

GUILD NEWS

Next Meeting
Tuesday, September 12, 2017
7:00 PM to 9:30 PM
East Kentwood High School

Guild Officer Elections September 12, 2017!

Meeting Agenda Tuesday, 9-12-2017

- Welcome Guests and Returning Members
- Membership Cards
- Member 'Show & Tell'
- Guild General Business
- Ideas for Future Meetings
- Guild Officer Elections
- 10 Minute Break - Raffles and 50/50 Ticket Purchase
- Announcement of Guild Officer Election Results
- Raffles and 50/50
- Raffle Ticket Drawings
- How to Create Dovetail Joints with a router and dovetailing Jig

Are You Into Craft Shows?

This is Craft Sale season. Many Churches, Schools and other Groups will be holding Craft Show from September into early December. As a Woodworker if you have items to sell or display now is the time to reserve booth space at one or more of the local Craft Shows.

If you know of a GOOD Craft show please share that information with the Guild Board Secretary – Jim Jakosh so the Guild can send out a list of GOOD Craft (Profitable) shows to all our members.

Officer Elections September 12, 2017

All Board Members/Officers of the WM Woodworkers 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 nomination for any position on the Board Directors.

Elections will be held at the Guild's September 12th meeting. A Ballot will be given to all members in good standing who are present at the meeting. In addition, officer nominations will be accepted from the floor and entered in the 'Write-in' spaces provided on the Ballot.

Members will then vote to re-elect those persons already listed or for those who were written-in for the positions noted. Please review the Ballot that is included with this Newsletter. If you have questions please contact Tom McDonald at 616-706-8057.

Dove Tailing with a Router and Dovetail Jig Demonstration

Guild Member, Dale Smith, will demonstrate how to quickly use a Router and a Basic Dove Tailing Jig to create for creating the one of the strongest corner joints for cabinet drawers and storage box corners.

The Guild Has Grown!

As of 4-7-16, we had **29** Guild members. As of 5-17-17, we have **52** Guild members!! Plus, every week we get more new inquiries about the Guild!

This growth is due to the Support of the Guild's Members and Leadership by the Guild's Board. So keep telling your woodworking friends about the Guild and how we can help them in their woodworking by inviting them to be our guests at our monthly Guild meetings!

In September, we elect our Board Members. Start thinking about becoming an Officer of Guild for 2017-2018!

New Board Officers mean fresh ideas! We need your new ideas and leadership to grow the Guild in the future.

Woodcraft Grand Rapids Bag Sale

The Woodcraft store in Grand Rapids is having a bag sale on Saturday September 9, 2017. They are giving 15% off any bag able items (with some exclusions).

Take this article with you when you go to Woodcraft to take advantage of their Bag Sale so Woodcraft knows you got the news of the sale from the Guild!

West Michigan Woodworkers Guild June 13, 2017 Picnic

At

John and Debi Pflug's 60 Acre Homestead in Alto, MI

Over 45 members, their family members and Guild Guests enjoyed a wonderful afternoon picnic at Pflug's Homestead. It was great opportunity to be acquainted with one another, enjoy the good food and fellowship. We were able visit John's and Debi's nearly completed new home and see examples of John's Timber Framing skills. All of us were also impressed seeing John's new LT40 band saw lumber mill in action cutting 5/4" slabs out of a 10' long by 14" wide Box Elder log that had an outstanding red graining the full length of the log.



John & Debi Pflug accepting a Certificate of Appreciation and \$150 Visa Card from the Guild for hosting the Guild Picnic.



John Pflug and all those at the picnic applauding Debi Pflug for all the work she did to make the picnic special and accepting the Visa card to buy something special for their new home.



Sharing Friendship, advice and some "Good O' Fashion 'BS'" was enjoyed by all at the picnic.

John Pflug has collected large number of logs of different species from John Noble Land Clearing Company and others. John has also acquired a wide assortment of heavy equipment, including a wheeled mobile crane! He uses this equipment to move, stack, store and load logs onto his LT40 Band Saw lumber mill. John's fun thing to do is 'Timber Framing.' He intends to build a number of Timber Framed out-buildings on his homestead. Those will include a stable and field shelters for the ponies his wife Debi intends to provide for therapeutic pony riding opportunities for disabled children. Of course, there will be a wood shop and maybe a Blacksmith shop and other timber-framed buildings John and Debi feel they need to serve their family, friends and the community.



Everyone enjoyed watching John load and then cut a 12' Box Elder log into 5/4" or thicker slabs, which John sold to anyone at the picnic for \$10 each. John also showed us framing timbers he has already created and stock piled to build a field shelter for the ponies Debi plans to have for therapeutic pony riding. Of course, where there is a sawmill, there are cut-offs! What a bon-fire or wood supply for a fireplace would the cut-offs make!

Our Guild picnic outing was filled with good food, watching the sawmill demonstration was very interesting to everyone at the picnic. Touring John and Debi Pflug's new home was a special treat. Their Homestead is on 60 acres of rolling Michigan farmland west of Alto just north of 64th Street, on Pratt Lake Road. The Homestead has a large spring feed pond, several acres of standing timber, a brand new beautiful modern ranch style home nearly ready to move in to. Look in the left center of the first picture for a view of their new home.

John has used his woodworking and timber framing skills throughout the new house. He milled and had lumber dried from the logs he has collected for all the clapboard siding on the outside of the house. He milled solid walnut stair treads and hand railings leading to the upstairs of the home and he has milled and had dried all the lumber needed for the hall floorboards. Plus, he created decorative timber frame trusses for the Great Room and for different locations outside the home.

In the pictures below, you can clearly see the artisanship and detail John has incorporated in his woodworking. The home John and Debi are completing will be beautiful inside and out, it also will have the most up to date electrical and plumbing systems available, it even has a raised shower area for giving their dog(s) a bath! The house has an advance geo-thermal heating and cooling system to make the home comfortable inside regardless of the weather. In addition, John is planning to install freestanding solar panels in the coming months to supplement the electrical needs of the homestead. All this, plus a three stall garage and a view that most people could only dream of having! Debi and John, on behalf of the West Michigan woodworkers Guild, may you always enjoy your new beautiful Homestead.



****2017 Fall Meeting Demonstrations ****

September 12, 2017

Dovetailing with a Router and a Router Jig, Guild Business Meeting, Guild Officer Elections & Raffles

October 10, 2017

CNC Router & Laser Burner Demonstration

November 14, 2017

Open – Suggestions Welcomed

December 12, 2017

Open – Suggestions Welcomed



THANK YOU!

Thank you to all the members who provided items for the raffles at our Guild meetings.

**Make our
meetings even
more fun!
*Bring a Friend!***



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Special thanks to Darin Tuttle and others for submitting their pictures of the activities at the Guild's June Picnic for this Newsletter!

Board of Directors Ballot

West Michigan Woodworkers Guild

2017 ~ 2018 Meeting Season

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Vote Only For "9" Officers Total!