

GUILD NEWS

Guild Meeting Agenda December 8, 2015

Welcome Guests;
 New & Returning Members
 Member's "Show and Tell" of
 Band saw/Scroll saw Boxes
 Refreshments, Pizza & Pop
 Contest voting
 50/50 Raffle
 Prizes for Box Contest
 Update on New Webpage &
 Facebook pages.
 By-Law Review and Approval
 Meijer Gardens requests:
 Tea sets - Wooden rakes.
 Meijer Gardens Family Day
 Toy Plans, Whittler Needed,
 Cabin Schedule
 Vendor Relationships Discussion
 Craft Supplies, Woodcraft
 Contact with other Guilds



Jim Jakosh turning demo

If you missed the Nov Guild meeting this is what you missed!

Seeing New and Retuning Guild
 Members
 Member's "Show and Tell"
 Turning Demo by Jim Jakosh
 Ladies Wooden Bracelets
 Pictorial Tour of Jim Jakosh's
 Work Shops
 Registration for Box Contest
 By-Law update
 Meijer Gardens Update - Vendor
 Relationships Discussion

Welcome New Guild Members

In recent months we have gained a number of new members in the Guild. They are most welcomed! New members are so important to the health of any organization. They bring to the Guild new ideas, new energies and new knowledge. Plus, a fresh desire to belong and be friends with all of us. Whether you are a new member or one of the founding members, we need you! To stay healthy and grow the Guild needs you to invite a friend, a neighbor, and/or family a member who likes woodworking to visit one of our meetings. It is then up to all of us in the Guild to welcome our visitors and show them the many benefits joining the Guild.

Bring a visitor to our next meeting, December 8th at 7:00 PM!!!!

Did You Bag A Buck?

If you were a successful Deer Hunter this year we would like you to know there are some of your fellow woodworkers who would like to have Deer antlers for their projects. If you don't plan to keep or use the antlers you acquired, please consider donating them to the Woodworkers Guild for use as possible prizes or raffle items. You will be reward in many ways, one – bragging rights - you bagged a Deer!, two – you will be helping a fellow woodworker with their antler based projects and three – you will receive a \$25.00 receipt for a tax deductible charitable contribution to The West Michigan Woodworkers Guild!

Next Meeting
 Tuesday Dec 8, 7:00 PM
 East Kentwood High School

Member Input to the Monthly Guild Newsletter

Input to the Woodworkers Guild Newsletter is open to everyone!! Members are more than welcomed to submit articles, make comments and suggestions, submit tips and ideas they think other members would like to know about. The Newsletter is YOUR Newsletter! It is how we communicate with one another, build friendships and stay informed about events.

The Newsletter is created on the first day of every month. To have an article or tip appear in the Newsletter it has to be in by the last day of the month. To get something the January Newsletter it has to be sent to the Newsletter Editor on or before December 31, 2015.

The Newsletter Editor can be contacted at the following address:

Greg Quist, Editor
 West Michigan Woodworker Guild
 Newsletter
 1856 Keyhill SE
 Grand Rapids, MI 49512
Newsletters@WestMichiganWoodworkers.org



Jim Making chips fly

Support the Local Retailers and Suppliers who support the Guild.

Request for Assistance From Meijer Gardens

The Guild has been asked by the folks at the Tranquility Zone of the Japanese Environment for Families at Meijer Gardens if we would help them with a problem they are having.

They are using 12" wide wooden rakes to show young children what is like to rake the small stones used as ground cover in a Zen Garden. The problem they are having is that the tines of the rakes keep breaking!

They are asking if one or more of our members could provide replacement wooden tines or a complete wooden rakes with tines that will be sturdier or better yet, would not break.

If sounds like a project that you would like explore please contact Tom McDonald 616-706-8057 or trmcdonald999@yahoo.com

Thank You!



Watching Demo

Mentors Needed

The East Kentwood High School Wood Shop is looking for members of the Guild who would be willing to be a Mentor. The Mentor would work with High School Students in the Wood Shop Class for two late morning hours during the school day. Mentors would advise students on how to safely use power and hand tools, help them improve their woodworking skills.

