

GUILD NEWS

Next Meeting
 Tuesday, September 13, 2016
 East Kentwood High School

Meeting Agenda September 13, 2016

Welcome Guests, New and Returning Members
 "Show & Tell"
 Summer Projects
 Guild Business Meeting
 President's Report
 Treasurer's Report
 Election of 2016-17 Officers
 Member Questions & Comments
 15 Minute Break
 50/50 Drawing & Raffle
 Jim Jakosh's Presentation (Outside) (Weather Permitting)

Electrifying Demonstration

Jim Jakosh does it again! Jim is going to show us how to use a High Voltage Transformer and a Soda Chemical mixture to burn 'Lightning like Patterns' onto wood projects. The process is referred to as, 'Burning Lichtenburg Fractal Figures.' It should be really interesting to see this! The demonstration will be right after the Business meeting planned for the 9-13-16, 7:00 PM at EKHS.

Because the Lichtenburg process creates small flames and smoke, the presentation will be conducted outside in the area directly behind the Wood Shop of the East Kentwood High School to avoid setting off any alarms in EKHS!!

Fall 2016 Woodworking Contest

To date a Woodworking Contest has not been established for the 2016 fall meeting period. Would you like to have a Woodworking Contest this Fall? If so, please make some suggestions for such a Contest at the 9-13-16 meeting. Here is one suggestion for the contest project. "Puzzle Boxes." If you subscribe to 'Woodsmith' magazine, see Vol. 38 / No. 226, page 20 for an idea on what is and how to make a "Puzzle Box." Or, go to Woodsmith.com for more info. Let's start the contest in September and have the Judging at the November meeting! Prizes could \$50 for First, \$30 for Second, \$20 for Third. Let's decide on 9-13-16!

Newsletter Editor Needed!

For many years Guild Board Member, **Greg Quist**, has been the Guild's Newsletter Editor and Guild Photographer and in 2015, he became the Guild's Treasurer! Greg says all these positions are just too much to handle and has asked that please find another member to take over task of Newsletter Editor and Guild Photographer.

2016 ~2017 Planned Meeting Demonstrations

Our new Program Director and current Board of Directors Member, John Pflug, has already put some great Guild meeting presentations for the 2016.

September: - Jim Jakosh is going to demonstrate 'Burning Lichtenburg Fractal Figures in Woodworking Projects.'

October: - John Pflug will demonstrate use of hand chisels and saws to create a mortise and tenon joint used in timber framing or furniture making.

November: - 5 or 6 revolving round table discussions (15 minutes at each table) on woodworking topics members are most interested in learning more about. Round table talks will include DIY videos and discussions by members on how they do the woodworking task being covered.

December: - Woodshop First-Aid! What to do if you are hurt or become ill working in your shop. **Plus**, Holiday Party!

January 2017 to June 2017
 As Yet, presentations for these months are not set. Your input on topics you would like to have covered would be Greatly Appreciated! Please contact John Pflug with suggestions at: johnpflug2@gmail.com

Facebook!!

The West Michigan Woodworkers Guild has one of the best Facebook pages in Michigan and it's **FREE** to everyone to view! In addition, it is updated almost daily with new Woodworking tips, and articles woodworkers enjoy.

Yet, less than half of our members have joined our Facebook Group! **Why is that?**

As a member of the West Michigan Woodworkers Facebook Group, you can advertise to buy or sell your projects, tools, equipment, services and supplies. You can post articles you find interesting and think that others would enjoy. You can ask questions and get real help with your project problem.

All you need to do to join the Guild's Facebook Group is be a member in good standing, log on to Facebook, go to our page, request to join the Facebook Group and within a day, you will be approved to use Facebook in all the ways noted above.

Don't wait any longer, log onto Facebook, go to our page and join our Facebook Group! <https://www.facebook.com/groups/wmiwwguild>

50/50 & Raffles

At the August 23th Guild Board meeting the Board voted to continue both the 50/50 and the Raffle drawings.

However, it was also decided that the Guild Treasury would no longer fund the Raffle as it did for the 2015-16 meetings.

As a result, the members and sponsors of the Guild provide materials and prizes to be raffled to those members participating in the Raffles.

Donations for Raffles

Donations are being requested to provide prizes for the member Raffles being held at the monthly Guild meetings.

It would be Greatly Appreciated if members and/or Sponsors of the Guild would donate any type of woodworking related item or gift certificate as an item to be raffled off at one of our meetings.

These donations can be project materials such as hardwood longs and/or shorts, specialized plywood or exotic wood cutoffs, cabinet hardware, hand or power tools, woodworking equipment, books, CDs, supplies and/or a gift certificate.

If you have any of the above items that are no-longer being used or needed and you would just like one of our members to have a chance of making use these items please contact Wayne Veneklasen at one of our meetings or at wvenekla@att.net.

Garage Sale "TOOLS"

Tools, More Tools, Hand Tools

Woodworking Hand Tools,
95+% All American Made Tools
Plus other 'Good Stuff.'

WHEN:

Thursday thru Saturday
September 15th ~ 17th
8:30 AM to 6:00 PM.

WHERE:

3255 Essex NE
Grand Rapids.

Coit Avenue NE to North Park St. NE (pass I-96 overpass), Right, go 2 blocks on North Park St. to Essex NE, left to 3255 Essex NE, (2nd house).

Do not miss this Sale!

Guild Board Meetings

West Michigan Woodworkers Guild members are welcome to attend Guild Board Meetings.

