

GUILD NEWS

What You Missed!

If you didn't attend the Guild February Meeting this is what you missed:
Meeting Guests, New Members & Returning Members.
Guild Member "Show and Tell" Time.
A Great Video and Demonstration covering the Introduction to Wood Carving By: **Norm Merrow** of the **Pinery Park Wood Carvers** from Wyoming, MI.
A 50/50 Drawing and a Raffle of Six different Shop Goodies.
Update on Meijer Gardens Family Day.
Final Toy Collection for Family Day.
A discussion of topics and meeting formats for future Guild meetings.
The fellowship of other Woodworkers and an opportunity to provide your input on future Guild activities.

Plus, you were missed by the other Guild members!



Norm Merrow receives a Certificate of Appreciation and a Woodcraft Gift Card for his presentation to the Guild.

Agenda

March 8, 2016
Membership Meeting

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

"Guild Member Show and Tell Time." 2X4 Contest

Presentation

Woodworking Career Training available at Michigan Career and Technical Institute

By: Jim Wellever, ASE of MCTI

Distribute 'Question' Cards

15 Minute Break

50/50 Drawing & Raffle

Review of Meijer Gardens Family Day

Pictorial Tour of a Member's Shop

Woodworking Tips Training

Old Business - ??

New Business – What is Next?

Feedback Appreciated More Needed

Thank you to those Guild members who filled out Suggestion Cards and the Tricks of the Trade Listing at our February meeting. This feedback is invaluable for planning Guild activities and the Guild's future course.

While much was learned from the feedback we received, there is still a desire to get more input from our members. Attached to this email in which this Newsletter was sent to you is also another copy PDF of the 'Tricks of the Trade' listing that was also sent out last month. Please take a few minutes, open it up, go over the listing, mark the areas that are of interest to you and then e-mail it back to: Newsletter@WestMichiganWoodworkers.org

Or, print it out, mark it up and bring it to the March 8th Guild meeting.

Thank you again for taking the time to share your thoughts and interests with the Guild Board of Directors



Winners of the Meeting Raffle look over their Winnings!

Vote!
Tuesday
March 8, 2016

For a Safer Shop!
Sweep the floor daily!

Training for a High Paying Career in Commercial Wood Working

Do you know a student or young adult who likes to work with their hands, build projects, has a high sense of pride in their mechanical and creative abilities? A young adult who is looking for training in a highly regarded and high paying 'Hands-On' Career? If so, bring or direct that person to the next West Michigan Woodworkers Guild meeting!!

The Guild's next meeting is on March 8th at 7:00 PM in the Wood Shop Classroom at East Kentwood High School. Jim Wellever, Dept. Head of the Michigan Career and Technical Institute (MCTI), is going to talk about MCTI's Cabinetmaking/Millwork Training Program, located east of Plainwell, MI. Right here in West Michigan!

MCTI is operated by the State of Michigan, it is not a 'for-profit' training center. The Cabinetmaking/Millwork program is in the Midwest Advanced Woodworking Technology Center at the MCTI, one of the most technically advanced woodworking training centers in all of the United States! Along with gender neutral 'Hands On' commercial woodworking training, the Institute also offers 12 other career certificate programs.

MCTI can also assist students with meeting High School Graduation and GED requirements, tuition fees, on-site lodging and job placement after they complete their career training program.

This is a MUST SEE presentation for anyone looking for training in a 'Hands On' career. To learn more about MCTI, go to this website at:

http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mdcd/mcti-catalog-08_257906_7.pdf

For directions to the Guild's meeting location see 'Meetings' at:

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

We are expecting a high turnout to this meeting, please call 616-706-8057 to confirm that you are planning on attending so we can accommodate everyone.

See you at West Michigan Woodworkers Guild meeting March 8th!

Facebook Page If you are not visiting it, You are losing out!

The West Michigan Woodworkers Guild's Facebook Page can be reached at least two different ways. One, CTRL + Left click on the following URL:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/wmiwwguild/>

Or, Two:CTRL + Left Click on the following URL:<http://www.westmichiganwoodworkers.org>

Then Left Click of the white 'F' in the blue box on the Right Center of the screen.

Using either of these URLs will get you to our Facebook Page. Where you will find more Woodworking Tips and news articles than you have ever dreamed of before.

Plus, if you are a member of the West Michigan Woodworkers Guild, ask to join our Facebook Group. Then you can ask questions of other Facebook Group members and get answers, post pictures of your projects, and/or buy and sell equipment and supplies.

Your membership to the Facebook Group will be approved within 24 hours if your Guild membership dues are paid up to date.

Special Thanks To Guild Members & Students

Family Day at Meijer Gardens would not have been successful without the support of the following Guild members and East Kentwood High School students.

Toy Builders: Garry Strout, Wayne Veneklasen, Greg Quist, Dale Smith, Jim Jakosh, Jon Niguel, Sweta Sing, Christian, Turnbull and Christian Rehkopf.

Log Cabin Staff: Wayne Veneklasen, Garry Strout, Sharon Hartman, Rob LaFleur, Dale Smith and Greg Quist.

A Special Thank You goes out to all these fine people for making Family Day a fun filled day for the children who received toys made by Guild members and the children's adult family members who took time to bring them to the Log Cabin in Lena Meijer Children's Garden at Meijer Gardens for a family outing on a warm winter day.

Thank You Everyone!

Success at Meijer Gardens Family Day!

What a Day! It was 50 degrees and Sunny. A Great Day for a Family Outing in the middle of a Michigan winter! Hundreds of families with children had a Great Time.

The West Michigan Woodworkers Guild was represented by seven of its members in the Log Cabin in the Lena Meijer Children's Garden. The Guild gave away over 300 wooden toys typical of the 1880s to the children who visited us. We were overwhelmed by the turn out! We were scheduled to be there from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM but by 3:30 PM all the toys were gone!

The family members and their children along with Guild members all had a great time showing today's kids the toys children of the late 1800s had to play with and how they had fun with them. No one could ask for Greater Family Event!

Thank You Meijer Gardens!

Just Getting Started?

Are you new to woodworking or even having tools or a workshop? Want help getting started? Would you like a mentor?

Rome wasn't built in a day and neither is a Great Workshop! Ask any woodworker or anyone with a workshop and they will tell you it takes time and money to create a well-equipped and laid out workshop.

WOOD Magazine, March 2016 issue, page 42, has a great article on buying tools and creating a workshop on a Budget. It is a multi-part series based on a "paycheck to paycheck" plan. The first four paycheck installments are in the March issue. Paycheck installments five through 8 are in the May issue of Wood. The articles suggest tools to buy and when. What fixtures to build, the plans and costs to build them. For more info see:

<http://www.woodmagazine.com/ideashop6>

Or, buy the March and May Issue of Wood Magazine at a Newsstand in a local Home Center or store near you.

Need a local woodworker for a mentor? The West Michigan Woodworkers Guild can help you. As a member of the Guild, other members are more than willing to share ideas with you. They can help you find cost effective answers to your need for hand tools, materials, equipment and shop lay-out ideas.

Come to our March 8th Meeting and learn more. See 'Meetings' on our website at: <http://www.westmichiganwoodworkers.org/> for a map and meeting time for our March 8th meeting. See you there!

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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 March 8th meeting of the Guild.

Visit our web site under "Meetings" for a map to our meeting location at :

www.westmichiganwoodworkers.org