

GUILD NEWS

Next Meeting
Tuesday, January 8, 2019
7:00 PM to 9:00 PM
East Kentwood High School

'Happy New Year & Safe Woodworking'

Guild Meeting Agenda January 8, 2019 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

- Welcome Guests and Returning Members
- Guild Business Discussion
- Member "Show & Tell"
Two-minute time limit per project.
- 15 Minute Break
- Raffle Drawings
- Open' Discussion Time
- Card Scraper Presentation

"Discussion Time"

During this time, any member or guest may ask questions about tools, a project issue, etc.

Members can offer suggestions or any 'Pros & Cons' that may help others resolve woodworking related issues. Or, we can help them find someone who would be willing assist 'One-on-One' to help resolve an issue.

'Discussions limited to fifteen minutes.'

Guild Dues

West Michigan Woodworkers Guild Dues for the entire for 2019 meeting season is \$25.00 and are now due. Please see Case Vander Maas, Guild Treasurer, to pay your 2019 dues. Thank you and Welcome to the West Michigan Woodworkers Guild.

Please make Checks Payable to:
'Grand Rapids Woodworkers Guild.'

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

Sharpening and the Use of Card Scrapers

Card Scrapers are an alternative to sandpaper! To prove it, Devin Slim Shea will be demonstrating the sharpening and use of card scrapers at the January 8th WM Woodworkers Guild meeting.

Devin will also talk about scratch stocks (a fun technique for custom edge details). So to learn how to save five different grits of sandpaper and hours of sanding, come to the January Guild meeting. Learn about card scrapers and how use them to get a wood surface ready to finish quickly and easily.

Devin now uses [DFM Tool Works](#) card scrapers and until he did, he had no idea how well they performed!

During the meeting, Devin will demonstrate how to sharpen and use card scrapers on straight grain wood as well as highly figured stock. Time permitting he may also throw in a bit about scratch stocks!



Just a small sample of the fine shavings you can get from using a scraper vs. sandpaper to finish a project.

President's Corner

By Les Derusha

We all like to save time, money and eliminate embarrassment

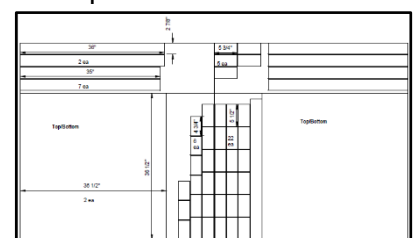
On most projects, I create a cut-sheet for the project. The cut-sheets can be as simple as scrap of paper or a basic CAD drawing.

Listed on the cut-sheet are all required the pieces for the project, their dimensions and when needed, the grain direction of the pieces to be cut.

For solid wood pieces, lay out an image of the lumber you plan to purchase. This can get interesting when trying various widths and lengths based on the price of the lumber you need to buy and the expected waste.

For sheet stock, it is worth the time to layout your pieces to save wood AND to make it simpler to cut. I use a simple CAD package and simply create boxes to represent the pieces and more boxes to represent the sheet stock so you know the number of full sheets required, OR if you can maximize the remnants for other projects.

The following image is a 4x8 sheet of MDF used to create a 36" square Torsion Box.



Happy Woodworking!

Past Issues of Woodworking – Trade Magazines

Many woodworkers keep past issues of outdated woodworking magazines for 5 to 10 years or even longer. Only after the shelf space the magazines occupy becomes more valuable than the magazines themselves do some woodworkers think of 'clearing the shelves.'

Being friendly woodworkers they think, 'I know what I will do with those magazines, 'I will give them to the other woodworkers at the next woodworking meeting or give them to the local library. I am confident there are people out there who would like look through them, just like I did.'

In past year the WM Woodworkers Guild has had 100's of outdated woodworking magazines brought into our meetings, out of those, maybe 20+ copies were taken by other woodworkers or students.

Technology has made saving old woodworking magazines a thankless task. The methods, tools advertisements and the designs of the projects in those magazines are simply outdated!

Today, for less than \$150, you can get all the information that was presented in each of those magazines on a 'computer clip' smaller than a business card.

Or, you can go directly on-line to the publishers and get the same information or you can look up a 100s of other sources on the Internet and get the same information for FREE.

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We Are NOT Saying 'Do not subscribe to Woodworking magazines.' You need them to show you the 'Latest and Greatest.' Plus, they are a great source of new ideas!

Keep your latest woodworking magazines for reference for a few months, and then put in them in the recycle bin with the magazines you have been saving for years.