Interested Guild members, please contact Randy Smith at East Kentwood High school at 616-885-6450 or e-mail at randy.smith@kentwoodps.org

Dues

January is only days away. Per the recently revised By-Laws, the \$25.00 2016 Guild membership dues are due from ALL Guild members by the end of January 2016.

FYI, the Guild is in a transition period right now because we revised the By-Laws. In the past we were known legally as 'The Grand Rapids Woodworkers Guild,' with the By-Law revisions we are going to be doing business as a non-profit organization under the new name of 'The West Michigan Woodworkers Guild' as of sometime in January 2016. Because of our pending name change we need Guild members to make their checks for dues payable to 'The Grand Rapids or The West Michigan Woodworkers Guild'. If this is confusing, pay cash at either the December 2015 or January 2016 meeting and we will give you a receipt for a 2016 tax membership to a non-profit organization. If you pay by check, your cancelled check will be your receipt for a 2016 tax deductible Guild membership.

'Snow Birds' who will be out of town through January 2016 and any others who wish, can elect to mail their checks for their 2016 dues to the Guild Treasurer at the following address:

Greg Quist, Guild Treasurer
West Michigan Woodworker Guild
1856 Keyhill SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49546

Thank you for your
membership!



Help with a Display System is Needed!!

Were you able to easily view the demonstration at the last Guild meeting? If not, you were not alone! While we have a projector that will interface with a computer and/or a digital camera this approach is quickly becoming outdated. Right now we are using a member's digital camera, which was not really meant to be used for capturing presentations and an old borrowed movie screen. Plus, proper lighting to capture the presentation and then see it projected onto the old movie screen nearby is another problem. The Guild needs your help! We need to obtain a new digital camera and display system for Demonstrations at our meetings. Our problem with this desire is twofold, first, we don't know for sure what we really need or where to get it. We need someone to advise us on what we should get, from where and how much it will cost. Second, the Guild is pennywise and dollar tight!

Ideally, it would be nice to have a good digital camera that can zoom in tight to capture the smallest details of a demonstration and a boom system to position the camera over the demo. Then a display (large screen digital TV?) on a stand that will allow everyone to see the presentation in standard room lighting. Plus, we will need interface and power cables and a place to store this equipment when it is not in use.

Can/Will you help us with these problems? If so, please contact: President@WestMichiganWoodworkers.org Or call 616-706-8057

Discount on Dues.

If you pay at the next meeting we will knock off \$5.00. That's \$20.00 for the next year.

What is Next?

The New Year is just a few days away. The Guild Board and Membership have been busy from September through today. Now is the time to start thinking about fun things for the Guild to do in the New Year. While we have one event planned with Meijer Gardens in February we need to have more activities on our Agenda. We have a New Webpage and Facebook page in the works and they hopefully will be up and running in January 2016.

What about another Woodworking Contest? What kind of contest? Best Bird House? 2"X4"X8' to Something? Best Jewelry Box? Should we have Tool Sale/Swap Meet? Have half or full day seminars? Seminars on what? Will you do a Demonstration at a meeting? We need to schedule a Demo for the January 12, 2016 meeting. Who will do it?!

How can we improve the Guild meetings? How can we improve the Newsletter? How can we improve the Guild overall? The Guild Board needs input from Guild Members so we can support the member's Ideas. Please send your suggestion to us!!!

Send them to:

President@WestMichiganWoodworkers.org Or Call 616-706-8057

Can you make a wooden Tea set for a Child?

Meijer Gardens Children's Garden would like to obtain four wooden children tea-sets, ideally consisting of 4 cups, 4 saucers, a tea kettle, a creamer container and a sugar container.

The items in the Tea-sets would be of simple but rugged design made from wood that is tough enough to stand up to use by young children in a playroom setting. This a project that one or more Guild members could easily undertake using their lathes.

The Guild has pictures of the Tea-set pieces now being used that serve as examples of what is needed. There is a small stipend available to cover the cost of materials.

If this is a project you would enjoy doing please contact Tom McDonald at 616-706-8057 or trmcdonald999@yahoo.com.

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