

GUILD NEWS

Agenda April 12, 2016

Membership Meeting

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

2"X4" Contestant "Show and Tell Time"

45 Minute Break Contest Judging Wood & Fire Extinguisher Sale

2"X4" Contestant Prize Awards

50/50 Drawing & Raffle
Decision on MCTI Tour
Decision on:

5-10 Mtg.- Round Tables?
Woodworking Tips Training
Old Business - ??

What is Next?



Guild Appreciation Certificate to Jim Wellever of MCTI

Do You Turn Pens?

If you are a "Pen Turner" here is an Internet Site you may want to visit.

<http://www.exoticblanks.com/How-To-Videos.html>

At this Internet Site they have some very good on-line tutorials on turning all type of pens. There are over 50 tutorials to choose from, View, Learn, Turn and have Fun!

Who Wants to Visit MCTI East of Plainwell, MI?

The West Michigan Woodworkers Guild has been invited to tour the Michigan Career and Technical Institute on Tuesday, May 10, 2016.

At the Guild meeting scheduled for April 12th, as a group, we will have to decide if we wish to tour MCTI in place of our regular meeting scheduled for the same date or set another date. If we elect to travel to MCTI we will also have to decide on a departure date, time, carpooling and dinner arrangements (Dutch Treat).

"Treat" For Guild Members

WM Woodworker Guild members are in for a real 'Treat' seeing the projects that are really Creative at the April 12th Guild meeting! Members will be treated to seeing how Ingenious, Innovative, Artful and Craftsman like their fellow woodworkers are.

During the past 60+ days the Contestants strived to make an entry for the Contest from just 'ONE' randomly selected 2"X4"X8" Construction Grade piece of lumber that will earn them the Grand Prize of the Contest. It will be a 'Treat' to see what these Woodworkers have created!

Judging of the entries will be done by Guild members present at the April 12th Guild meeting and prizes will be awarded. Not only will there be a Grand Prize of \$50 but a 2nd Prize of \$30 and a 3rd Prize of \$20. Please plan on being at the meeting, it will be a FUN event for all!

Next Meeting

Tuesday April 12, 7:00 PM
East Kentwood High School

"Fire Extinguisher" Sale!

Do you have a Fire Extinguisher in you shop? If not, you should, just in case a "FIRE" happens!

The West Michigan Woodworkers Guild is now offering USA made, 5 and 10 pound A/B/C Fire Extinguishers. The A/B/C rating means they can be used on wood/paper, chemical or electrical fires.

This sale "is not" limited to Guild members. Anyone reading this article can order an extinguisher by contacting a Guild Member to place an order.

The 5 # unit is \$55, the 10 # unit is \$80. These are **not cheapie units**, they are commercial grade, US made, Fire Extinguishers by AMEREX of Birmingham, AL. <http://amerex-fire.com> No plastic parts, all metal and rubber fittings and hangers. They meet the Insurance Requirements for both Homes and Businesses.

The Fire Extinguishers will be on display and can be ordered at the April 12th meeting. A \$20 cash deposit is required for each extinguisher ordered.

Extinguishers will be delivered at the May 10th meeting.

A reliable Fire Extinguisher is a **"Must Have" piece of Safety Equipment**. If you have questions regarding these Excellent Extinguishers you can call Tom McDonald at 616-706-8057

Come One – Come All!

Exotic Wood Sale!

The West Michigan Woodworkers Guild has acquired the extensive wood inventory of a very active woodworker/wood turner who recently passed. This woodworker's wood inventory contained a large number of exotic and native species in shorts (varying thicknesses & lengths & some flat stock), bowl blanks and pen blanks. All pieces are in excellent condition and are being offered to you for far less than retail. In fact, a large number of the pieces still have their retail price tags on them so you can see what you are saving by coming to this sale!

Need some veneer? We have veneer sheets 'For Sale' too! We have 100s of sheets of veneer in a number of different species, in different lengths and in different widths. This is great stuff. It comes from a local World Class Furniture Manufacturer. All at prices that can't be beat!

The sale will be held during our regular Guild Meeting at the East Kentwood High School wood shop classroom on April 12th at 7:00 PM. **The sale is open to anyone who does crafting, carving, woodworking and/or wood turning. Bring 'CASH,' no checks or credit cards excepted.** For directions and a map on how to get to our meeting and sale location, visit our website under the heading of "Meetings" at: <http://www.westmichiganwoodworkers.org/> **See you at the Sale!**

Samples of what is For Sale



Hand Tool Swap Meet and Sale Too!

