

GUILD NEWS

Next Meeting
Tuesday Feb 9, 7:00 PM
East Kentwood High School

Agenda

February 9, 2016

Membership Meeting

Welcome & Learn about Guests,
New Members & Returning
Members.

**Pass Out "Information
Cards"**

Pass Out "Suggestion Cards"
"Show and Tell" Time.

**Introductory Wood Carving
Presentation**

By: Norm Merrow

10 Minute Break

50/50 Drawing & Raffle

Planning a tour of the MCTI
in the Spring of 2016.

- How many want to go?
- Day and time for a tour?
- Meal planning
- (Optional & Dutch Treat)?
- Transportation?
- Carpool Travel Costs?

Meijer Gardens Family Day

Final Toy Collection for Family Day
Old Business

New Business – Contest?

What you Missed!

If you didn't attend the January
Guild meeting this is what you
missed!

Learning about our Guests, New
Members & Returning Members.
Member "Show and Tell" Time.
All about Facebook & the Guild Page
A Mark Greenwood Presentation
50/50 Drawing & Gift Raffle
Pictorial Tour of a Member's Shop
Meijer Gardens Family Day
Fellowship with Woodworkers!

Bad Weather Meeting Alerts

It's Winter! Bad weather can
cause the West Michigan
Woodworkers Guild to postpone
or even cancel a meeting or activity.
Because we want our members,
guests and presenters to be safe
by avoiding problems on Michigan's
winter roads please note the
following:

If Kentwood Public Schools are
closed because of weather
conditions, any Guild activity
planned for East Kentwood High
School for that day WILL NOT
take place!

If one of our activities is cancelled
or postponed we post it on Face-
book and we will try to reach
members and others via e-mail.
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rescheduled date.

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Tom McDonald at 616-706-8057
or:

President@WestMichiganWoodworkers.org

Driving Blind

Can you drive a vehicle with your
eyes and ears covered so you could
not see or hear anything? Impossi-
ble you say! You're Right! You need
the input or feedback from at least
these two senses to just to go for-
ward.

The Officers of the Guild are 'Driv-
ing Blind' just you would be if you
covered your eyes and ears while
steering a vehicle. Like you, we
need input or feedback. Without it
we have no way of knowing what
you like or what you would change
or improve about the Guild if you
don't give us your input on how to
steer the Guild forward.

Your feedback gives the Board vi-
sion and input on how the Guild is
serving you or what you feel about
other woodworking related topics.
We need to receive your feedback
so the Board we foster growth for
our individual members and the
Guild as a whole. Without your input
we may not be able to support you
the way you want us to.

The Officers of the Guild encour-
ages you to please take the time to
talk to us at our meetings, call us or
send any of us an email so we know
what you like about our leadership
and/or how you would have us do
things differently to improve the
Guild.

Officer contact information is avail-
able on the last page of this News-
letter. Please use it so we can hear
from you. Thank you!

Newsletter@WestMichiganWoodworkers.org

**Free ad space for
Guild members**

Michigan Career & Technology Institute Cabinetmaking & Millwork Program

Michigan Career and Technological Institute (MCTI) is home to the Midwest Advanced Woodworking Technology Center. MCTI's program provides industrial woodworking training in Michigan and is considered one of the most technically advanced in the nation. The program was also the first site in Michigan certifying Woodworking National Skill Standards. The program was honored with the coveted "Educator of the Year" award in from the WMIA (Woodworking Machinery Industry Association). Michigan has one of the largest woodworking economies in the country. Over 6% of all manufacturing jobs in Michigan are woodworking-related. As technology has advanced, the demand for highly qualified workers is increasing in demand.

Workers with woodworking skills have abundant employment opportunities in west Michigan. The US Department of Labor projects excellent opportunities for highly skilled woodworkers, especially those with technical skills and CNC knowledge. Industry estimates show that seventy percent of the current workforce is over 50 years old and as these workers retire, the industry will need new highly skilled workers. The trade is gender neutral with an estimated 60% of the workforce being women. The vast majority of the females graduating from the program having excellent careers in the trade.

