

GUILD NEWS

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

“April is National Woodworking Month!”

Guild Meeting Agenda

April 9, 2019

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- Welcome to Guests & Returning Members!
- Guild Business Discussion
- Member “Show & Tell” Time
Two-minute time limit per project.
- 15 Minute Break
- Raffle Drawings
- Open’ Discussion Time
- Demo on Table Saw Jigs

Possible New Guild Meeting Location Found!

For months, the Guild Board has been looking for a new meeting location for our General meetings. We believe we have found one that will meet all our needs for years to come.

The proposed new location can accommodate our current membership and with room for us to grow. It has ample parking and it is easy to travel to.

The new location is:

**The Recreation Center
 Of
 Ideal Park
 Christian Reformed Church
 320 56th Street SW
 Wyoming, MI.**

There will be more details given out about this new meeting location and when we will start meeting there at our Guild meeting scheduled for Tuesday, April 9th at East Kentwood High School wood shop at 7:00 PM.

Table Saw Jigs By Charlie Pinneo April 9th Guild Meeting

Guild member, Charlie Pinneo, will be using his Delta Side-Kick Contractors Table Saw to show members how to efficiently and safely make exact copies of cut-offs needed for many projects.

Charlie’s presentation will focus on how by using feather boards, push-sticks and the saw’s rip fence you can speed project building.

Along with the above, Charlie has developed a number of jigs he uses to make tricky cuts. Together with using ‘stop-blocks’ and the proper use of a miter gage he will demonstrate in about 45 minutes how a contractor size saw is capable of being an excellent saw to have in your home woodshop or on a construction site.

“Discussion Time”

During this time, members or guests may ask questions about tools, a project issue, etc.

Those present can then offer suggestions that may help resolve those woodworking related issues.

‘Discussions limited to fifteen minutes.’

Guild Dues

Guild Dues for the 2019 are \$25.00. Please see Case Vander Maas, Guild Treasurer, at the next Guild General meeting April 9, 2019.

Please make Checks Payable to ‘Grand Rapids Woodworkers Guild’.

President’s Corner:

By: Les Derusha

This month I would like to talk about saving \$\$\$ on sanding.

First, I hope you all are big fans of the Abrasive Sanding Stick or Sanding Belt Cleaner available at Amazon, Woodcraft or Harbor Freight. It will refresh your sanding media quickly and safely. Works on Belts, Drums, Disks and Random Orbit Disks. If you have a drum sander with pitch buildup (where this does not work so well) try a piece of polycarbonate.

(Check **YOUTUBE** for a demo)

Another cheap trick I use is to save my used random orbit sanding disks and belt sander belts that are no longer useable on the sander (usually torn or very raggedy edges). I cut them into strips. Because of the partial cloth backing, they are very durable and flexible, making them handy for sanding in nooks and crannies.

Lastly, when sanding, use a dust mask, a room air scrubber (if you have one), a dust collection system or a shop-vac to suck away the dust particles.

Remember, Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD), is **NOT** a fun disease.

Happy woodworking!

**Make our meetings
 even more fun!**

Bring a Friend!

It's Spring!!

It's Spring. That means it is time for Spring Shop Cleaning! That is Right, it is time to clean and reorganize your wood shop after a long winter. It is time to discard most of those 'Priceless' cut-offs that litter your shop. It is time to clear the 'Junk & Litter' from your workbenches, properly restore your tools and make your work area is fully usable again. It is time to empty your trash bins, dust collection bags, clean, wash or replace all your dust collection filters.

Don't forget it is also time to make sure your dust collection tubes and elbows are not obstructed and the tracks on your 'blast gates' are clean so they close properly to ensure you get maximum vacuum from your dust collection system. It is time to vacuum out your equipment and sweep/vacuum ALL the sawdust off your floors!

While doing all this "**Spring**" cleaning of your shop, whether you use compressed air or not as part of your cleaning and dust removal, make sure you wear a dust mask and eye and ear protection.

Happy Spring Shop Cleaning!

State –Wide Summit

There will be a State-Wide summit of Board Members of Michigan based Woodworking Guilds in Lansing, MI on May 9th, hosted by the Mid-Michigan Woodworkers Guild.

The purpose of the summit is to give representatives of these Boards an opportunity to meet, to share ideas on how to better interact with one another, to promote woodworking and grow our respective organizations.

Les Derusha and Tom McDonald will be representing the WM Woodworkers Guild at this summit.

