

GUILD NEWS

Next Meeting!

Tuesday, June 11, 2019
5:00 PM to 9:00 PM
John & Debie Pflug's in Alto, MI

'West Michigan Woodworkers Guild Picnic'

5th Annual WM Woodworkers Guild Picnic

John and Debie Pflug have invited all WM Woodworkers, our Suppliers and Supporters, and their family members and their guests to their home at 6301 Pratt Lake Ave SE for the 5th Annual West Michigan Woodworkers Picnic.

Anyone involved with working with wood is welcome to join us from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM. **Setup for the picnic will begin at 5:00 PM, Picnic at 6:00 PM.**

The Pflug's will provide the burgers, hot dogs, soft drinks, the buns, and all the fixings.

Guests are encouraged to bring:

- A favorite side dish or desert to pass.
- Extra folding chairs
- Folding tables (To seat 60+)
(Tables to seat 4 or more)
- A couple of large coolers & Ice for soft drinks (**NO Alcohol**)

Demos, Events and Tours

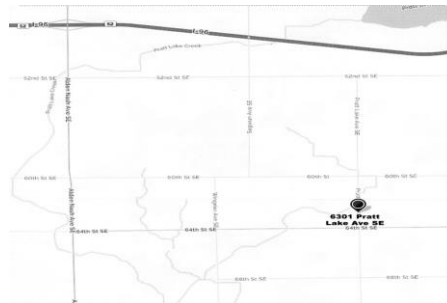
- Discount Purchase of Carter Products Band Saw & Lathe Accessories. (See Pg. 2)
- Tour of Pflug's newly built pony's stable, training arena and shelter for John's shop.
- Flat Sawing a LARGE Walnut log. **The wood will be sold to those in attendance.** (John Noble of Nobel Land Clearing is providing the log.)

Come one, come all and be prepared to have a good meal, a good time and to meet others who love working with wood!

(Rain Date June 18, 2019)

"Where Is 6301 Pratt Lake Ave.?"

Take I-96 east to the Lowell exit (Alden Nash Ave.). Turn right (south) go to 64th Street. Turn left (east), go 2 miles to Pratt Lake Ave. Turn left, (north), go ¼ mile, **do not cross the railroad tracks**. Look to the left (west) for the new house and large pole barn structure set far back from the road to the left, 500' before the railroad tracks. Take the new driveway through the open field pass the new house, to travel trailer area.



'Tool Swap & Sell'

To add fun to the WM Woodworkers Guild Picnic, we are also sponsoring a **'Tool Swap & Sell'** event at the picnic. Therefore, if you have tools you wish to sell or trade bring all of them to the picnic.

The actual **'Tool Swap-Sell'** event will be a 'First there, First Chance to Buy' Event!!

Guild Picnic R.S.V.P

R.S.V.P' Means: To respond to an invitation to indicate that one will be coming to the corresponding event'

The WM Woodworkers Guild is inviting over 300 people to our Annual Picnic. We know not all our invited guests will be able to join us at this event.

However, we do need to know you and others are planning on attending, so we can have enough food and refreshments on hand for everyone.

Call or e-mail us to let us know you plan on attending **AND** the number of people that will be in your party to the e-mail address or phone number shown at the bottom of this page.

Tool Auction Therapy Ponies

Debi and John Pflug operate a private charity to breed and raise 'Therapy Ponies' to provide pony riding experiences for disabled children. We will be holding a "Tool Auction" at the picnic to support their efforts. Any TOOL you would like to donate will be greatly appreciated.

Please e-mail or call John Pflug at johnpflug2@gmail.com OR (616)-581-6694 to tell John the number of people who will be attending the Picnic with you!

Group Buy from Carter Products at Picnic

At the June 11th Guild Picnic we will be offering attendees an opportunity to buy Band Saw and Wood Lathe tools and accessories from **Carter Products** at a 15% savings.

Here is the Deal

Carter Products, who manufactures Band Saw and Wood Lathe tools and accessories, is offering the attendees of the Guild's June 11th Picnic a 15% discount on all 'Carter Products!'

All items must be ordered at one time and paid by a single payment by the Guild

All you need to do is visit their website noted below to do your shopping. Find the products you would like to purchase, create a list with the name of the product, its model number and list price minus 15% +6% tax, for every tool or accessory you would like to buy. Bring your list to the picnic; see **Case Vander Maas**, Guild Treasurer, place, and pay for your order. **Only Checks or Cash will be accepted at the Picnic.**

Your order will be taken to Carter Products and made available to you without delay.

Just so, you know, Carter Band Saw Blades are 5-Star Rated by **Wood Magazine** and are available to Guild members at a 15% discount anytime.

Carter Band Saw blades can be ordered directly from Carter Products by phone at 888-622-7837 and paid for by credit card and shipped directly to you.

www.carterproducts.com

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

Guild Facebook Use

As a woodworker in the 21st Century, you need to know how to use a computer to navigate the Internet, and how to use it to grow your woodworking skills.

