

# GUILD NEWS

Next Meeting  
 Tuesday, March 12, 2019  
 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM  
 East Kentwood High School

## Guild Meeting Agenda March 12, 2019

**7:00 PM to 9:00 PM**

- Welcome!
- Guild Business Discussion
  - Guild Board Openings
  - Newsletter Editor Opening
  - Fall Elections.
  - More Meeting Space,
- Member "Show & Tell" Time  
*Two-minute time limit per project.*
- 15 Minute Break
- Raffle Drawings
- Open' Discussion Time
- Demo on Table Saw Jigs

### "Discussion Time"

During this time, any member or guest may ask questions about tools, a project issue, etc.

Members can offer suggestions or any 'Pros & Cons' that may help others resolve woodworking related issues. Or, we can help them find someone who would be willing assist 'One-on-One' to help resolve an issue.

*'Discussions limited to fifteen minutes.'*

### Guild Dues

West Michigan Woodworkers Guild Dues for the 2019 meeting season are now due (\$25.00). If you have not paid your 2019 Guild dues, please do so by seeing Case Vander Maas, Guild Treasurer, at the next Guild meeting on 3-12-19 or by sending a check to Case at 890 Bellview Drive SE, Byron Center MI 49315. Thank you for being a supporting member of the West Michigan Woodworkers Guild.

Please make Checks Payable to 'Grand Rapids Woodworkers Guild.'

## Table Saw Jigs

By: *Gene Terlisner*

At the March 12<sup>th</sup> Guild meeting Guild Member, Gene Terlisner, will be presenting Table Saw Jigs that he uses on his Saw-Stop table saw to help him to preform different sawing tasks.

Gene will be using the Saw-Stop table saw in the East Kentwood High School wood shop to demonstrate the different jigs he has created to do miter and other joints on everything from small project pieces to wood slabs.

Gene feels the jigs he has developed speeds his construction time on projects, while at the same time, makes it safer for him to complete risky cuts that his projects require.

Gene's presentation will be about 45 minutes long, after which he will answer questions on the construction and use of his table saw jigs.

### Feedback Needed!

The WM Woodworkers Guild has grown. Our overall membership is younger and interested in a variety of new and traditional woodworking methods. To better serve ALL our members, the Guild Board needs your input. Please e-mail your suggestions about what you would like the Guild to provide to you as a member.

[information@westmichiganwoodworkers.org](mailto:information@westmichiganwoodworkers.org)

## Presidents Corner:

By: *Les Derusha*

I would like to talk to you about the Guild and your participation in its operation and future direction.

We are currently suffering from our own success. The Guild's membership has grown from an average membership of 20 per meeting to 40-50.

We are also attracting younger members. In our current location, we can comfortably accommodate about 20 people who can clearly see and hear the proceedings, with 50 in attendance, not so much.

Moreover, with a younger membership we need more input from a planning perspective of the layout and content of our meetings.

We also have a pressing need for a replacement for our current Newsletter Editor.

In September, we will have the election of our board members. Its members should reflect the age range of our members and maybe should be expanded from the current seven.

Let us talk about these issues in our next few meetings.

*Happy Woodworking and see you when the snow leaves!*

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

## Randy Smith Requests Volunteers

Randy Smith, former East Kentwood High School (EKHS) Industrial Arts Department Head and Wood Shop Instructor, is asking volunteers to monitor students as they work on their robots in the EKHS Wood Shop while competing in a Regional Robotics Competition.

EKHS will be hosting 40 teams from across Michigan in a Regional Robotics Competition. This tournament will qualify teams for the State Tournament in Flint later this year.

During this tournament, the different teams may need to use the equipment in the EKHS Wood Shop to work on their robots as they go through this regional competition.

**Volunteers are needed to be in the EKHS Wood Shop on Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 AM until 5:00 PM and on Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, from 8:00 AM until 4:00 PM to ensure that students who use the equipment (drill press, band saw, etc.), do so properly and they clean up their work areas when finished.**

Randy will be there all day but not always in the wood shop.

**Any hours someone could commit to would be greatly appreciated.**

Breakfast and Lunch will be provided to the volunteers.

Contact **Randy Smith** at:  
[randy.smith@kentwoodps.org](mailto:randy.smith@kentwoodps.org)  
**616-885-6450.**

## Openings on Guild Board

The Guild Board will have one opening this spring (2019). Long time Guild Member, Past President and Treasurer and current Board Member, Garry Strout, is moving to Auxvasse, Missouri in the next 60 days. So his position on the Board needs to be filled NOW!

The position of Guild Newsletter Editor will also be open as of September 2019.

The Guild has grown, our membership is younger and the space we are meeting in at East Kentwood High School does not lend itself well to holding a meeting for 40 to 50 Guild members.

