

WEST MICHIGAN WOODWORKERS GUILD

GUILD NEWS

May 10th, 2016 Meeting Agenda

Welcome & Learn about Guests, & Returning Members. EKHS Senior Awards Discussion on Art and Craft Show At Aquinas College 6-14-16 Mtg. **Picnic** Doug Scott Demo Biscuit Joinery 20 Minute Break, Deliver Fire Extinguishers 50/50 & Raffles Fire Extinguisher Training Video Decisions on Old Business - ?? New Business – What is Next?

Garage Sale “TOOLS”

Tools, More Tools, Hand Tools, Woodworking Hand Tools, 95+ % All American Made Tools plus other ‘Good Stuff.’

WHEN: Thursday thru Saturday May 19th ~ 21th, 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM.

WHERE: 3255 Essex NE, Grand Rapids. Take Coit Avenue NE to North Park Street NE (just north of I96 overpass), east 2 blocks on North Park St. to Essex NE, north to 3255 Essex NE, (2nd house on left).

Do not miss this Sale!

Biscuit Joiner Demonstration May 10th Meeting

Doug Scott will be showing Guild Members at the May 10th Guild meeting how to use a Biscuit Joiner to create a strong and sturdy box joins and how to use Biscuit joinery to reinforce picture frames corners.

Biscuit Joinery can be used in a number of ways. Using wood Biscuits is an inexpensive and quick way to join any type of panel glue up.

Biscuits will add strength and alignment whenever joining multiple boards to create table tops or other wide wood panels. They are an excellent way to reinforce drawer corners so they can withstand the rigors of everyday use. The use of Biscuit joinery is really only limited by your creativity and imagination.

Doug's presentation should prove to be very interesting and helpful to those Guild members who have not considered using Biscuit Joinery in their woodworking projects.

Next Meeting
Tuesday May 10, 7:00 PM
East Kentwood High School

Guild to Award EKHS Woodworking Seniors

The West Michigan Woodworkers Guild will be awarding two East Kentwood High School Seniors for their Woodworking Talent and Leadership in the Classroom on May 10th at our monthly meeting.

This year's recipients are Kayley Poleski and Mathias Curtin. Each student will receive a \$100 Gift Certificate from the Guild and Woodcraft of Grand Rapids so they may acquire woodworking tools and/or supplies of their choice to pursue their desire to do woodworking.

To receive this award a student woodworker must be recognized by their instructor, Randy Smith, who believes the quality of their completed woodworking projects are truly noteworthy and reflects the student's ability to conceive, build and finish a project. In addition, the student must also exhibit on a day to day basis leadership qualities in the woodworking workshop and classroom.

Boy You are Losing Out!!

If you are not visiting the West Michigan Woodworkers Guild's Facebook Page on a regular basis you are losing out on some Great Woodworking Tips, Project Ideas, Articles and more!

As a member of the Guild and a member of the Guild Facebook Group you post ads to sell your creations. Post ads to Buy, Sell or Trade tools, equipment, wood or supplies. You can request help or give it to another woodworker regarding their project or yours.

Go to and take a look at the Guild' Facebook Page NOW!
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/wmiwwguild/>

Congratulations! To The 'Winners' Of The 2"X4"X8' Contest

Gene Terlisner and Dale Smith were both awarded the \$50.00 'First Place' prize in the 2"X4"X8' Contest at the April 12th meeting of the WM Michigan Woodworkers Guild!

These two talented Woodworkers showed us how Creative and Skillful Woodworkers can take ONE 2"X4"X8' and turn it into something both beautiful and useful.

Gene's entry of Wooden Tulips with a Wooden Vase was just outstanding!



Not to be outdone, Dale took his 2"X4" and made a magazine rack that will be both nifty to use and great looking.

Because only 2 of the 4 members who entered the contest presented entries for judging, the Guild Members present elected to award each, a \$50.00 First Prize.

Job Well Done!



