

GUILD NEWS

Guild Meeting Agenda

April 10, 2018

7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

- Welcome Guests and Returning Members
- Member "Show & Tell"
- Guild Business Discussion
- 'Tool Time' Discussion
- '10' Minute Break
- Raffle Drawings
- Intarsia Demonstration

"Tool Time"

A Mortising Drill will be the featured tool during 'Tool Time' this month.

If you are a cabinet or furniture maker, this machine can save you **Hours** of time!

We will go over the 'Pros & Cons' of this unique piece of woodworking equipment at the April 10th Guild Meeting.

INTARSIA

Guild member Dale Smith will demonstrate the art form known as '**Intarsia**' at the April 10th Guild meeting.

Intarsia by definition as; 'a mosaic usually of wood fitted into a support; also: the art or process of making such a mosaic.'

Dale Smith will be demonstrating how to use a scroll saw to cut then sand and fit different species of wood with varying wood grain structures to create images of individuals, animals, plants, scenes, and background foliage.

Primary Goals of the West Michigan Woodworkers Guild

The WM Woodworkers Guild has two Primary Guiding Goals. They are '**Fellowship**' and '**Teaching**'.

'Fellowship'

Fellowship is defined as, "companionship, company : Community of interest, activity, feeling, or experience : A company of equals or friends: association

Friendly association, especially with people who share one's interests. "They valued fun and good fellowship as the cement of the community"

As a Guild, we promote fellowship by holding monthly meetings from September through June at the East Kentwood High School wood shop. At our meetings, we promote Fellowship by encouraging interaction and friendship among our members, guests, and presenters.

Our meeting start by welcoming 'Our returning members and our guests, we then ask our guests to tell the group a little about themselves, their woodworking pursues and how the Guild can help them in their woodworking.

At each meeting we give those present an opportunity to display and talk about their projects

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Tuesday, 7:00 PM
April 10, 2018
East Kentwood High School

during a meeting segment referred to as "Show & Tell."

During this time, members can show a project they have completed or are working on and talk about the highlights of the project. Anyone can ask questions regarding the project or ask questions relating to a project they may need help with that they may be working on.

To further foster Fellowship, about halfway through our meetings we take a 10 to 15 minute break so everyone can interact, become friends, ask questions of one another, and have fun. To make the meeting a little more exciting and fun, during our breaks we also offer raffle tickets for a door prizes of for anything from tools, wood, and/or gift certificates provided by our advertisers and supporters of the Guild.

Our meetings are about 2 ½ hours long. Starting at 7:00 PM and ending about 9:30PM.

In addition to our monthly meetings, the Guild also has a website: www.westmichiganwoodworkers.org and a Facebook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/wmiwwguild> that everyone is welcomed to visit and use the information presented there.

These are just a few of the ways the Guild tries to foster fellowship among its members, other woodworkers and the community at large.

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Teaching Woodworking Skills

The Guild fosters woodworking training during each of our meetings. We always try to have an 'In-depth' presentation on at least one woodworking topic or skill. A Guild member who is highly skilled in that particular area of woodworking presents each topic we cover. Alternatively, we may have a manufacturer's representative present to show us the best way to accomplish a woodworking related task, such as how to glue up wood panels.

Guild training presentations include anything from wood finishing to the use of a particular hand tool or piece of woodworking equipment, wood joinery, cabinet building, or even computerized drafting (*Sketchup*) and router use (CNC).

The list of topics we cover to foster woodworking training is endless. The topics we cover in our Guild meetings is guided by the desires of the general membership as to what they want to focus on at any one of our ten monthly meetings.

Woodworking training is not what it used to be in years gone by. Years ago, you learned 'Woodworking' by receiving 'one-on-one' training by a master woodworker. Today, to become knowledgeable in woodworking techniques and to gain a knowledge of the use of woodworking tools and project building, it is up to the individual who wishes to do woodworking and to learn the 'Tricks of the Trade' on your own.

Today, you need to attend Woodworking Guild meetings, find for yourself 'self-teaching' woodworking-training materials such as on-line videos, CD's, trade magazine articles or professional operated training schools and seminars.

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While doing the items previously noted, ultimately you need to go on your own into your wood shop and try to build a project using what you have learned from the training material you have reviewed and the Guild meetings you have attended.

You need to accept the fact you will have 'Trial and Error,' experiences! Plus, you need to give yourself time and have the patience to learn woodworking.

You also have to have the determination to 'Try and Try Again and Again' before you will be able to create the 'Grand' projects you wanted to build on 'Day One' of wanting to get involved into woodworking!