The program offers certificate options, and marketability. Cabinetmaking/Millwork students receive extensive training in CAD/CAM and CNC operation. Skills that are in higher demand every day!

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Woodworker fellowship

Opportunity to Tour Michigan Career & Technology Institute

Recently the Guild has had an opportunity to be in touch with Jim Wellever, ASE of the Michigan Career & Technology Institute located northeast of Plainwell, MI, as a result of this contact, Jim has extended an invitation to the WM Woodworkers Guild to tour the Institute this spring.

What would make this tour interesting to Guild members is that the MCTI has an Advanced Woodworking Technology Center with a Cabinetmaking/ Millwork Training program along with a fully equipped woodworking shop to support their training. We would get a complete tour of the shop, the equipment and overview of the program and how it can help our members.

We will need to discuss your interest in such a tour and the arrangements that will need to be made to travel to MCTI at our February Meeting.

Sounds like an interesting and fun tour!

Requests for Woodworking Assistance

The Guild has received requests from three individuals this past month for assistance with wooden items they have or need made.

One is for a small coffee/end-table. The second is for help making wooden legs a cartoon character in two dimensions. Third, a lady has a cherry wood Grandmother's clock case she would like someone to have for free!

Any woodworker interested finding out more about these projects please contact Tom McDonald at 6167068057 or trmcdonald999@yahoo.com

Thank you!

Visit our Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/wmiwwguild/>

ReStore

Have You Been There?

If you haven't been to a ReStore Outlet perhaps you should stop by sometime.

What is a ReStore Outlet? ReStore is a division of Habitat for Humanity (HFH) where HFH sells donated building and construction items from Companies, Retailers and Private Individuals.

At ReStore you can find just about anything used in building and remodeling, both new and used. They have unwanted retail store stock and items no longer needed. This includes all types of cabinets, paints, electrical & plumbing supplies, tools, nails, lumber, counter tops, work surfaces, carpeting, shelving, etc. You name it and you may find it at a ReStore Outlet at a great savings!

It is not a standard store. They may have what you want one day and not the next. Because they depend on donations they stock what they get, when they get it. You have buy what you want or need when you see it at ReStore. It is a 'First Come', 'First Serve,' type of store with no reordering. For these reasons you have to stop by regularly just to see if they have those special building supply items you have been looking!

Where is there a Restore Outlet?

See the below addresses:

ReStore South
5701 S. Division Ave., GR
616-531-4591

ReStore North
5920 Alpine Ave., Comstock, Park
616-647-9292

ReStore West
2460 Chicago Dr., Hudsonville
616-662-9175

www.restoregr.org



Pattie and Dale comparing notes

Toys!

Where Do You Buy Yours?

As Woodworkers we buy Tools, Lumber, Equipment and Supplies for our Woodworking. To our partners-in-life they may be 'Toys'!

Toys are Good! As Woodworkers we need them. What other woodworkers would like to know is, 'Where are the best deals and service on our woodworking Toys?'

To get answers to those two important questions, the West Michigan Woodworkers Guild is asking our readers, 'Where are the best deals and customer service?' Which Retailers and Suppliers of woodworking goods and services make you the Happiest? And, Why? Where are the best prices for quality hand and power tools and shop equipment, where is the best place to get hard and soft dimensional and rough sawed lumber? Who has large bowl blanks? Who does kiln drying? Where is the best Sawmill? Who offers the best prices, selection and delivery of high quality or low cost cabinet hardware? Where is the best place to get Baltic Birch and cabinet grade plywood for the average woodworker?

Lots of questions. We need lots of answers that can only come from woodworkers! Otherwise, as a community of woodworkers we will have no choice but to go our separate ways, perhaps not finding what we want and need, paying more than we need too!

The West Michigan Woodworkers Guild will publish the feedback we get from the questions above in our upcoming Newsletters. That way Buyers know what a good deal is when they see one and Sellers know what Buyers think is a fair market price for their goods and services.

Please send your responses and comments to:

Newsletter@WestMichiganWoodworkers.org

West Michigan Woodworkers Guild Facebook Page

If you haven't checked out the West Michigan Woodworkers Guild Facebook page yet, you really should. It is loaded with interesting articles and woodworking tips. There are new postings to the page almost every day! Everything posted there is pertaining to some aspect of woodworking.

