

GUILD NEWS

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

“Holiday Pizza Party”

Please confirm your attendance with the Newsletter Editor at newsletter@westmichiganwoodworkers.org

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

- Welcome Guests and Returning Members
- Guild Business Discussion
- Holiday Pizza Party
- Member “Show & Tell”
Two-minute time limit per project.
- 15 Minute Break
- Raffle Drawings
- Open’ Discussion Time
- Router Overview

“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

In December 2018, anyone can join the Woodworkers Guild for 2019 for just \$20.00.

After January 1, 2019, Guild Dues will be \$25.00 for the entire 2019 meeting season.

Please make Checks Payable to:
 ‘Grand Rapids Woodworkers Guild.’

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

Routers & Accessories

By Dale Smith
 & Tom McDonald

Guild Member Dale Smith, who teaches woodworking at Woodcraft of Grand Rapids, and Guild Member, Tom McDonald, will present an overview on the different types and sizes of routers, router bits and router related accessories, and the safe use of a router.

Their presentation will be customized On-the-Spot to answer questions about routers based solely on the interests of those at the meeting. To do this, the presentation will be divided into three segments.

During the first segment, Tom McDonald will poll the members present on exactly what they really want to learn about routers or router related topics.

During the next 30+ minute segment, Dale will address the questions raised during the polling segment and address the buying and sizing of a router, router bits, router accessories, router safety and proper use of routers for different tasks.

During the last 15-minute segment, Dale and Tom will provide expanded answers to any additional questions that were raised during the first two segments of the demonstration.

President’s Corner

By Les Derusha

Do you sign your work? I have often heard, **"If it's good enough for you to take the time to make, then it's good enough to sign"**.

How should you sign it? It can be as simple as a pencil Signature and the Date. It can be on the bottom, the back, inside or any place that does not distract from the finished product. If you use a Sharpie, it would help to spray a light coat of lacquer on it to keep it from smearing.

If you have the skill, calligraphy can be a nice touch. It could also be something as simple as attaching your business card to the item. Other options could be a Rubber Stamp, a Wood burning Pen, or an Engraving Tool.

One option I have used for many years is an Electric Branding Iron. They can be found at the Rockler website, (<https://www.rockler.com/search/go?ts=custom&w=branding>).

They also handle non-electric (heat it with a Propane torch). In either case, it works best if you brand raw wood before finishing.

You can also purchase customized laser printed medallions or use a CNC machine to engrave a part. Remember, if it is not worth signing, it is not worth making.

Happy Woodworking!

The November 2018 Meeting!



Guild Member, Phil Miclea showed those attending the 11-13-18 Guild meeting how to use hand tools to create beautiful tight fitting Dovetail joints.

Phil spent over an hour teaching our members the Tricks and Short-cuts of making beautiful tight Dovetail joints. While doing so, he answered questions from those watching his presentation, describing the How and Why of each step.

Those watching Phil did not take their eyes off him for over an hour as he was showing them the **How-to** of making a Dovetail joint. His presentation was to the point and received with great appreciation by those watching.

Thank you Phil for an excellent presentation and learning experience.

Do not to miss our December Guild meeting! It is going to be a meeting on Routers and their accessories along with a **Holiday Pizza Party!**

A map to our meeting location is on our website under the heading of **'Meetings'** to help you get to our meetings.

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'Guild Meeting Main Presentation'

As you can see from the above pictures, Guild Members intensely watched Phil Miclea for over an hour as he showed them how to make Dovetail wood joints using only hand tools. Please note too, the diversity of our membership in the pictures, our Guild is made up of young men and women wanting to learn the Tricks-of- the-Trade, middle aged folks who may be just starting to get into woodworking or expanding their knowledge and we have the Old-Salts who been into woodworking for many years. The most important aspect of being a member of the WM Woodworkers Guild is that all the members are willing and happy to share and learn from one another.



'Show & Tell'

Pic. #1. Steve Babcock telling about the white rocking chair he made for his granddaughter Pic. #2. Rob LaFluer describing his Puzzle Box, how he made it and what you need to do to get it open. Pic. #3. Mark Nickerson describing his box made of cut-offs Pic. #4. Rob LaFluer talking about the new pocket hole router he just bought and wants to demonstrate at the December 11th meeting.



