



# Woodworkers Guild



of

Southwestern Michigan – <http://www.woodguild.org> April 2014

## Next Meeting

**April 8, 2014 7:00pm**

**Al Collison's Shop at  
10292 Douglas Ave.**

Take Douglas North to Cooper, it is 2 ½ miles North of Cooper, on the right (East) side. Or you can take 131 to D ave East to Douglas and turn left, (North). Al will have an orange cone and flashing light out to get your attention.

Agenda: 'Everything you always wanted to know about bowl turning' will be the topic for next Tuesday's meeting. The meeting will include instruction, demonstration, and Q&A by our very own George Armstrong. George, who is the vice president of the West Michigan Woodturners and also demonstrated his rose engine lathe at one of our meetings last year.

Notes from March 18 meeting held at Al Collison's Shop: Due to winter weather advisory, the March meeting was delayed by one week. Thirty-six members and two guests were in attendance. The meeting opened up with President Bill Crown offering for purchase 3/32" aircraft drill bits that were 6" long. The bit and stop cost \$5.25. The guild learned of these bits on a recent visit to Dennis Dahl's cabinet shop. These bits are used to pre-drill pilot holes for pocket screws that are near the edge of cabinet frame. It was pointed out that Dennis used two stops and found it necessary to taper the front leading stop. Bill did sell out all the bits he ordered. We will see at the April meeting if there is interest in a second order.



Show and tell opened up with Wolf Lugauer sharing pictures of a resent lathe purchase. Wolf was watching Russians' in Siberia do some turning and caught the turning bug again. He watched a lathe on EBay but let it pass by. A few days later he was offered a lathe for free from a pastor at his church. It has been 12 years since Wolf last turned with a lathe. Wolf is in search of a small face plate for his lathe.



Ralph Babcock described his successful quest to obtain two gallon zip lock bags locally. It's a long story. See Ralph if you need any two gallon zip lock bags.

Bill Crown had a friend that needed a fennel replicated and George Armstrong was volunteered to help with the task.

Neal Ferguson's brother sent him some samples of wood from Belize.

Bill Urfer is looking for some used cabinets for a friend.

Tom Metzler mentioned a magazine he recently discovered called "Make" full of articles how to "make" most anything.

Don Smith found a use for laminate pen blanks in the form of beads.



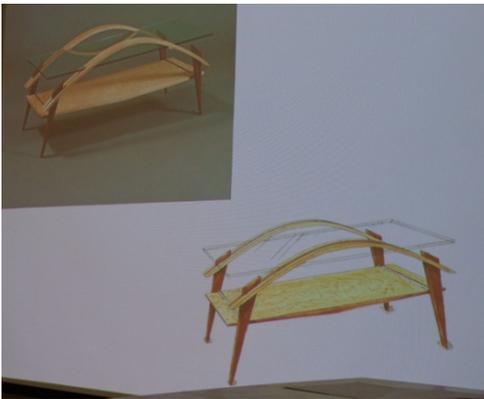
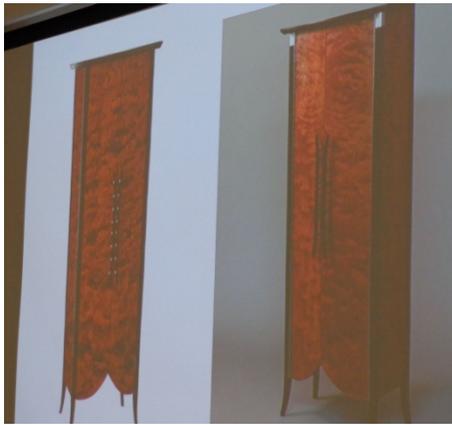
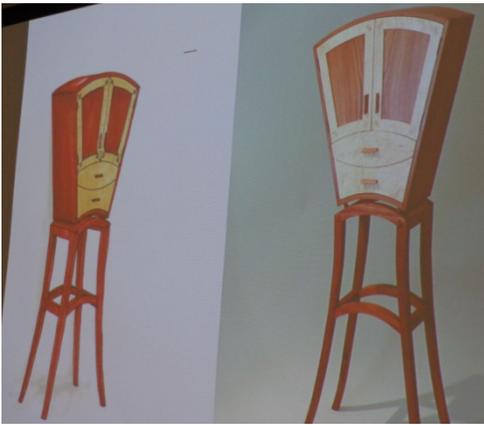
Thom Kelley attended the local West Michigan Wood Turners Guild. As the name implies, this guild focuses on turning. They meet the second Saturday of each month at 10:00am in the wood shop at Portage Northern High School. The wood shop is on the back north west corner of the high school. George Armstrong is Vice President of the guild and the guild has approximately 60 members and annual dues

presented sharpening jigs at the March meeting.. The guild has approximately 60 members and annual dues are \$10. Their web page is [www.westmichturners.org](http://www.westmichturners.org).