Business Cards

If you are woodworker, you need a way to tell others who you are and that you are a woodworker. A Personal Business Card is one of the easiest and best ways to do just that.

Business Cards show people you know you are good at what you do and are proud of it.

Having your own business card gives you an easy way to give someone your phone number, e-mail address and street address so they can contact or visit you.

Business Cards are low cost, try visiting <https://www.vistaprint.com> to design and price out your own personalized business card.

Once you have them, carry a supply with you all the time. You will be surprised the reaction you will get when you whip one out to give it to someone. They will think you are pretty 'Cool' and a very professional woodworker!

By the way, the West Woodworkers Guild has Business Cards that we can give our members so they can tell other woodworkers they meet with about the Guild. It also has the Guild's website on it so your friends can go there to learn more about the Guild, its activities and how to find our Facebook Page. At the next Guild meeting see Tom McDonald, he will give you a supply of our cards so you can pass them on to others.

Help for the "New" Newsletter Editor

Tom McDonald, the retiring Guild Newsletter Editor, will be available to help the "New" Newsletter Editor regarding future editions of the Newsletter starting September 2019.

Expansion of the Guild Board

At the Guild Board Meeting held on April 1st it was the decision of the Board to propose to the General Membership at the April 9th General Meeting that the Guild's Board be expanded from seven to nine Members.

If approved by the General Membership, the expansion would take place at the September 2019 election of Guild Officers for the 2019-2020 meeting season. It is the recommendation of the Board that members of the Guild who are 45 years old or younger fill the proposed new positions on the Guild's Board. It is believed that our younger members need to be on the Board to reflect the interests and goals of the next generation of woodworkers.

All the current members of the Board are now 65+ years old and want younger Guild members to be on the Board to lead the Guild into the 21st century. It's the Board's belief that for the Guild to continue to grow and best serve our members of all ages, we need at least two of our younger Guild members to step forward and take leadership positions within the WM Woodworkers Guild!

If you, or someone you can think of, would be interested in serving on the Board, please contact Les Derusha at:

616-446-4008

**Keep Your Shop –
And Your Shop Will
Keep You**

Highlights of Our March 12th Meeting

Enjoy the pictures and their descriptions on this page. To find a map to our meeting location go to:
<https://www.westmichiganwoodworkers.org/> under the 'Meetings'

Jeremy Stokes Of TonTin Hardwoods



Jeremy Stokes, General Manager of TonTin Hardwoods in Grand Rapids, stopped by the March 12th Guild meeting to tell Guild Members how he plans to revitalize TonTin Hardwoods to serve the new generation of woodworkers in West Michigan.

His plans call for remodeling and renovating the TonTin building location at 565 Godfrey SW in GR. His plans include making available high quality rough or finished lumber by the board, slab or quantity at below retail pricing. Plus, offering wood milling services and custom molding milling to hobbyists and commercial customers.



Doug Scott shows off a Veneered & Wood Burned Guild Treasure Box made by Dick Wilson (a former Guild member) many years ago.

Steve Babcock Showing the Guild a pet 'Interment Box' he made using tiger maple he obtained from Garry Strout.



Mark Nickerson shows off a ingenious folding table he created to for parties and family Holiday Events. It is compact and easy to store yet quick and easy to pull out and setup to accommodate six people. It makes a great 'Kids' Table for Holiday dinners!



Gene Terlisner (left) Talking about his jigs and short cuts for use with a Saw-Stop Table Saw. Unfortunately, the Saw-Stop Saw at EKHS was in disrepair, which impeded Gene's planned presentation! Nonetheless, those in attendance learned a great deal from Gene.

The West Michigan Woodworkers Guild Needs Your Help!

The Guild is in need of a low cost software package to track our members contact information, dues status and other contacts in the community. Plus, there are going to be at least three openings on the Guild's Board of Directors this fall our members will need to fill including the Newsletter Editor position as of September 2019.

If you can personally help us or refer us to someone who can, please contact Les Derusha at 616-446-4008 or les@svideo.org OR Tom McDonald at 616-706-8057 or Newsletter@westmichiganwoodworkers.org

2019 Meeting Agendas

April 9, 2019

Table Saw Jigs

By Charlie Pinneo

May 14, 2019

Table Saw X Spline Jig and Photography

By Jim Jakosh and Steve Babcock

June 11, 2019

Saw Mill, Timber Framing Demos & Picnic

At John Pflug's Homestead in Alto, MI

(Rain Date June 18, 2019)



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