The WM Woodworkers Guild works hard to help you achieve your goal to become an excellent woodworker and to overcome the loss of one-on-one training. We do so by offering what could be referred to as a 'Demonstration' approach to woodworking training. At some meetings, we even provide 'hands-on' opportunities for members to create different hand-made tools used in woodworking.

In effect, WM Woodworkers Guild Meetings are a resource in helping you reach your original goal of creating beautiful woodworking projects.

To help you even more, we offer our members free 'Mentoring' with one or more of our Guild Members. This free one-on-one training is our way to help you become the woodworker you wanted to be when you began your quest to get involved in woodworking.



Creating A Fish Landing Net

If you missed seeing how to create a Fish-Landing Net at our March 13th meeting, you missed a great presentation of woodworking skill by Guild member Sam Lacina!

Sam demonstrated his skills by showing us how to bend multiple layers of 1 1/2" wide by 3/16th thick wood strips around a fishnet form block without using steam.

He then went to showed us how to use 2" X 12" to 14" slices of an automobile inter-tube to wrap/clamp the wood layers around the net form and use the extensions of the wood strips to create a handle using handle form block at the same time.

Sam kept our attention by telling the audience about his good experiences, his repeated failures, and his successes of learning how to make 100's of landing nets. Landing Nets that he made and sold for up to +\$600 ea. for over 20+ years!

To make the presentation even more interesting, he called upon Guild Board member John Pflug to put on coveralls and to become his assistant in the creation of a landing net. By doing so, he kept everyone's attention. By Sam and John working together, they created a fun filled atmosphere throughout the presentation.

Because Sam's presentation was so captivating, our Guild cameraman became so absorbed by what he was seeing he forgot to take any pictures! Unfortunately, as a result, we do not have any pictures to show you the highlights of what was a 'Great Presentation.' **Thank You Sam!**

Make coming to our meetings even more fun to attend!

Bring a Friend!

Survey Results

At the November 2017 Guild meeting, a survey was taken on the woodworking topics members wanted to learn more about. Here are the results.

Wood Finishing	13
Hand Tools	8
Power Tool Usage	7
Joinery	6
Sharpening	5
Mentorship Services	5
Saw Mills	4
Marquetry/Inlays	2

At our March 2018 Guild meeting another survey was taken during our 'Tool Time' meeting segment to learn what 'Tools' the Guild members were most interested in learning about. The survey results were:

Mortising Drill	4
Router Use/Pin Routers	3
Track Saws	1
Festool Domino Tool	1
Bosch Glide Miter Saw	1
Compound Miter Saws	1
Wood Scrapers	1
Spoke Shaves	1
Band Saw Tune Up	1
Hand Saws	1
Dremel Tool Use	1

To date the Guild has held a number of presentations on many of the requested woodworking topics and 'Tool Time' tools and we will have more in the future.

Because there are more topics and tools than we can cover in our ten month meeting season, the Guild Board has tried to help members to learn much more about woodworking topics and tools by posting articles on our Facebook Page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/wmiwwguild> and listing information sources on our website of:

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<http://www.westmichiganwoodworkers.org/> under the heading of 'Links'

If you have not taken advantage of these two sources of information, you really need to take a few minutes to explore each Internet location. You will find a wealth of woodworking knowledge at each.

FYI, all West Michigan Woodworkers Guild members can post ideas, experiences, suggestions, and items for sale or requests for items they wish to buy on the Guild Facebook Page for **FREE!**

All Guild members are also encouraged to submit **FREE** advertisements for equipment & tools for sale or desired and articles and/or ideas for articles to appear in the Guild's monthly Newsletter by simply sending your ads and ideas to:

newsletter@westmichiganwoodworkers.org

Buying Woodworking Tools and Equipment

In the March Newsletter, we said we would discuss how to equip a woodworking shop with tools and equipment. **So here we go!**

Last month we also showed you one of the most outstanding examples of an early 20th century tool chests.

The Henry Studley Tool Chest



The above image was acquired from Fine Wood Working Magazine <https://subscribe.finewoodworking.com>

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Keep in mind it took Henry Studley over 30 years to acquire this remarkable set of tools, while at the same time, he had to repeatedly modify his chest to hold them!

What was true a 100 years ago, is also true today. Most 'Mature Woodworkers' have taken years to build up and equip their shops. Many have upgraded their tools and equipment 3 or 4 times to get the tools and equipment they now have in their shops.

Most 'Newbies' cannot afford to buy all new, top quality tools or equipment! The demands of your career, the needs of your family plus the cost of all brand new tools makes it impossible to fully equip a woodworking shop on day one!