Woodworkers enjoying each others company

Red, White & Blue Craft Show

The West Michigan Woodworkers Guild will be participating in a Craft Show being presented by the Friends of Peninsular. The craft show will be on Saturday, June 25, 2016 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM in the John F. Donnelly Conference Center on the Aquinas College Campus. The Conference Center is located at 159 Woodward Lane SE, which runs north and south between East Fulton Street and Robinson Road SE, East of Plymouth Avenue SE, in Grand Rapids, MI.

ALL our Members are invited to display and sell wood items they have created at the show. To reserve space at the Guild display table please contact Tom McDonald at 616-706-8057 without delay. Space is limited at the Guild sponsored table!

If you are interested in reserving a display table for yourself please contact Frances Neville at 616-808-7499 or friends@peninsular.education for details. See their website at www.peninsular.education

'Attention All Woodworkers' Show-Off Your Woodworking Artistry and Skills!

A Craft Show is being presented by the Friends of Peninsular on Saturday, June 25, 2016 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM in the John F. Donnelly Conference Center on the Aquinas College Campus.

If you wish to reserve a table/booth to display and sell your woodworking creations contact Frances Neville at 616-808-7499 or friends@peninsular.education for details. You can visit their website at www.peninsular.education

"June Picnic"

There is a Picnic in the works for the Guild June meeting!

Again this year, Guild Board Member, John Pflug has invited everyone in the West Michigan Woodworkers Guild to join him and his family for a picnic at his building site southeast of Lowell.

If you were there last year you know how much good food and fun we had. If you missed it, you really did miss a fun time. Be sure to come this year for Good Food, Friendship and a Sawmill presentation.

This year's June Guild picnic meeting will be at 7:00 PM on June 14th, with a rain date of June 21st...

There will be more information about this outing sent to you via email and in the June Newsletter. BUT, in the meantime, mark your calendars for this super fun event and let us know you are planning on attending so there is plenty of 'goodies' to feed everyone!

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Busy Year For the Guild

The Guild meeting season from September 2015 thru June-2016 has been filled with changes and activities for the Guild. All of the following has taken place or will take place by the end of June 2016.

- Election of New Guild Officers & Board of Directors (9-8-15)
- Monthly Guild Membership Meetings & Guild Board Meetings Every 60 Days
- The Collection, Reorganization & Updating of all Guild Records, Accounts & Membership Data
- Revision & Updating of the Guild's out-of-date 1994 By-Laws
- Purchase of a New Guild Banner to Replace the one that was Lost
- Updating & Reprinting of 200 Copies of the Guild Brochure
- Recruitment of Corporate Sponsors for Guild Activities
- Revitalization of the Guild Newsletter & Expansion of Its Email Distribution to over 200 Woodworkers Statewide
- Updating & Expanding the Guild Website: <http://www.westmichiganwoodworkers.org/>
- Creation & Maintenance of a New Facebook Page for use by the Guild Membership & the Woodworking Public: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/wmiwwguild>
- Providing 'Show & Tell' Time for Guild Members to present their Creations at our monthly Meetings
- Having Live Demonstrations at our Meetings on Steam Bending of Wood, Project Finishing, Wood Turning, Joinery, Introduction to Wood Carving & other Topics of Interest to Woodworkers
- Establishment of a Program for Mentoring & Rewarding High School Woodworking Students & other Aspiring Woodworkers
- Participation in 'Family Day' at Meijer Gardens in February 2016 by Providing over 300 Free Wooden Toys of the 1880's to the Kids Touring Meijer Gardens
- Presentations on the availability of Commercial Woodworking Training & Career Opportunities by a State Funded Training Institute (MCTI)
- Welcoming New Guild Members & Returning Former Guild Members
- Introduction of 50/50 Drawings & Woodworking Tool Raffles to Guild Meetings
- Exotic Wood & Veneer & Tool Sales & Tool Swaps at Meetings
- Conducting Woodworking Contests for Guild Members in the Fall of 2015 & the Spring of 2016
- Passing on Inquiries by the General Public to Our Website for Guild Members to Create or Repair their Desired Projects
- Passing on Opportunities for Guild Members to Obtain Great Buys on Wood, Tools & Woodworking Equipment from Inquiries to the our Website by the General Public
- Participation in the Red, White & Blue Craft Show at Aquinas College on June 25th where Guild Members will Display & Sell their Woodworking Creations.
- A Guild Picnic in June to Celebrate the end of the 2015-2016 Guild Activity Schedule.