The Guild Board meets about every 60 days or as needed in special circumstances. The actual date varies depending on the availability of the majority of Board Members. Usually we meet at the Kentwood Library in the City of Kentwood, at 5:00 PM to 7:45 PM. For more information, contact one of the Guild Board Members for the next time & date of the next Board Meeting.

Inquiries regarding Guild membership, treasury or operational issues or general comments or suggestions are always welcomed and can be made privately any time by members in good standing to any Guild Board Member.

Officer Elections September 13, 2016

Board Members/Officers of the Guild serve at the pleasure of the membership. Elections to those positions will be held at the September 13th meeting.

As members in good standing, you can place yourself or any other member in good standing in nomination to serve on the Board of Directors during the election.

At the meeting, a Ballot will be given to members in good standing present. Nominations will then be accepted from the floor or as a 'Write-in' in the spaces provided on the Ballot. Please review the Ballot included in this Newsletter. If you have questions or concerns please contact Tom McDonald at 616-706-8057.

Newsletter Editor's Duties

The creation and e-mailing of our Newsletter is one of the most important functions of the Guild. It gives us visibility Statewide and helps us draw former and potential members to the Guild!

The primary task of the Newsletter Editor is to collect articles and take pictures at Guild events for the Newsletter. The Editor then takes those articles and pictures and puts them in our Newsletter format using computer software. Once formatted, the editor e-mails the Newsletter to those on the Guild's e-mail lists during first three days of the month.

This process take about four to five hours to complete per month.

The Newsletter Editor needs a good working knowledge of MS-Word and the use of e-mail.

If you have any questions regarding being the Newsletter Editor please contact Tom McDonald at 616-706-8057 or at: trmcdonald999@yahoo.com

Project Pictures

This spring the Guild held a sale of exotic wood and veneers. It was a great sale!

Those who purchased those exotic wood pieces did so at unbelievable low prices.

One very special person made this sale possible. Her name is Debbie Grep. She made it possible for the Guild to sell those pieces of exotic wood because they came from the estate of a relative who had been burying and collecting this wonderful wood for years. Debbie sold it to us and made only one request. ***"Please***

send me pictures of the items that were made from this rare wood to help me remember the gifts the loved one who has passed has made possible!"

Months have now passed from the time of that sale and the buyers of this wonderful wood have now had time to make some beautiful items. ***To honor Debbie's request, please send me pictures of the projects you have made with this truly fine exotic wood so I can share them with Debbie.*** Thank you!

Trmcdonald999@yahoo.com

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 West Michigan 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 Thank You!

West Michigan Woodworkers Guild

We meet monthly on the second Tuesday of the month except July and August at the East Kentwood High School Wood Shop. Please see our webpage under 'Meetings' for a map to our meeting location. westmichiganwoodworkers.org

You will also find interesting woodworking articles and tips on our Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/wmiwwguild>

Board of Directors

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THE WOODTURNERS CATALOG

Woodturnerscatalog.com ~ 1-800-551-8876

1287 East 1120 South ~ Provo, Utah 84606

Board of Directors Ballot
West Michigan Woodworkers Guild
2016 ~ 2017 Meeting Season

<input type="checkbox"/>	President Tom McDonald
<input type="checkbox"/>	Write In _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Vice President Wayne Veneklasen
<input type="checkbox"/>	Write In _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Treasurer Greg Quist
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Secretary Jim Jakosh
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Newsletter Editor (Optional Non-voting Board Member)
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Directors at Large	
<input type="checkbox"/>	John Pflug - 2016-17 Program Director
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Vote Only For "8" Officers Total!

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 and official Documents and Correspondence.
- Assist other Board Members in fulfilling their Duties as necessary.

Vice President

- Stand in for the Guild President when the President is not available.

Guild Treasurer

- Organize & Keep Secure All Guild Assets and Financial Records
- Receive & Distribute all Guild Funds as Directed and Approved by the Guild Board of Directors.
- 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.
- Manage & Keep Secure all Guild Records except those maintained by the Treasurer.
- Identify, Organize & Secure all the Guild's Library Materials.
- Maintain Guild Membership Records in Collaboration with Guild Secretary, Treasure and President

Program Manager

- Establish & Chair a Guild Program Committee.
- Within the Structure of the Program Committee, Select Members for the Committee, Organize & Manage all Guild Programs & Activities.

Guild Newsletter Editor

(Optional Non-voting Board Member)

- Solicit and/or Optionally Create Articles 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 with a Historical Perspective of Guild Activities.
- Assist Guild Board Members with their 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, General and Sub-committees Meetings.

The duty summary for Board Members is a general reference. Duties of the Board positions can be shared or assumed by other Board Members as needed due to other circumstances.

“FYI”

Free Recycling of Computers & TVs

Just take your old electronics to one of the Kent County recycling facilities listed below and they will take care of it free of charge, now thru September.

Why recycle electronics?

Most electronics contain valuable materials such as copper, silver, gold and other components, all which can be recycled and should be kept out of landfills. Some electronics contain materials that are hazardous, such as lead and mercury.



Kent County electronics recycling locations:

- North Kent Recycling & Waste Center, 2908 Ten Mile Road, Rockford
Hours: Monday-Saturday, 7:30am-5:00pm
- Kent County Recycling & Education Center, 977 Wealthy SW, Grand Rapids
Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:00am-5:00pm
- South Kent Landfill, 10300 South Kent Drive, Byron Center
Hours: Monday-Friday, 7:30am-5:00pm; Saturday, 7:30am-3:30pm