

GUILD NEWS

Next Meeting
 Tuesday, May 14, 2019
 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM
 Recreation Hall
 Ideal Park Christian Reformed Church
 320 56th Street SW, Wyoming MI

"A New Meeting Location for the May 14, 2019 Guild Meeting!"

320 56th Street SW, Wyoming – Recreational Hall of the Ideal Park Christian Reformed Church.

Guild Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, May 14, 2019

7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Recreation Hall

Ideal Park Christian Reformed Church
 320 56th Street SW, Wyoming MI

- 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

Demonstrations

Table Saw Spline Use

By Jim Jakosh &

Project Photography

By Steve Babcock

New Guild Meeting Location

The new Guild meeting location is easy to travel to:

Recreation Hall

At

Ideal Park

Christian Reformed Church

320 56th Street SW

Wyoming, MI

See a map to the new Guild meeting location on page 3 of this Newsletter AND under 'Meetings' on our website.

www.westmichiganwoodworkers.org.

Table Saw Spline Use

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Guild Member, Jim Jakosh will show us how to use wooden straight and 'X' splines to strengthen the joints of our projects. (*Spline: a thin strip used to connect one or more parts; it fits into a keyway in each part to strengthen the connection between the parts.*)

Guild Member Steve Babcock, a Professional Photographer, will show Guild members how to use a 'Photo Box' to take pictures of their tabletop projects. He will also explain how to best light your larger projects so they reflect your woodworking skill in pictures you will be able to sell your projects and/or that display your artisan-ship.

"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

To pay Guild Dues for 2019, please see Case Vander Maas, Guild Treasurer, at the next Guild General meeting on Tuesday, May 14, 2019.

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

President's Corner:

By: Les Derusha

This month I am going to the Dogs, Bench Dogs that is.

We usually think of Dog holes in your bench for a Hold Fast and the bench needs to be 3 1/2" thick. Nowadays there are a lot more options.

I just stumbled across Kreg's new In-Line Clamp and Bench Dogs. I AM SMITTEN!



The clamp is an In-Line style made of plastic; a simple knob drives the clamp, screw style. It applies up to 250 lbs. of force and holds very well. The impressive part is how easy they are to apply and release.

The dogs are also plastic and quickly slip in and out of dog holes. They are 9/16" tall with the bumper, 7/16" without providing clearance for sanding or finishing.

Available online and at Woodcraft.

Happy woodworking!



Computers & 21st Century Woodworking

To be a proficient woodworker in the 21st Century you **MUST** know how to use a computer!

One hundred and fifty years ago if you wanted to be a woodworker you were taught woodworking, one-on-one, by a master craftsman on how to use hand tools which took years.

A hundred years ago, 'Wood Shop' courses started to come into existence in schools. At about the same time, along came books and magazines you could buy to help teach yourself the art of woodworking.

In the 1940s and 50s we started to see video technology as a way to learn woodworking. It started with film presentations, and then came woodworking shows on TV. Then technology gave us VCRs and DVDs as a way to teach ourselves woodworking.

Then, in the 1990s, computer based technology quickly made all of the above training sources outdated for the 21st Century woodworkers!

At the same time, schools stopped providing "Skilled Trades" training. Instead, they chose to believe that all their students needed to go to college to learn to become Doctors, Nurses, Lawyers, Business Tycoons or Computer Wizards.

As technology advanced, computers would play DVDs that would teach us about woodworking. However, most new computers today do not even have a DVD player built into them! As a result, the use of DVDs as a woodworking training source is fading from use.

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Today everything you want to learn about woodworking appears to be '**FREE**' on the 'Internet.' However to access all this '**FREE**' woodworking training, **you must know how to use a computer!**

Still, there are magazines, books and some TV shows to teach you about woodworking. Or, you if you can afford it, you can travel to and attend a number of high-cost private woodworking schools across the USA.

Unfortunately, **ALL** the above sources of woodworking training are struggling to survive in this age of '**FREE**' 'On-line' computer based training!

However, there is another low-cost source of woodworking training available to you. Attend the meetings of one or more of the Woodworking Guilds across Michigan! Regrettably, these Guilds usually only meet once a month, for a couple of hours.

While Guild meetings will help you to learn more about woodworking, they are not a complete source of woodworking training.

Right now, if you have a limited budget and really want to become a skilled woodworker, you need to train yourself in your own shop, using your own tools and time. To do this effectively, you need to know how to use a computer!

Today, **at a minimum**, you need to know how to use a computer, I-pad or c-phone to communicate with others and know how to shop for equipment, tools and supplies on-line. You also need to know how to search out woodworking training courses and tips and to visit this Guild's Website, Facebook Page, receive, and read this Newsletter on-line!

Statewide 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 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.

Proposed Guild By-Law Changes

At the Guild Board Meeting on April 30th, it was proposed to expand to the Guild's Board from seven to nine Members and to move the Election of Guild Board members from September to October.

