

GUILD NEWS

Next Meeting
Tuesday June 14, 6:00 PM
John Pflug's Place

Agenda June 14th Guild Meeting

**Picnic at John
Pflug's Saw Mill at
6301 Pratt Lake
Road, Alto, MI.
at 6:00 PM**
**See Page '2' for
more information,
directions to the
picnic Location.**

**Rain Date:
June 21, 2016**

Summer Begins, Guild Activities End' Until September 13, 2016

June marks the beginning of summer for so many of us. The Guild will close this meeting season with a Picnic on June 14th.

Our 2016-17 meeting season will begin on September 13th. So mark your calendars now so you don't miss our first meeting in September 2016.

Enjoy the coming summer months. Play and work safely. Make lots of woodworking projects you can 'Show-off' at a 'Show & Tell' session next fall!

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.

Turn into the parking lot (west) at 159 Woodward Lane, go to the first road on your right, turn right and go (north) to the next parking lot. The John F. Donnelly Conference is the first building west of the second parking lot.

Setup time is from 8:00 AM to 9:00 AM. The show is from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Teardown time is from 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM

ALL WM Woodworkers Guild Members are invited to display and sell items they have created at the craft show.

To reserve space on the Guild display table please contact Tom McDonald at 616-706-8057 without delay. Space is limited!

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

Newsletter Editor Needed!

For many years Guild Board Member, **Greg Quist**, has been the Guild's Newsletter Editor and Guild Photographer and has done an excellent job. In addition, during this last meeting season he also took on the responsibility of being the Guild's Treasurer.

Recently Greg has asked the Guild Board to please find another member to take over task of Newsletter Editor and Guild Photographer. He expressed that holding the three positions after all these years was just more than he wish to handle in the future.

Let it be known to all far and wide, Greg's contributions and support of the West Michigan Woodworkers Guild over the years has been and is unmeasurable!

We now must find another member willing to take on the responsibility of creating our monthly Newsletter. If you have experience creating a computer generated and electronically mailed Newsletter for any type of office or organization please consider becoming the Guild's new Newsletter Editor.

The creation and sending out of our Newsletter is one of the most important functions of the Guild.

Election to this Board level position will be at our September meeting. If you have any questions regarding this very important position within the Guild please contact Tom McDonald at: Trmcdonald999@yahoo.com or 616-706-8057

June 14th Meeting

The June 14th meeting will be a cookout of hamburgers, hotdogs, side dishes and refreshments at John Pflug's Band Saw location. **Note earlier time 6 PM**

As a Member or Guest please bring a side dish or desert to pass. You will also need to bring a folding chairs or two for yourself and others and if you have a folding table, bring that too!

Everyone reading this article is welcomed to attend our Picnic along with wives and/or friends BUT you do need to RSVP John at:

john.pflug@ge.com

OR Tom McDonald at:

Trmcdonald999@yahoo.com

So we have an accurate count as to will be attending.

John will be demonstrating his wood miser saw mill. He will be cutting up a walnut crouch log and others. Plus, he will have some maple slabs (+2" X 10') available by \$5.00 ticket raffle and walnut crouches and burls for sale on behalf of John Nobel Land Clearing Co.

John also suggests that you bring your own ear protection as the saw mill is noisy.

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Please No Alcohol!

Directions to John Pflug's

John Pflug's portable saw mill is at 6301 Pratt Lake Ave SE, Alto, MI

Take I-96 from GR east in the direction of Lansing, get off at the Lowell Exit.

Turn right, (south), onto Alden Nash. Go south to 64th street and turn left (east) onto 64th St.

Go east on 64th St. to Pratt Lake Road and turn left (north) onto Pratt Lake Road, drive almost to the railroad tracks. Just before the railroad tracks you will see a Woodworker Guild Picnic sign by a 2-track, turn left (west) onto the 2track. Follow the 2 track (west) through the field to where you can see the tent, travel trailer and Saw Mill, far back into the field.

There is no house on the property.

Guild Goals For the 2016-17 Meeting Season

As the 2015-16 meeting season draws to a close as group we need to begin thinking about upcoming new meeting season of 2016-17.

2015-16 meeting season was a period of reorganization, updating and revitalization of the Guild activities. As result, we regained former members plus gained brand new ones. In addition, we had some excellent meeting presentations and outside activities.

At the Board meeting held On 5-26-16 the Board proposed only two basic Goals for the 2016-17 meeting season.

Goal #1: GROW the Membership! To do this we need every member to encourage former members, our woodworking friends, neighbors and relatives to be our guests at our meetings with the hope they will like what they see and hear and decide to join and support the Guild.

Goal # 2: Increased our emphasis on high quality Woodworking Presentations at our monthly meetings! To achieve this Goal should be easy. All of us know something about woodworking that other members do not. All we need to do is be willing to openly share and demonstrate our skills at our meetings. Please contact John Pflug, our new Program Manager, at: john.pflug@ge.com with your ideas for a good meeting presentation.

Officer Elections September 13, 2016

All Board Members/Officers of the West Michigan Workers Guild serve at the pleasure of the membership. As a member in good standing of the Guild, you can place yourself or any other member in good standing in the running for any Board position you wish to.