Doing so will give the paper companies have the paper they need to create new paper for new magazines with the newest 'Latest and Greatest' ideas to once again spur your creativity.

Before recycling your old magazines, force yourself, if you have not already done so, to learn how to use your computer to reach out on-line to learn how to find our Facebook Page, create a work bench, layout your shop, look for tools and to build the projects you have yearned to build. Start simple; grow your knowledge. In the 21st century, going on-line is really the only true source trade training available to become a master craftsman.

We Would Like To See Your Shop!

It is almost impossible for 50+ Guild members to visit your shop at one time! However, if you take digital pictures of your shop we can all tour it during 'Show and Tell' at one of our regular meetings by projecting your digital pictures on our pull-down screen.

Plus, those same pictures can help you with insurance claims if you experience a fire or theft of your woodworking equipment.

Bad Weather Alerts

We may postpone a meeting due to weather conditions in coming months.

We will try to contact you via E-mail and on our Facebook Page by 2:00 PM the day of the meeting.

So watch your e-mail and check our Facebook Page, <https://www.facebook.com/groups/wmiwwguild> If you question if we will be meeting on our regular meeting days. Call Tom McDonald at 616-706-8057.

Use of the WM Woodworkers Facebook Page

Viewing of the West Michigan Facebook page is **FREE** to everyone! Check us out! <https://www.facebook.com/groups/wmiwwguild> there are new woodworking tips and articles posted on our Facebook Page almost every day.

While the Guild has grown to over 75 members. Less than 20% of them regularly view our Facebook page. Why is that?

Guild Members can post woodworking items they have for sale or ones they wish to buy, they can post they need advice on a project or they can post pictures of a project they have proudly completed.

Using a computer to visit our Facebook Page on the Internet may seem to be a daunting task at first but then again, becoming a practiced woodworker took some effort, time with trials and errors too. Therefore, if you are a 21st Century woodworker, you can also become a 21st Century Facebook user too!

December 2018 Guild Meeting

The December Guild meeting was the best attended Guild meeting in recent history!

We had 55 Woodworkers enjoying pizza and pop, hearing a Book Report by Nick Offerman, seeing some excellent 'Show and Tell' projects, hearing Randy Beute offer members money making opportunities and to see an excellent presentation by Dale Smith on routers, router tables, router lifts, router bits and accessories, router jigs and dust control and the safe use of routers. Overall, it was a great meeting!



It only took 15 minutes for our members and guests to consume 15 pizzas and 14 two-liter bottles of pop. In addition, we gained five new members!

Maybe it was the free pizza and pop that made the evening such a joyful event. Whatever it is was, all of us had a good time, and we learned more about woodworking, made new friends and looked forward to the coming Holidays.

Our next meeting is January 8th. **Be there, Bring a Friend!** There is a map to our meeting location on our website <https://www.westmichiganwoodworkers.org/> under the 'Meetings' heading to help you find our meeting location.



Nick Offerman giving us a book report on a book he thought we as woodworkers would enjoy reading.

"Good Clean Fun"



Sam Lacina telling the group about a 'Shakers' box class he attended and a 'Shaker box he built while at the class.



Randy Beute of Cento-Anni, describing the growth his company has experienced. In addition, how he would like to build working relationships with Guild members to assist him and his firm with different large number projects.



John Singleton shared a picture of a beautiful Walnut table he was commissioned to build and deliver to a customer in upper Michigan.



Jim Jakosh demonstrated a sliding covered 'Sea Salt' container he turned for a friend. Jim also created a small spoon the could be stored in the 'Sea Salt' container for dispensing the 'Sea Salt.'



Jim Jakosh also presented in support of the overall router presentation by Dale Smith, a router Jim uses to make grooves for wood in-lays on projects he builds. What make the router special is that it is a 'Plunge Router' that uses a 'Dremel Tool' with a router bit with a tip as fine as a Dentist's drill to make grooves for his wood in-lays.



The pictures above show you the number of woodworkers present at our December meeting and their intensity while viewing the routers presented by Rob LaFleur & Jim Jakosh to support the in-depth router presentation made by Dale Smith on router bits, accessories and their proper use that our members should be using when creating their prized projects.

2019 Meeting Agendas

January 8, 2019 Card 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 Framing Demo & Picnic

At John Pflug's Homestead in Alto, MI

(Rain Date June 18, 2019)



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I regret the Newsletter was late getting to you this month. The Holidays, Birthdays and the activities and time that go with such happy events overwhelmed me this past month. **'Happy New Year to you and all those you hold dear.'**

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