these sweet treats, they also roast their own coffee in-house. Seroogy's is on the Thursday's tour schedule.

For more information on our host hotel go to: www.radissonhotels.com/greenbaywi. For information on Green Bay and the surrounding area go to: www.greenbay.com.

We have arranged great programs for you and know you'll have a great time.