

# GUILD NEWS

Next Meeting  
 Tuesday, September 11, 2017  
 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM  
 East Kentwood High School

## Guild Meeting Agenda September 11, 2018 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

- Welcome Guests and Returning Members
- Guild Business Discussion
- Guild Officer Elections
- Member "Show & Tell"  
*Two-minute time limit per project.*
- 'Open' Discussion Time
- '15' Minute Break
- Raffle Drawings
- Domino Tenon Cutter Demonstration

### "Discussion Time"

The Board has decided to drop the 15-minute 'Tool Time' presentation and replace it with an 'Open Discussion Time'.

During this time any member can ask questions about any tool, project, 'how to', etc.

*"Two minute limit per topic"*

Members of the Guild can then offer suggestions and the 'Pros & Cons' to help others resolve woodworking related issues or find someone who would be willing to help a member 'one-on-one' to help resolve an issue.

## Guild Dues

The Guild Board decided on 8-14-18 to adjust the Guild Dues for the balance of 2018.

In September, new members can join the Guild for \$15. New members can join the Guild in October or November for \$10. In December 2018, everyone can join the Guild for all of 2019 for \$20. As of 1-1-2019, Dues will return to \$25 for all of the 2019 meeting season.

## Guild Board Elections

Election of the 2018-2019 Guild Board will take place at the 9-11-18 general Guild meeting. All of the current Board Members are willing to continue to serve on the Guild Board during the 2018-2019 meeting season.

Currently serving on the Guild Board are the following members in the positions noted.

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### Program Director

John Pflug

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Garry Strout

## Board Members at Large

### Patti Dooley

### Greg Quist

Les Derusha, President, will introduce all current Board Members. He will then ask if there are any nominations to replace any board members. If none, a simple blanket voice vote will be taken. If there is not an obvious decisive from the voice vote, Les will request a show of hands.

FYI, The position of Guild Contact & Newsletter Editor will be open starting in October of the 2019-2020 meeting season.

## Domino Tenon Cutter Demonstration

Randy Beute of Cento-Anni of Holland will present a demonstration on what is called a Domino Tenon Joiner as the main presentation at the September 11<sup>th</sup> West Michigan Woodworkers Guild Meeting.

A Domino Tenon Joiner is similar to a what is known as a Biscuit Joiner but cuts a tenon insertion hole that is much different than a Biscuit cutter. Unlike the flat double curved biscuit, that most of us are familiar with, the Domino tenon cutter creates a thicker and wider oblong hole of variable width for a matching tenon that is longer and stronger than a flat biscuit plate.

The logic of using a Domino tenon is to make a stronger 'Butt Joint' that is far faster to create than conventional mortise and tenon joint, stronger than a Biscuit Joint, easier to create than using one or more dowel pins and more attractive than a 'Pocket Screw' join.

This should be a very interesting and informative presentation!

**Make our  
 meetings even  
 more fun!  
 Bring a Friend!**

## Woodworking Past – Current - Future

Say, “Woodworking”, and most people envision woodworking as it was before the 20<sup>th</sup> century. It was accomplished in an environment where artisans taught young apprentices how to use hand tools to complete complex woodworking projects.

Today, learning and doing woodworking has been replaced with training DVDs and articles in woodworking magazines.

Or, demos on the Internet, at equipment dealers and/or at local Woodworking Guilds. Thus forcing those who wanted to learn more about woodworking to teach themselves on their own, in their own workshops.

Originally basic woodworking tools were, handsaws, squares, hammers, chisels, hand planes, carving tools or simplistic woodworking machines like treadle powered wood lathes or hand powered drill presses. Unless of course, you worked in a woodworking shop that had overhead belt driven machinery.

By 1920 everything changed. Electricity began powering the work place. At the same time, portable electrically powered hand tools were being created., Like the portable hand-held circular saw and drill but all tethered by power cords.

Now, a 100 years later, portable tools exist for almost every imaginable task. Many powered by powerful batteries and controlled by a computer that need to be programmed by the user. Thus, forcing today's woodworker to be both an artisan woodworker and computer literate.

## Computers & Internet Use

Directing a computer-controlled router system to mill objects from blocks of wood with commands from a Computer Aided Drafting program (CAD) or using a CAD program to direct a 3-D printer to make any number of plastic objects is trendy and a fun thing to see.

However, the West Michigan Woodworkers Guild still regularly receives requests to teach woodworkers how to make dovetail joints the old fashion way, by hand!

As a 21<sup>st</sup> century woodworker, you do need to know how to use a computer and still know how to do woodworking with hand tools.

You also need know how to use a computer to write, send, and receive e-mails. You should also know how to explore the Internet and use it to visit the WM Woodworkers Guild's website and post and read posts on our Facebook Page.

By knowing what our Internet sites and other websites can provide to you regarding woodworking training and tips, you can then use to it to search and find woodworking help you can use to easily complete your woodworking projects.

If you would like help in knowing how to better use your computer in your woodworking, we can help you. There are 'Mentors' in the Guild who will set down with you 'One-on-One' to help you.

All you need to do is 'ASK'!

## The Profile of a WM Woodworkers Guild Member

A profile for a West Michigan Woodworkers Guild Member is quite diverse. Our members range in age from young men and women in their 20s to woodworkers who are over 75 years old and have been woodworkers for 50+ years!