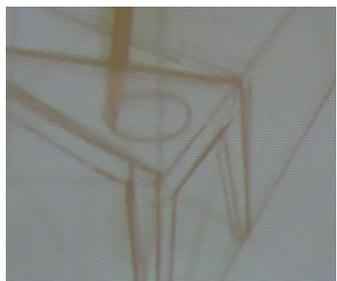
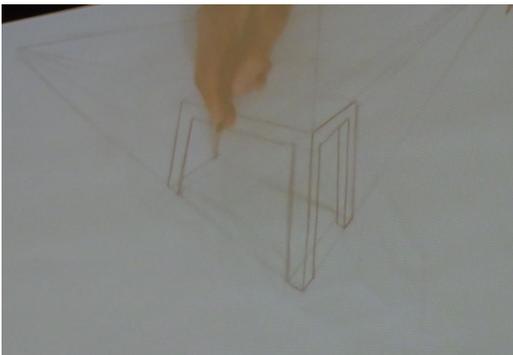
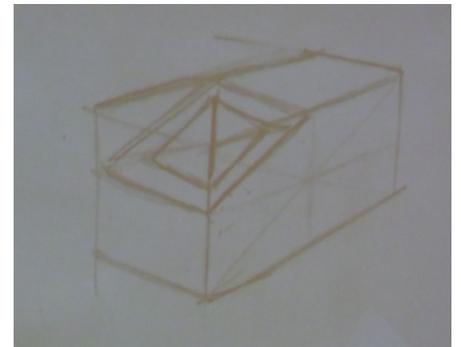
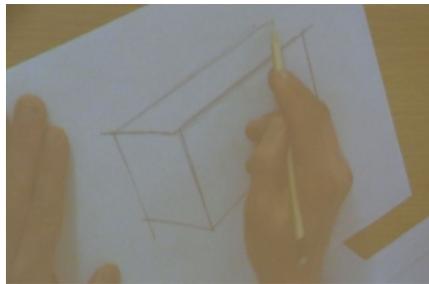
There was a discussion on how exotic wood blanks sold all covered in wax typically has not been dried. Don Squires has a pen crafted from a wax covered blank that looked incredible when finished. However, over time as the wood dried it split in several places revealing the brass tubes underneath.

The evening was turned over to the feature presenter, the guild's very own, Jake Blok. Jake builds custom and commissioned furniture pieces that are works of art. He first started learning to build furniture while in high school. After graduation he attended Kendall School of Design for four years.

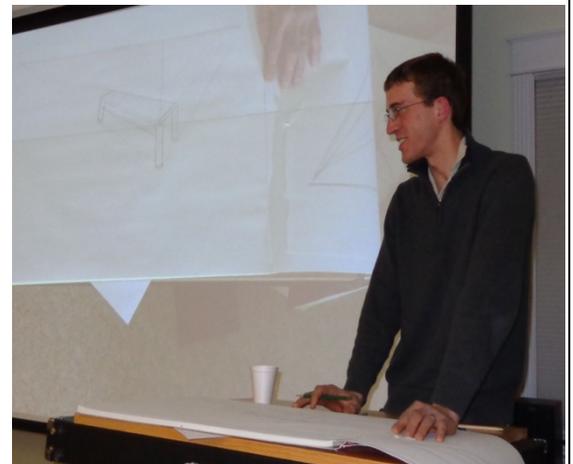
Jake explained how his work all starts from a sketch design on paper and transitions to a computer model and the finished product. The computer model allows the client to visualize the piece and how it may look in its final location in their home.



Jake went on to explain some of the finer points of sketching with perspective. He challenged the guild to do a simple box sketch with an eye line and leading edge. Along the way he revealed tips and tricks to splitting dimensions in half proportionately with the perspective. The sketching tasks built on one another until we had finished with a table with tapered legs, oval shapes and triangular top. Jake's directions and guidance is best explained with the following photos from Al's overhead projector:



For Jake the sketching is a speed tool used every day in his business. Many suggested using a straight edge to be quicker and cleaner. But with enough practice and experience the straight edge becomes obsolete. The guild thanks Jake for giving us a new "perspective" on sketching up and designing our own projects. We look forward to seeing more of Jake's work in future meetings.



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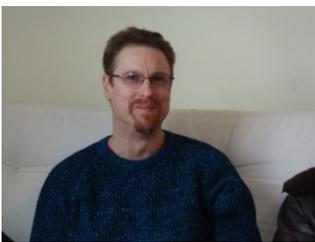
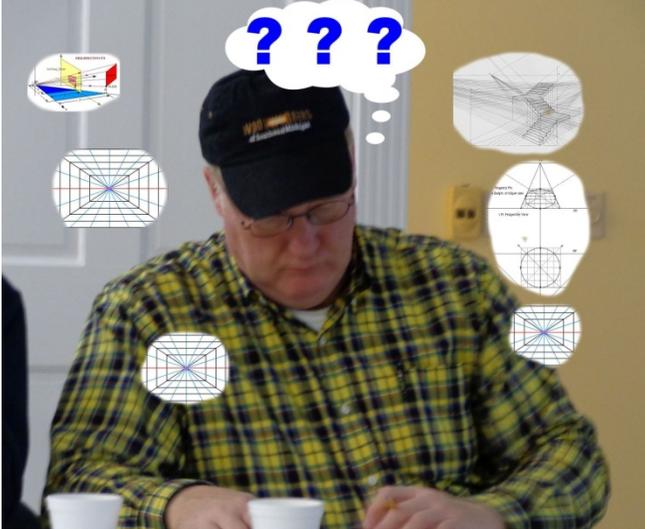
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For those that smelled wood burning at the meeting, no need to worry. It was just Bill's brain being over clocked by all the sketching directions that Jake was providing.



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