One way to do that is to visit our Guild's website!

www.westmichiganwoodworkers.org

There you will find websites of suppliers of woodworking equipment, supplies and other woodworking related websites under the '**Links**' heading.

If by now you don't know how to send and receive e-mails or how to navigate the Internet you are denying yourself access to valuable woodworking tips, and getting free project plans or having the ability to communicate with other woodworkers and suppliers

Go to the Guild's Facebook Page and Website regularly! They are **FREE** to use. They have valuable information just for **YOU!** Our Facebook Page is updated almost daily with new woodworking articles, tips, and project plans for **FREE!!**

The Guild's Facebook Page and Website, plus using other woodworking Internet sites, is the cheapest and fastest way to learn more about woodworking than any other seminar, retreat, or woodworking school.

Guild's Facebook Page
www.facebook.com/groups/wmiwwguild

WM Woodworkers Guild's Website
www.westmichiganwoodworkers.org

President's Corner

By: Les Derusha

Happenings effecting the WM Woodworkers during the month of May and beyond in 2019.

Ideal Park Christian Reformed Church (our new home) will be holding a craft show on Saturday November 2, 2019. Details to follow later. The cost to have a table space is yet to be determined, but I am sure it will be reasonable.

Michigan Guild Summit

On May 9th, representatives from eight Michigan Woodworking Guilds from across Michigan met in DeWitt, Michigan at a Summit. The Summit was sponsored by the Mid-Michigan Woodworkers Guild and chaired by Matt Rosendaul, President of the Mid-Michigan Woodworkers Guild.

Les Derusha, Jim Jakosh and Tom McDonald, represented the WM Woodworkers Guild.

The topics covered included the importance of well-written Guild By-Laws; Program presenters that were well received at the different Guilds, and the importance of good audio-visual equipment at Guild meetings, good meeting locations, and possible Guild public service projects.

There was a presentation by a Tax attorney about the benefits of being incorporated as a 501-C7 charitable organization.

We also discussed the use of different software packages help run a Guild. The Guild from Detroit volunteered to share a copy of their Microsoft ACCESS Database format with the WM Woodworkers Guild.

The meeting was very helpful and the attendees expressed a desire to have other such summits on in the future.

Guild President Les Derusha –Welcoming 45+ Guild Members to our first meeting at the Activity Center of the Ideal Park Christian Reformed Church. Our new meeting location has everything we could ask for as a meeting location, Barrier-Free access, plenty of chairs for everyone, tables for displays, easily accessible kitchen and rest rooms, storage for Guild presentation equipment and lots of room for more New Guild Members! What more could we ask for???



‘Show & Tell’



Doug Scott presented an upholstered walnut footstool he reproduced for his own use from a customer brought to him for repair.



Richard Kroll talked about his segmented Beer Mug he created WITHOUT the use of a wood Lathe!



Steve DeVires presented two items, a scissor-lift he built to help him install upper kitchen cabinets and a specialized router table to help him create the small parts he needs to build his detailed wooden models.



Guild Member, **Steve Babcock**, was the main presenter for the May Guild meeting. Steve is also professional photographer, as well as an excellent woodworker, who, per Steve, is always working on improving his woodworking skills. At our May meeting, he shared his knowledge as a professional photographer on how to create an infinity background for photos of projects and how to use a basic desk lamp with everyday LED light bulbs to help create better photographs of tabletop sized projects. He also talked about light filtering using different colors of photographic light filters and how shadowing can be used to enhance project photos. He also noted that a ‘Bright Sunny Day’ is not the best time to take pictures out of doors. Overcast days provide a much better setting because of reduced glare and unwanted shadows.



45+ Attendees waiting for Raffle results. Wayne Veneklasen and Tom McDonald conducting the raffle drawings for items donated by our members and supporter such as ¾"+ clear Maple cut-offs, misc. tools, and tree stump slabs.



Thank You to all the members and our supporters who provided items for the raffles at our Guild meetings.

“Tools of Every Type on Sale”

June 13th, 14th & 15th - 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM, 3255 Essex NE, Grand Rapids.

2019 Spring Meeting Agenda

June 11th – (Rain Date: June 18th)

Guild Picnic & Log Cutting Demonstration

- 'Swap - Sell' Event at the Picnic!
- 15% Discount Sale of Carter Products Inc,
- Tour of Debbie Pflug's New Therapy Pony Stables & Training Arena

"All Guild Members & Families & Guests Invited"

(A Dish to Pass' would also be a nice gesture to bring to the Picnic.)
Please **RSVP** John Pflug with the number in your party who will be attending the picnic. johnpflug2@gmail.com or (616)-581-6694

September 10, 2019

First Guild Meeting for the 2019-2020 Meeting Season!
320 56th Street SW, Wyoming, MI
Meeting Agenda to be announced in the September 2019 Newsletter.

October 8, 2019

Guild Officer Elections & More

In October, we elect our Guild Board Members. Please consider becoming a Member of the Guild Board for 2019-2020 meeting season!

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