

GUILD NEWS

Next Meeting
Tuesday, November 13, 2017
7:00 PM to 9:00 PM
East Kentwood High School

Guild Meeting Agenda November 13, 2018 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

- Welcome Guests and Returning Members
- Guild Business Discussion
- Member "Show & Tell"
Two-minute time limit per project.
- 'Open' Discussion Time
- '15' Minute Break
- Raffle Drawings
- Fine Wood Joinery
By Phil Miclea

"Discussion Time"

During this time, any member or guest can ask questions about tools, a project issue, etc.
'Discussions limited to fifteen minutes.'

Members of the Guild can then offer suggestions and the 'Pros & Cons' to help others resolve woodworking related issues or find someone who would be willing to help a member 'One-on-One' to help resolve an issue.

Guild Dues

As of the August 2018 Board Meeting, the Guild Board adjusted the Guild Dues for the balance of 2018.

New members can now join the WM Woodworkers Guild in November for \$10. In December 2018, anyone can join the Guild for 2019 for just \$20.

After January 1, 2019, Guild Dues will be \$25 for the entire 2019 meeting season.

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

Fine Wood Joinery

By Phil Miclea

Hand-made Dovetail joints, a joint every woodworkers dreams about making, a skill every woodworkers desires to learn, will be our main demonstration at our 11-13-18 Guild meeting.

Guild Member, Phil Miclea, is going to show all of us how to do it! He will be using only hand tools to show everyone how easy it is to make beautiful and tight Dovetail and other common wood joints.

Phil is not the average woodworking hobbyist. Over the years, he has taken many weeklong woodworking classes at the Marc Adams School of Woodworking in Franklin, Indiana, as a result, he has become a master at wood joinery.

Now, he is working to become nationally recognized as an overall Master of Woodworking and Cabinet Making.

Recently retired from Amway as a production advisory engineer, he is now looking for his next career challenge. This could include becoming a consultant in the wood furniture manufacturing industry and/or offering classes and tutoring in woodworking at his woodshop in Gowen, MI. His presentation will be well worth seeing!

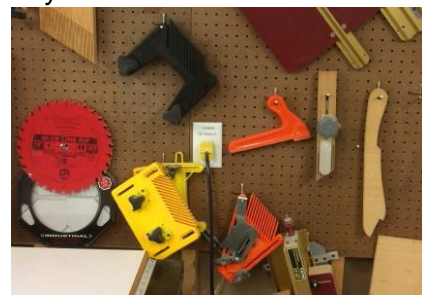
'ONE'

What justifies coming to a WM Woodworkers Guild meeting?

- 'One' new woodworking tip.
- 'One' new friendship.
- 'One' way to have some fun.
- 'One' way to help others.

President's Corner By 'Les Derusha'

Shop Safety. Just to let you know, I have made my fair share of trips to the Med Shed proving doing 'Stupid' things do catch up to you.



Make your safety devices **Obvious and Easy to Access.** I have my MagSwitch feather board and push sticks hanging on the wall next to my table saw. They are easy to get to and make using the saw much safer.



We are all guilty of making quick cuts on the table saw with some scrap, **don't do it!**

A clean shop is a safe shop. A cluttered shop can cause accidents to happen. At the end of the day, a quick sweep of the shop floor will eliminate obstacles and saw dust that can cause you to trip or slip and fall, causing a needless injury.

My best advice, when you become tired, shut down, sweep the floor and leave the shop!

Happy & Safe Woodworking!

The October 2018 Meeting!

Our October meeting was a **REAL** training session. Darin Tuttle showed Guild Members how to 'flatten' a slab of wood using a router a typical woodworking hobbyist might already have in their shop.

Usually flattening a +14" wide wood slab requires a woodworker to locate another woodworker with a planer wider than thirteen inches (which few woodworkers have) or finding a professional woodworking shop with a real wide planer to flatten a slab for you for \$\$\$.

Darin showed those attending his demonstration, how with just a couple of 2"X4"s, and a shop made sliding router platform he could flatten a wide wood slab.

The wood slab can be of any width or length. Darin said he prefers to use a 2½ HP router with a 3" wide ½" shanked flattening bit that has three ¾" square carbide cutter blocks specifically designed to flatten wood slabs, wood table or work bench tops.

However, Darin pointed out a smaller router with a standard ¼" shanked flat bottom-edged router bit could also be used.

It was an excellent presentation. **Thank you Darin!**

Try not to miss our November's Guild meeting. It is going to be another fun and interesting meeting on Hand Made Dovetail Joinery!

A map to our meeting location is on our website under the heading of **'Meetings'** to help you get to our meetings.

www.westmichiganwoodworker.org



'Guild Meeting Main Presentation'

Pic. #1, the sliding router jig for flattening wood slab, table tops or work bench tops. Pic. #2. Darin Tuttle explains the set-up of the router with either a standard flat bottom router bit or the use of the 3" carbide tipped router bit. Pic. #3, Darin talking about how to lock down the slab so it cannot move while flattening it and how to deal with twists in an un-flattened natural slab. Pic. #4, Darin flattening the 14" wide, 8' long walnut slab donated by Guild member, John Pflug.