To say the least, the WM Michigan Woodworkers Guild has been busy from September of 2015. All this Activity was only Made Possible by the Tireless Efforts of Guild Members and the Board of Directors Plus the Generosity of our Corporate Sponsors!

Be our Guest at one of our meetings! See 'Meetings' on our Website Main Page for more information on when, where and how to get to our meetings.

Spring is Here!

Everyone has heard the phase. "Time for Spring House Cleaning!" But how many woodworkers have you ever heard say? "Time for Spring Shop Cleaning!" I bet however you have heard. "What is Good for Goose, is Good for the Gander!" If the latter is true, then both your house AND your wood shop should get a good cleaning this Spring!

Spring house cleaning is a good thing but cleaning and keeping your wood shop organized is always a wise project! A clean and organized shop is a safer shop! Doing woodworking safely is as important as doing quality woodworking.

Clutter in a workshop is one of the greatest barriers to efficient and safe woodworking. Floors and benches covered with sawdust, tools, half done projects, scraps or what have you, will cause you trip, fall, make mistakes and most likely be the root of all evil that can befall you and/or your special projects.

So, this Spring, take a couple of hours, clean off your work benches, put your tools back where you can find them next time, organize your work areas, get rid of the trash and clutter, sweep the shop floor, throw away some of your 'useless and priceless' 'cut-offs,' make your shop safe and easy for you to enjoy yourself when doing what you love to do, Woodworking! **Happy Spring Cleaning!**

“Master Woodworker”

Every serious Woodworker wants to improve their woodworking skills. The big question to these folks is, ‘How can I speed the process of becoming a Master Woodworker?’

Do I need to invest in more and better tools? Is it done by seeing live demonstrations? Can I do it by reading woodworking articles and watching on-line woodworking videos? Will joining a woodworking Guild help me become a better woodworker? Should I pay to go to woodworking seminars? **How can I become a Master Woodworker in the shortest amount of Time?**

All of the above areas questioned are important and each of the above can help you become a better Woodworker. However, in reality there only two things that will make you the best woodworker that you can become but neither can be bought. They are Desire and Time!

Without the desire to be the best woodworker that you can be, you will never reach your full potential of becoming a Master Woodworker.

Also important is “TIME.” Time with the tools you have in your hands working wood. Taking time to invest in trying new stuff. Time to practice woodworking skills. Time to make mistakes, then learning from those mistakes. Time to learn from others by attending Guild meetings and woodworking seminars. Time to read and view woodworking articles and videos. Most in importantly, time to work in your wood shop! **See you at the next Guild meeting!**

Hammer: Originally employed as a weapon of war, the hammer nowadays is used as a kind of divining rod to locate the expensive parts adjacent the object we are trying to hit.

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Figured Wood and Burls

Guild Board Member John Pflug, has recently been communicating with the owner of local land clearing and tree trimming service to secure a supply of Figured Wood and Wood Burl and Tree Limb Crotches that could be used to create some beautiful wood projects. John will be bring samples of what the local tree service has available to the May 10th Guild Meeting.

If you are a woodworker, wood turner and/or wood carver who is on the constant lookout for beautifully grained wood, you would be well serve to attend the May 10th West Michigan Woodworkers Guild meeting at 7 PM in the Wood Shop at East Kentwood High School. For directions to our meeting location see ‘Meetings’ on our web Page. <http://www.westmichiganwoodworkers.org/>



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