West Michigan Woodworking Guild members can also join the Guild Facebook Group for FREE! Doing so allows you to post pictures of your projects, sell you projects, and advertise 'For Sale' equipment and other woodworking items or the desire to find or buy tools and/or supplies. You can request advice or give woodworking advice from fellow woodworkers about projects, equipment or other woodworking issues. If you are in to woodworking you really do need to visit the Guild Facebook page OFTEN

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- [WM Woodworkers Guild Website](#)
- [WM Woodworkers Guild Facebook Site](#)
- [GR Wood Turners Guild Website](#)
- [GR Wood Turners Guild Facebook Site](#)

Woodworking Information Sites

- [You Tube.com](#)
- [Lumber Jocks](#)

Woodworking Magazines

- [Fine Woodworking](#)
- [Woodsmith](#)
- [Wood Magazine](#)
- [Popular Woodworking](#)
- [American Woodworker](#)

Woodworking on TV

- [American Woodshop, with Scott Phillips](#)
- [The Woodwright's Shop, with Roy Underhill](#)
- [Woodsmith Shop](#)
- [New Yankee Workshop, with Norm Abram](#)
- [Woodworks, with David Marks](#)

Woodworking Classes

- [Woodcraft](#) (Grand Rapids)
- [Johnson's Workbench](#) (Charlotte)
- [Marc Adams School of Woodworking](#) (Indiana)

Online Forums

- [Sawmill Creek](#)
- [Router Forums](#)
- [Wood Turning Forum](#)

Other Michigan Woodworking Guilds and Clubs

- [Southeast Michigan Woodworkers Club](#)
(Ann Arbor)
- [Berrien County Woodworker's Guild](#)
(Benton Harbor)
- [Woodworkers Guild of Southwest Michigan](#)
- [West Michigan Wood Turners](#)
(Kalamazoo) (Facebook)
- [Mid-Michigan Woodworkers Guild](#) (Lansing)
- [Midland Woodworkers Association](#) (Midland)
- [Michigan Woodworkers Guild](#) (Royal Oak)
- [Northwestern Michigan Woodturners](#)
(Traverse City)

**PC Users, use "Ctrl + Left Click"
to go directly to the Sites Listed Above**

There are hundreds of Internet and Facebook sites for every type of woodworker. Every major supplier of woodworking tools, supplies, magazines, shows, seminars, schools or equipment has a website and/or a Facebook page plus social media addresses. Use your favorite Internet search engine to find all the sites of interest you will ever need. If you find or know of a site that should be in the above listing, please e-mail us that at:

Newsletter@WestMichiganWoodworkers.org

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Introduction to Wood Carving

"Introduction to Wood Craving" will be the presentation at the February 9th Guild meeting at 7:00 PM at the East Kentwood High School Wood Shop Classroom. See 'Contact' on our website for a map to our meeting place.

The Presenter will be Norm Merrow of the Pinery Park Wood Carvers of Wyoming, MI

He will be discussing basic wood carving, where to buy tools, quality tools Vs. cheaper ones, how to sharpen carving tools, simple carvings to enhance woodworking projects, easy wood to carve and how to start a carving plus much more.

<http://www.westmichiganwoodworkers.org/>

Weekend With Wood

Wood Magazine is holding their annual 'Weekend With Wood' Educational Event from May 19th through May 22nd in Des Moines, Iowa. For more information go to: www.Weekendwithwood.com

Anyone interested in drive-sharing to this event please contact: Tom McDonald at Trmcdonald999@yahoo.com or 616-706-8057. Please do so ASAP!

Please Return Woodworking Books

At the October and November Guild meetings a number of Woodworking books belonging to Tom McDonald were placed on the work benches for loan to Guild members. The books each had Tom's business card taped to it. If you are through using the book(s), please return them at the January 12th meeting of the Guild.



Rough Sawn Lumber Sale

"For Sale" Rough Sawn Cherry and Maple Lumber in Hesperia, MI. See our Facebook page at:

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Pictures from the West Michigan Woodworkers Guild January 19, 2016 meeting

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