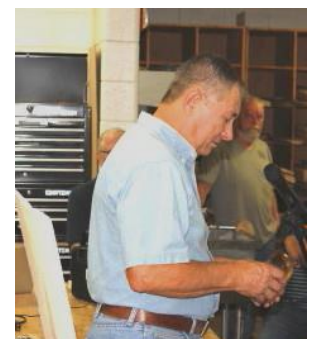
'Show & Tell'

Pic. #1. Steve De Vires showing off his flexible arm light holder and flexible arm I-pad holder he has made for use in his shop. Pic. #2. Steve explaining how he uses the flexible arms when he is working on different projects needing more light and/or allowing him to be able to follow ideas and plans for projects he is building while on-line with his I-Pad.



'Raffle and 50/50 Drawings'

Wayne Veneklasen (R) all setup for the 50/50 Drawing and the Raffle of a Dust Collector System, other tools, wood and Gift Certificates from Craft Supplies USA, all donated to the Guild by our members and supporters.



'Show & Tell'

Jim Jakosh explaining his High Voltage Fractal Wood Burned Bowl Project.

Group Buy From Carter Products

Grand Rapids, MI, based, Carter Products, is offering the West Michigan Woodworkers Guild Members an opportunity for a Group Purchase any of their products.

Carter Products produces Band Saw related accessories, blade guides, band saw blades and wood lathe turning tools and accessories.

Here is the deal. As a Guild member, you can buy any Carter Product at a 15% discount plus MI Sales Tax!

The Guild Group Buy **Begins** at the November 13th Guild meeting, It **Ends** at the December 11th Guild meeting!

Case Vander Maas, Guild Treasurer, will have a supply of Carter catalogs and order forms available for Guild Members at the November 13th meeting. OR, you can go to their website (www.carterproducts.com) and pick out the items you want. Put those items on the order form from the catalog or website, then return the Carter order form to Case Vander Maas at the December 11th meeting along with a check or cash that includes 6% MI Sales Tax.

Your order will be taken to Carter Products and every effort will be made to get all ordered items to you by 12-22-18.

Newsletter Articles

The use of any of the articles in the WM Woodworkers Guild's Newsletter are available to any organization who may wish to reprint them in their publications.

'Unlimited' "Free" Woodworking Training

As a woodworker, you may not be aware there are many sources of **'Unlimited' & 'FREE'** Woodworking Training and Tips available.

All you to do is use your home or notebook computer, I-Pad or Cell phone, get on the Internet, and go to any one of the following Internet sites.

1. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/wmiwwguild>. This is the West Michigan Woodworkers Guild Facebook Page. Great woodworking articles, plans, tips and it is updated daily!

2. <http://www.westmichiganwoodworkers.org/>. This is the West Michigan Woodworkers Guild's Main website. Once there, 'Click' on **'Links'**. There you will find links to over ninety woodworking equipment and supply vendors, woodworking magazines, other Michigan Woodworking Guilds, nationally recognized training schools for woodworking, and other woodworking websites.

3. <http://lumberjocks.com/> Lumberjocks is a Woodworkers Forum with woodworking tips, woodworkers displaying their projects with instructions and tips on how to build similar projects plus other **'Good to Know'** woodworking tips.

4. <https://www.youtube.com/>.

Search: 'woodworking.' This is not **'JUST'** a woodworking site, while it has **'Good to Know'** information about woodworking; you can also search for information on just about any other subject as well!

These websites are all FREE!

Guild Contact & Newsletter Editor

Being the Guild Contact & Newsletter Editor on the West Michigan Woodworkers Guild Board is very interesting!

The person in this position is in the **'Thick'** of everything happening within the West Michigan Woodworkers Guild, the woodworking community of West Michigan AND throughout the State of Michigan.

By being on the Board of Directors of the Guild, you help plan the content of our meetings and add leadership to improve and guide the Guild's activities throughout the year.

You receive newsletters and inquiries from other Guilds and woodworking groups all across Michigan. As a result, you learn what other woodworkers are doing in their respective groups.

You also receive inquiries from people who are interested in becoming more involved in woodworking and/or our Guild. You receive calls from those who are looking for help selling high quality new and used woodworking equipment, supplies, lumber and/or logs.

You get to talk to woodworkers who need help with their projects. In addition, you meet and interact with vendors who want to support the Guild and members of organizations who are looking for help with their activities. Most of all you learn more about woodworking in general and your community overall than you would ever believe possible.

Learn more about being the next Guild Contact & Newsletter Editor next month.

2018 - 2019 Meeting Agendas

- November 13, 2018** Fine Wood Joinery By Phil Miclea
- December 11, 2018** "Holiday Celebration"
Routers, Router Tables & Accessories By Dale Smith
- January 8, 2019** Scraper sharpening and Use By Devin Shay
- February 12, 2019** Hand Planes By Randy Molpas
- March 12, 2019** Table Saw Jigs
By Gene Terlisner and Charlie Pinneo
- April 9, 2019** Fractal Burning By Jim Jakosh
- May 14, 2019** Table Saw X Spline Jig and Photography
By Jim Jakosh and Steve Babcock
- June 11, 2019** Saw Mill & Timber Frame Joinery Demo
Plus, Guild Picnic By John Pflug



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'Free' Saturday Demonstrations!

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November 3rd Pen Turning Basics

Learn to turn your own pen and finish it. **NOTE: Turn for the Troops is November 10th & 11th.** Come back and help turn pens for our troops.

November 10th Scroll Saw

Scroll sawing as a hobby or a complementary tool in your shop – we'll show you how to make intricate and creative cuts with relative ease.

November 17th Small Project Gifts

Nothing says you care more than a handmade gift. Let us show you how to create a few of our favorite gifts. We have a large selection of kits that can get you started.



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