Elections will be held as the first order of business at the Guild's September 13th meeting. Please consider placing yourself in consideration for being on the Guild Board of Directors. We welcome and encourage you to do so. We need your Leadership!

New Guild Program Manager

As of the Board meeting of 5-26-16 Board Member John Pflug has agreed to act as Meeting Program Manager for the Guild during the 2016-17 Meeting Season.

John already has program ideas for September, October and November of 2016.

September will be when we hold Officer Elections and have a presentation by Jim Jakosh on how to make lightning patterns on wood by using battery current and baking soda.

October John will show how to make mortise and Tenon joins used in timber framing and many other wood working projects. Tom McDonald will bring in his mortising drill and explain how to use it.

November we hold multiple round-table discussions on some of the most popular woodworking topics.

The 2016-17 meeting season is already shaping up to being a very interesting and informative meeting season. Be sure to mark your calendars with our meeting dates and times for the second Tuesday of every month now so you can plan on coming to every meeting!

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Duties of Board Members

President

- Represent the Guild Publicly.
- Chair all Guild Board & Membership Meetings.
- Act as a Member of all Sub-Committees.
- Sign All Guild legal Documents and Correspondence.
- Provide Leadership, Input & Decision Making at All Guild Board & Sub Committees Meetings.
- Assist other Board Members in fulfilling their Duties as necessary.

Vice President & Program Mgr.

- Stand in for the Guild President when the Guild President is not available.
- Establish & Chair a Guild Program Committee.
- Within the Structure of the Program Committee, Select Member for the Committee, Organize & Manage all Guild Meetings, Programs & Activities.
- Succeed the President.

Guild Treasurer

- Identify, Organize & Keep Secure All Guild Assets
- Receive & Distribute all Guild Funds as Directed and Approved by the Guild Board of Directors.
- Organize, Manage & Keep Secure All Guild Financial Records.
- Maintain Up-to-Date Guild Membership Dues Payment Records in Collaboration with Guild Secretary & Guild Newsletter Editor.

Guild Secretary & Librarian

- Record the Minutes of all Guild Meetings, Events & Activities.
- Organize, Manage & Keep Secure all Guild Records except to be those maintained by the Treasurer.
- Identify, Organize & Keep Track & Secure all the Guild's Library Materials.
- Maintain Guild Membership Records in Collaboration with Guild President, Treasurer and Newsletter Editor.

Guild Newsletter Editor

- Solicit and/or Create Articles and Advertisers for Monthly Guild Newsletter.
- Create & Distribute Guild Newsletter on or about the 1st of the month.
- Maintain & Expand Guild E-Mail Mailing Lists in Collaboration with the Guild President, Secretary and Treasurer.
- Act as Guild Photographer at Guild Meetings and Activities.

Guild Past President

- Provide the Guild Board with a Historical Perspective of All Past & Future Guild Activities.
- Provide Leadership, Input & Decision Making at All Guild Board, General and Sub-Committees Meetings.
- Assist All Other Guild Board Members with Their Assisted Duties as necessary.

All Board Members also have responsibility for the following:

- Promote Guild Growth and Represent the Guild Publicly.
- Provide Leadership, Input & Decision Making at Guild Board and General Meetings.

The above is a duty summary for Board Members is a general reference, some or all duties of the identified Board positions may be shared or assumed by other Board Members as appropriate due to openings on the Board or other circumstances.

New Guild Board Members Needed!

During the past meeting season the WM Woodworkers Guild Board has been working hard to update and enhance the activities of the Guild without two key Board positions being filled.

Next September it once again time to elect Board Members for the Guild for the 2016-2017 meeting Season. The two key Board positions that need to be filled are Vice President and Secretary.

The current Board would like to encourage all current members to consider filling one of these two key positions on the Guild Board.

To learn more about the responsibilities of being a Board member please see the "Duties of Board Members" article in this Newsletter or contact Tom McDonald at: trmcdonald999@yahoo.com or 616-706-8057.

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Mathias Curtin accepts EKHS Senior Award for Woodworking and Classroom Leadership For 2016 from West Michigan Woodworking Guild and Woodcraft of Grand Rapids at the May 10th meeting.



Kayley Poleski's Mother accepts EKHS Senior Award for Woodworking and Classroom Leadership on behalfe of Kayley for 2016 from West Michigan Woodworking Guild and Woodcraft of Grand Rapids at the May 10th Meeting



Doug Scott shows members proper use of Biscuit Joiner in woodworking at our May 10th meeting.

Wooden Tea Sets For Meijer Gardens Children's Garden

Meijer Gardens asked the West Michigan Woodworkers Guild some months ago if they could reproduce four children wooden tea sets for use in their Children's Garden. To date, the WM Woodworkers Guild, the Grand River Wood Turners Guild and the former members of Kiwanis Woodworkers Guild has been contacted but no one has come forth to explore this request.

If there is anyone willing to learn more about this request for these children's toys, and/or possibly be willing to make them please contact Tom McDonald at: trmcdonald999@yahoo.com or 616-706-8057

Old age is coming at a
really bad time

West Michigan Woodworkers Guild

Meets monthly on the second Tuesday of each month except July and August.

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Enjoy Summer, Play and Work
Safely . Enjoy Woodworking