For the Guild to continue to grow and best serve its members, we need at least two of our current Guild members to step forward and take leadership positions on the Guild Board!

If you, or if you know someone you think might be interested in serving on the Board, please contact Les Derusha at:

**616-446-4008**

**Many Things Difficult To  
Design, Prove Easy  
To Create!**

## Help for the "New" Newsletter Editor

Tom McDonald, the retiring Guild Newsletter Editor, will be available to help the "New" Newsletter Editor regarding future editions of the Newsletter starting September 2019.

## We Would Like To See Your Shop!

It is impossible for 40+ Guild members to visit your shop at one time! However, no matter how big or small your woodworking shop may be, we would still like to see it!

Take some digital pictures of your shop using your C-phone or digital camera and bring them to a Guild meeting; we will tour your shop during 'Show and Tell' by projecting your pictures on our overhead screen.

Those same digital pictures should also be safely saved so you can retrieve them in case you experience storm damage, a fire or theft of your equipment and accessories. These pictures will help you prove what you lost to your insurance company.

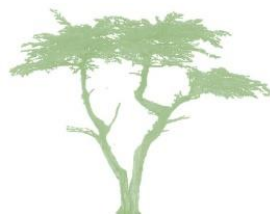
## Bad Weather Alerts

Guild meetings may be postponed due to weather conditions in coming months.

If Kentwood Public Schools CLOSE because of bad weather conditions, the Guild meeting for that date will be postponed.

We will try to contact you via E-mail and on our Facebook Page by 2:00 PM the day of the meeting if we have to postpone.

So watch your e-mail and check our Facebook Page, <https://www.facebook.com/groups/wmiwwguild> if you have questions, Call Tom McDonald at 616-706-8057.



**Nothing Great Was  
Ever Achieved  
Without Enthusiasm!**

**February 2019 Guild Meeting**

The February Guild meeting was another great example of Guild Members sharing their individual woodworking skills and knowledge with the other Members of the Guild.

During 'Show and Tell' Steve Babcock showed us a burial box he made for a friend's cat and a 'Dice Tower' he also made for his son, that shakes, rattles and rolls dice for a game his son plays. We also saw a beautiful red oak footstool made to help his wife to get in and out of bed.

Randy Molzer then presented an in-depth presentation on buying, restoring, sharpening and the use of wood planes

**The Next Guild Meeting**

Our next meeting is March 12<sup>th</sup>. **Be there, Bring a Friend!** There is a map to our meeting location on our website.

<https://www.westmichiganwoodworkers.org/> under the **'Meetings'** heading to help you find our meeting location.

The pictures in this issue leave something to be desired. The Newsletter Editor is still learning to use his new camera. I assure you, the pictures will be better next month. Sincerely, Tom McDonald



Guild member Steve Babcock described how he made a burial box for his neighbor's cat.



Steve Babcock talking about a 'Dice Tower' he build for his son. The Dice Tower that shakes rattles and rolls dice for a game his son plays.



A Beautiful Red Oak stepping stool to help his wife get in and out of bed.



40+ Woodworkers learned a great deal more about hand planes thanks to Randy Molzer's presentation on them.



(Right) Randy Molzer grabbing one of the many wood planes he was describing during his in-depth presentation on buying, restoring and using hand planes.

**The West Michigan Woodworkers Guild Needs Your Help!**

The Guild Has Grown! There are going to be openings on the Guild's Board of Directors this Spring and Fall! The Guild needs to acquire a low cost computer based software package that will allow us to track our members contact information, dues status and other contacts in the community in ONE software application. The position of Newsletter Editor will also need to be filled in September 2019. In addition, we have grown to the point where we need to consider a new meeting place. One that is cost effective (FREE), centrally located in Kent County (Grand Rapids), easy to get to, has ample parking (50+ parking spots), and can easily accommodate 75 to 100+ woodworkers!


If you can help us or refer us to someone who can help us with any of these issues, please contact Tom McDonald at 616-706-8057 or [Newsletter@westmichiganwoodworkers.org](mailto:Newsletter@westmichiganwoodworkers.org)

**\*2019 Meeting Agendas\***

- March 12, 2019** Table Saw Jigs  
By Gene Terlisner
- April 9, 2019** More Table Saw Jigs  
By Charlie Pinneo
- May 14, 2019** Table Saw X Spline Jig and Photography  
By Jim Jakosh and Steve Babcock
- June 11, 2019** Saw Mill, Timber Framing Demos & Picnic  
At John Pflug's Homestead in Alto, MI  
*(Rain Date June 18, 2019)*



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Sherwin-Williams will be having a sale at your local Sherwin-Williams store on Tuesday, March 19, 2019 through Friday, March 22, 2019 from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM. West Michigan Woodworkers Guild Members will receive special pricing beyond the sale pricing. Guild Members will be receiving a special e-mail with more information later in March.

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