*There will be an area for Guild Members **AND** Guests to Swap and/or Sell Hand Tools!*

Woodworking Guild Members can Swap and/or Sell Hand and Power Hand Tools for FREE! Guests can do the same for a small one-time upfront fee of \$10.00.

So if you have tools you no longer need and looking to sell them or exchange them for what you do need bring them to this Swap Meet and Sale!

New Corporate Sponsor For WM Woodworkers Guild

In March Craft Supplies USA of Provo, UT joined with Woodcraft of Grand Rapids in supporting the efforts and activities of the West Michigan Woodworkers Guild to help us 'Go & Grow!'

Craft Supplies (CS) will be providing the Guild with Gift Certificates for use by the Guild to encourage new and current members to participate in Guild sponsored contests and events on a monthly basis. In addition, CS will be providing the Guild with copies of their 'Wood Turners Catalog' and other information of interest to wood workers and turners. Plus, their support offers ways for the Guild to use Group Purchases with discounts and free shipping.

CS offers a full line of woodworking and wood turning tools and equipment plus free tutorials on different woodworking skills which can be seen in their catalog or online at <http://www.woodturnerscatalog.com>

As a member of the WM Woodworkers Guild, if you have a favorite Local Retailer and/or Supplier who could support the Guild activities, Please forward their name to: President@westmichiganwoodworkers.org



March Meeting Attendance.

Dilemma

The West Michigan Woodworkers Guild is faced with a **Dilemma**. We all want 'Live' 'How-To' demonstrations of woodworking skills at our meetings! However, this is where our **Dilemma** starts to come into play.

The lighting, seating and viewing arrangements available to us at EKHS, when someone does a live presentation only a few members can see! Those who cannot clearly see what is being presented then start to have their own meetings in the back of the room. This disrupts the on-going presentation and the meeting overall, resulting in everyone being dissatisfied with the Guild meeting. **Not Good!**

An answer to this **Dilemma** is to capture demos with a 'Video streaming camera' and then project it onto a video screen or a digital display so everyone can see the demonstration.

Here is the **Dilemma**! Neither the Guild nor EKHS, has a 'live video streaming camera system' OR a digital display available! Plus, with our current projector, we need to darken the room to see what is being projected onto a screen! This creates another **Dilemma**!

Darkening the room makes it difficult and dangerous, for the presenter to safely see what they are doing.

The **Dilemma** doesn't stop there. If the Guild was to somehow to acquire this presentation system, EKHS cannot provide us with a storage area to keep the new equipment out of "Harm's Way!"

If the Guild had the equipment, it would mean that every time we wanted it, someone would have to pick it up, bring it to the meeting, unpack it, set it up, we used it, then safely repacked it, take it away to store it somewhere until we want to use it again. Would you like to be that Someone?

A Solution to a Dilemma

As stated in another article in this Newsletter, the WM Woodworkers Guild has a **Dilemma** with respect of how to best present and view 'Live' 'How-To' presentations at our meetings. Here is a possible way we can lessen that **Dilemma**.

While what is being suggested it will never replace the benefit of 'Live' 'How-To' demonstrations or satisfy everyone's desire for live presentations, it does provide a way to provide excellent training on many of the woodworking topics all of us would like to know more about.

Based on recent surveys of the members, there are over 60+ areas of woodworking we would like to know more about. While we will never be able to address all 60+ areas of interest in one meeting season, we can surely address the areas of highest interest.

How is this possible? We can use Videos! We can use technology that is available to us today and already paid for. The Guild has available over 175 professionally created training video classes on how to improve our woodworking skills plus there are 100s more available on the Internet. Using videos will allow us to use to our best advantage the facilities and equipment we now have available without incurring any addition expenses.

While this is not the ideal answer to our desire for 'Live' 'How-To' woodworking training, it does however offer a viable 'no additional cost' solution to the **Dilemma** we are trying to address regarding the viewing of training presentations at our meetings.

In the coming months, we can view some of the training videos the Guild has available to see if we like what they have to offer. We can then decide if videos are what we want to use until we can come up with a better solution to our presentation **Dilemma**.

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

www.westmichiganwoodworkers.org



Dale Smith showing his Handy Work during “Show & Tell”

Wood Worker Needed

I am looking for a custom wood worker to do some work in my new restaurant I am building in South Haven Michigan.

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