Not all of us are expert woodworkers. However, some of our members are truly artisan woodworkers. Many of our members are just getting starting in woodworking and have a great desire to learn more about woodworking.

Regardless of our personal skill level, all of us are trying to learn more about woodworking, the latest woodworking tools, and the newest industry trends.

We welcome anyone interested in any type of woodworking to be our guest at our meetings. There we have fun learning new woodworking tips and trends, and making new friends.

Some of our members have large well equipped shops. Most do not. Some of our members do their woodworking in a walk-in closet.

We understand that it takes time and money to acquire woodworking tools and skills. Many of our members have only basic tools, a hammer, a power handsaw, a portable drill but yearn for more tools, more shop space and more woodworking knowledge! Come visit us at our next meeting!

## **New Tools or Used Tools?**

New Woodworking tools are not cheap! Woodworkers who have been involved in woodworking for a number of years can have \$20,000 to \$30,000 or more invested in their hand tools, portable and stationary woodworking equipment. In addition, they have stocks of different wood species that can also be very valuable.

Many of these same woodworkers are also on their 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, or even 4<sup>th</sup> generation of hand tools or stationary woodworking equipment! Hardly any woodworker starts to do woodworking with a fully equipped workshop with all new high-end hand tools and power equipment to make fancy furniture. All most everyone who does woodworking starts making simple projects with basic tools, many of which are used tools!

Most new woodworkers start with the basics, which are affordable or used tools. Such as, hand tools and portable power tools that they have used for various projects around their home. From there they start considering table saws, band saws, lathes, etc. to do more extensive woodworking. Some woodworkers even start their pursuit of woodworking in Dad's or Grandpa's wood shop at the early age of 8 to 10 years old.

To buy woodworking tools and equipment, you will need to regularly set some \$\$\$ aside, setup a suitable work space of your own, then start looking to buy tools by finding deals on used or new hand tools and power equipment to do the type woodworking you wish to do. Only then, do you begin the process of collecting and/or up-grading to your next generation of woodworking tools and equipment!

Where do you find good tools? There are many possibilities. To buy brand new tools, there is the local woodworking store, hardware stores, big box stores, (Lowe's or Home Depot or Menards and the tool importer retail stores like, 'Harbor Freight'), or you can go on-line and buy from hundreds of woodworking supply firms. You can borrow tools from a family member or a friend. You can go to estate sales, garage sales or just have the dumb luck of having someone give you some used but good woodworking tools! Regardless where you get your tools, you need to research the pros and cons of each tool you wish to have before buying it. Then do more research as to where you can acquire that tool or piece of woodworking equipment at the best possible price.

When buying tools you need to consider how many times are you going to use the tool. Are you going to use it on only one short-term project? If so, a cheaply made tool may be a reasonable buy. If on the other hand, you are going to use it on many projects in the coming years, buy highest quality tool at the best possible price you can afford! You also need to consider where you are going to store the tool between the times you are going to use it so it is in the best usable condition the next time you want to use it.

If you go the garage sale or estate sale route to buy tools, be prepared to take the time to travel from sale to sale to see what you can find at a price you can afford. There are some excellent high quality woodworking tools out there, at reasonable prices but there is also a lot of junk. You have to take the time to look. You have to know a great tool when you see one, even if it has some rust on it! When you find right tool, at the right price, BUY IT!

Many times, you will find that a 50+ year old used tool is of better quality and costs less than the equivalent brand new tool. The steel in these old tools is many time of better quality, especially if it is an edged tool, like a chisel, that old chisel may need a new handle but it will hold a sharper edge longer than many new chisels available today. The same is true with wood planes and wood scrapers. You can also find great tools that are no longer made but are still great to have in your collection of tools. Excellent nail pullers, Crowbars, measurement and layout tools by major name brand manufactures are common, mechanic tools, plumbing tools, and other specialized tools are also out there at great prices but you have to search them out!

There will be estate or garage sales where you will be able to buy woodworking tools that would cost you \$\$\$\$ for a brand new one, but you may be able buy a used one in good repair just like it for a dollar or two! To do so, you have to know when you have found a diamond in the rough and you have the dollar or two to buy it!

Know too, you will probably have to go to 10 garage sales and/or estates sales to find ONE sale with tools worth buying. Then again, you may find a garage sale like the one noted below that could be a treasure trove of quality tools at prices that make your time well worth your efforts.

### **"Tool Sale"**

**"All Types of Tools – Woodworking – Mechanical - Portable Power Tools, Etc."  
September 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>- 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM, 3255 Essex NE, Grand Rapids, MI.**

**\*2018 Fall Meeting Agendas\***

**September 11<sup>th</sup>**

**Guild Officer Elections & More**

In September, we elect our Guild Board Members!

**Domino Biscuit Cutter & Applications** by Randy Beute

**October 9<sup>th</sup>**

**Slab Flattening** By Darin Tuttle

**November 13<sup>th</sup>**

**Fine Wood Joinery** by Phil Miclea

**December 11<sup>th</sup>**

**“Holiday Celebration”**

**Routers & Router Tables & Accessories** by Dale Smith

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**‘Free’ Saturday Demonstrations!**

**September 8, 2018**  
 Re-sawing &  
 Band Saw Blade Selection

**September 15, 2018**  
 T-Track: Creating Jigs & Fixtures

**September 22, 2018**  
 Routers and Router Tables

**September 29, 2018**  
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