Mark Nickerson looking over 100s of past issues of Wood Magazine donated to the Guild and East Kentwood High School by Guild member, Phil Miclea.



Guild Treasurer, Case Vander Maas happily signing up new Guild members and taking orders for Carter Products from Members.

Group Buy from

Carter Products

Grand Rapids, MI, based, Carter Products, is offering the WM Guild Members an opportunity to be in a Group Purchase Plan.

Carter Products produces Band Saw related accessories, blade guides, band saw blades and Wood Lathe turning tools and accessories.

Here is the deal. You can buy any Carter product at a 15% discount plus MI Sales Tax!

The Guild Group Buy period has already begun. It **Ends** at the December 11th Guild meeting!

Case Vander Maas, Guild Treasurer, will be taking Carter orders from Guild Members at the December 11th meeting.

You can go to Carter's website www.carterproducts.com and pick out the items you want. Put those items on an order form at the 12-11-18 meeting and then give your order to Case Vander Maas along with a check Payable to the GR Woodworkers Guild or cash that includes 6% MI Sales Tax.

Your order will be taken to Carter Products and every effort will be made to get all ordered items to you by 12-22-18.

Bad Weather Alerts

We may postpone a meeting due to weather conditions in coming months.

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

So watch your e-mail and check our Facebook Page if you question if we will be meeting on our regular meeting days.

Money Making Opportunities

Randy Beute, owner of Cento-Anni in Holland, has money making opportunities available for WM Woodworkers Guild members.

Randy started his business turning pens, making cutting boards, and other basic wood items. **Well, Randy's business has grown!!!**

Randy is getting requests for these items at a rate faster than he can easily fill the orders, so he would like to share his success with Guild Members.

He would like to build relationships with Guild Members who would like to help him with his overflow business and make \$\$\$.

If you are interested, contact Randy at 616-566-1501 or e-mail at randy@centoanni.com or talk to him at our next Guild meeting on 12-11-18.

Randy would also like to host a WM Woodworkers Guild meeting at his business in Holland, MI, during the fall of 2019. Are you interested in seeing his shop? Let a Guild Board member know!

We Want To See Your Shop!

It is very hard for 40 to 50 Guild members to visit your shop at one time! However, if you take pictures of it with your c-phone or digital camera we can tour your shop at a regular meeting by projecting those electronic pictures on our overhead screen while you tell us about it.

Plus, those pictures can help you with insurance claims if you experience a fire or theft of your woodworking equipment.

Guild Contact & Newsletter Editor

Continued from November....

Last month the duties of the Guild's **Guild Contact** person were outlined. This month the duties of the Guild's **Newsletter Editor** are being presented.

The Guild's Newsletter Editor has much the same responsibilities of that of an Editor of a Community Newspaper. The Newsletter Editor wears many hats, Star Reporter, Guild Promotion & Publicity, Newsletter Creator & Editor, Distribution Manager of the Newsletter plus other Guild publications such as the Guild's brochures and business cards.

The Newsletter Editor is a Member of the Guild's Board of Directors who works with other Guild Board Members to promote and grow the Guild.

It is the Newsletter Editor who tells our members, future-members, past members, supporters, suppliers, other public organizations and woodworking groups throughout West Michigan and the State of Michigan about our Guild's activities and meetings.

The Newsletter Editor must be computer literate. The Editor needs to know how to use word processing, membership tracking and e-mailing software and have the time and a willingness to produce the Guild's Newsletters on a monthly basis plus send out other Guild announcements and information as needed.

The position of Guild Contact & Newsletter Editor will need to be filled at the September 2019 election of the Board Members.

2018 - 2019 Meeting Agendas

- December 11, 2018** "Holiday Celebration"
Routers, Router Tables & Accessories By Dale Smith
- January 8, 2019** Scraper Sharpening and Use By Devin Shay
- February 12, 2019** Hand Planes By Randy Molpas
- March 12, 2019** Table Saw Jigs
By Gene Terlisner and Charlie Pinneo
- April 9, 2019** Fractal Burning By Jim Jakosh
- May 14, 2019** Table Saw X Spline Jig and Photography
By Jim Jakosh and Steve Babcock
- June 11, 2019** Saw Mill & Timber Framing Demo & Picnic
At John Pflug's Homestead in Alto, MI
(Rain Date June 18, 2019)



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