If approved by the General Membership at the May 2019 General Meeting, the election of Guild Officers for the 2019-2020 meeting season will be at the Guild's October 2019 General Meeting, new Board members would then begin serving immediately.

It is hoped that the two new Board members be younger than 45 years old. The current Board believes that the Guild Board needs to be as diverse as possible in both age and gender to be able to represent the interests and goals of 21st Century Woodworkers.

If you, or someone you know, are interested in serving on the Board, please contact Les Derusha at **616-446-4008**.

Business Cards

Woodworkers need an easy way to tell people you are a skilled woodworker.

Having a business card is a great way to tell people you are a woodworker and an easy way to give someone your contact information so they can call you, e-mail you or visit your shop.

You need to have your Business Cards always on you! You will never know when they will come in handy!

Try <https://www.vistaprint.com> to design and price out your own business cards. You will be surprised how easy it is to create a card and how inexpensive 500 business cards really are!

You will be surprised too at the reaction you get when you whip out your business card and give it to someone. They will think you are truly a 'Professional Woodworker!'

"New"

Newsletter Editor

Guild Member, Steve DeVires has agreed to be the new Guild Newsletter Editor starting with October 2019.

You should all know Steve, he is the Guild Member who builds and has displayed to us during "Show & Tell" periods, his wooden models of Bulldozers and Big Dump Trucks that each contain over 1,000 individual wooden parts that he personally creates.

In addition, Steve also writes and publishes detailed instruction manuals to teach other woodworkers how to build his creations. These in-depth instruction manuals are available on [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com).

'The Best Woodworkers, Make The Fewest Chips.'

West Michigan Woodworkers Guild's New Meeting Location

320 56th Street SW, Wyoming Recreational Hall

Ideal Park Christian Reformed Church.



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

We are still looking for new Software!

The Guild is still in need of a low cost software package to track member's contact information, dues status plus the contact information of other contacts in the community. If you can personally help us or refer us to someone who can, please contact Les Derusha at

616-446-4008, les@svideo.org

OR Tom McDonald at

616-706-8057,

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Un-Used Resources!

The WM Woodworkers Guild provides its members with many services. However, many of these benefits are under-used or not being used at all by over half of our Guild members!

Do you ever look at the last page of the Guild's Newsletter? Did you know that the firms that advertise on that page offer special discounts **exclusively to our members?** Are you aware you could save \$\$\$ by buying from these firms?

Have you ever visited the Guild's website at?

www.westmichiganwoodworkers.org ? Did you know that under the 'Links' there is a listing of local Saw Mills? Scroll further down the 'Links' heading and you will find websites of companies that sell equipment, supplies, offer product support and woodworking training.

If you scroll down even further the 'Links' heading, you will find a listing of other woodworking and wood turning guilds throughout Michigan.

Have you ever visited the Guild's Facebook Page?

[westmichiganwoodworkers.org](https://www.facebook.com/westmichiganwoodworkers.org) on the right-center of our main website page, you will see the Facebook logo, click on it and you will go directly to our Facebook Page.

Did you know our Facebook Page is updated daily with woodworking tips, articles and other information of interest to woodworkers?

All of the above noted Guild benefits are just a small sample of the services the Guild offers.

Be at our meetings and you can learn more about the West Michigan Woodworkers Guild.

Highlights of Our April 9thth Meeting

Enjoy the pictures and their descriptions on this page.

Farewell To Garry Strout

April 9th 2019

Garry Strout, long-time member of the West Michigan Woodworkers Guild moved to Missouri in late April 2019.

During Garry's tenure with the Guild, Garry has been a member, has served as the Guild's Treasurer, the Guild's President and a Member of the Guild's Board of Directors for the past several years.

In recognition of Garry's years of involvement and contribution to the leadership of the Guild, current Guild President, Les Derusha, presented Garry, on behalf of total the Membership, a Certificate of Appreciation of Service to the Guild and a farewell gift of a 'Back Saw' (used for making wood tenons,) engraved with the inscription, '*To Garry Strout for his Years of Dedication to the West Michigan Woodworkers Guild*

April 9, 2019'.

All of us wish Garry and his family the best at his new home located in Missouri.



On April 9th, Charlie Pinneo, showed Guild members how to safely make exact copies of cut-offs on their table saws that are needed for many of their projects.



Need some dice for a 'BIG' game of 'Yahtzee?' Dale Hotelling showed us the 3" square ones he made for his Grandchildren. '**Lucky Kids'**



NO! Jim Jakosh did not hurt his hand woodworking! Nevertheless, he did enjoy showing us his reproduction of a Ruddy Lopez Banana Dish.



Don Veld showed us another one of his basic creations that always make people smile when they receive them as gifts!



Guild members eagerly wait for the Guild's Vice President, Wayne Veneklasen, call THEIR raffle ticket number as the '**Winning**' ticket.



Over 50 woodworkers were present at our April 9th meeting to see Charlie Pinneo's table saw presentation, enjoy each other's company and share Woodworker's 'BS' about one another's woodworking trials, tribulations and **SUCCESES!**

2019 Meeting Agendas

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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