One of the most difficult challenges in buying tools and woodworking equipment is, 'Where do I find the tools that I can afford and that I can use to do good woodworking?'

The answer to this challenge is neither simple nor quick. First, the supporters of the Guild desire to be given due consideration when buying tools and equipment. However, so does your budget and your intent to use the tool you want.

Sometimes a low-cost tool is a good buy, sometimes not. It all depends on how often you intend to use the tool!

Sources of good inexpensive tools are garage sales, estate sales (Estate Sales.Net), or pawnshops. Tools from Dad's, Grandpa's workshop might also be available to you.

To know a good tool when you see it takes a knowledge of tools. To acquire that knowledge it takes time read articles about tools and equipment and to tirelessly shop at the locations suggested above.

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There are diamonds out there at the right price and when you spot one, BUY IT!

Remember, 'There will be days when you will be able to buy '\$20.00 Bills' for a 'Dime,' BUT you MUST have the 'Dime!' This advice has proven to be true many times when buying tools, supplies, and equipment for my shop!

You have to have a budget for the tools and equipment for your shop. You also have to have a ready supply of cash to buy tools when you find them at the right price.

You should put aside \$10 to \$20 a week if you are serious about buying tools.

It will take going to 5 to 10 Garage Sales or Estate Sales to find just ONE good deal. Other sources of good used tools are E-Bay, Craigslist, and the Bargain Corner in the Want-Ads in the newspaper.

For example, looking in the Bargain Corner of the GR Press I found listed a 'Brand New' 'never used' Powermate 3520B Wood Lathe with a 20" bed extension and all the accessories for \$3,000.00. I immediately went to the owner's home, and bought the lathe for \$2,700.00 CASH! The list price for this lathe is \$4,500 plus tax!

Many times at garage sales or estate sales, you will find that unfortunately, Dad or Grandpa has passed away and the family is selling his tools just to get rid of them. Plus, they have no idea what the tools do or are worth.

If Dad or Grandpa was a woodworker or machinist, this is where you can buy \$20 tools, supplies, and equipment for a Dime! This may sound heartless but it is real life. Rest assured however, whoever owned the items you purchased would be happy knowing you will be using their tools to making projects for your family and friends!

Spring is Here!

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

If spring house cleaning is a good thing, so is cleaning and keeping your woodshop well organized 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 'priceless' 'cut-offs.' Empty your dust collection bags make sure your ducting for your dust collection system is free of debris and not blocked in any way. Clean or wash your cloth dust collection bags and all your air filters per the manufacturer's instructions. Make your shop safe and easy for you to enjoy yourself when doing what you love to do, Woodworking!

Happy Spring Cleaning!

Buying Used Tools

Buying used woodworking tools and equipment is both an art form and a science. It takes self-training and practice.

Sometimes buying used woodworking tools and equipment is like baseball games, you win a few, you lose a few and others are rained out!

One good source of woodworking equipment is 'Factory Reconditioned' equipment. When looking for 'Budget Wise' woodworking equipment don't overlook contacting the manufacturer of the product you are looking for and see if they have Factory Reconditioned equipment available directly or through a subcontractor. Many times this will save you 30% to 50% of the retail price plus have a warranty!

Sometimes at an Estate Sale of a former woodworker, you will find a tool that was purchased in the woodworker's later days that they always wanted but never had. But they were determined they were going to have it before they passed. So they bought a high quality, high priced tool and then only used it once or twice then passed away happy they bought it. Now the family is selling it for less than half price because they just want to clear out the woodworker's shop.

Even very expensive unused tools and equipment can get dirty and rusty. However, with a little tender loving care and cleaning you can purchase some excellent older tools at a very good price.

Taking this approach to tool and equipment buying takes time. But sometimes you have more time than money. Especially if you are young or just getting starting in woodworking and have other financial responsibilities.

2018 Planned Meeting Demonstrations

April 10, 2018

Intarsia By Dale Smith (Pictures and Designs made from many pieces of wood)

May 8, 2018

Sketch-up Drafting (CAD) By Les Derusha

June 12, 2018 (Rain Date June 19, 2018)

Picnic at John & Debi Pflug's Homestead

At 6301 Pratt Lake Ave SE, Alto, MI



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'Free' Saturday Demonstrations!

April 7
CA Finish for Pens

April 14
Router Basics

April 21
Cutting Boards

April 28
CNC Basics

May 5
(To be determined)

May 12
Hand Sharpening

May 19
Dust Collection



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