

# Woodworkers Guild

of

Southwestern Michigan October 8 2013

## Next Meeting

### Location

October 8th, 2013 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: Mike Belzowski will presenting steam bending techniques.



Meeting notes from September 10<sup>th</sup>.

1. Meeting called to order by Bill at 7pm.
2. Election of Officers: A motion was made and seconded to keep our current officers. Passed unanimously.
3. Toys for Tots: a bag of wheels and axles are provided and can be signed out by Guild members to make toys (cars, planes, boats etc.) for kids. Other items like small jewelry boxes, tops are appreciated as well. These items are due by the November meeting so they can be given either to the Outreach center or Gospel Mission for Christmas.
4. The Embellishment Class has been rescheduled for October 26. The cost is \$60 and includes all materials and lunch. The class is almost full so please contact Al Collison ASAP if you want to attend.
5. 2013 Meetings
  - a. Oct 8: Mike Belzowski will present steam bending techniques
  - b. Nov 12: Road trip to Tillers International. They teach third world countries to make tools. The visit will include a tour and introduction to Tillers International, and a demonstration on making an Ox yoke, (for all you members who have been requesting information on this for your family oxen, now is your chance!!!).

## 2013 Meetings Continued

- c. Dec 10: Gary Foote from Woodcraft will be demonstrating dust collectors and educating us on the dangers of dust.
  - d. Jan – Road trip to Homestead Furniture (Park Trade Center) where Dennis Dahl will give us a tour of his facility
  - e. Feb – Doug Birch will be demonstrating his work with Dulcimers.
  - f. March – Jake Blok will be showing us his work in fine furniture. For a preview, go to his web site at [jblokstudios.com](http://jblokstudios.com)
  - g. April – A class on turnings by Jerry Cronin.
  - h. May – A mortise and tenon workshop
  - i. June – Picnic
6. A committee was formed to look into a better option for our Guild's web site. The committee consists of Dr. Doug, Mike Cline, Wolfgang Lugauer and Don Smith. To report back next month.
7. The rest of the night was devoted to giving attendees a chance to give tips or present their summer projects.
- a. Tom – Grizzly Tools are used exclusively to make high end Gibson Guitars.
  - b. Ralph – Heard an interesting program on NPR about the "Kalamazoo Girls" who made the Gibson guitars during WWII.
  - c. Bill – Vicksburg is building a pavilion from Sept 12-22. There will be 60 people working on the timber framing (mortise and tenon). You can buy a peg from one of the city merchants.
  - d. Elton – brought in his summer project...a Hal Taylor chair. It was very well done.
  - e. A dust collection system modified with a Thein baffle connected to a Delta single stage vacuum along with a nice work bench was presented. Creator of these items will have to be identified at a later date.
  - f. Gary Doyle – Showed pictures of his Country Kitchen remodel.
  - g. Don Smith- Showed a pen that he made from Birds Eye Maple. The stick of wood was in a bundle obtained from the Guild garage sale last year.
  - h. Bill – Made a step in tub. He learned how to cut and shape fiberglass. He used stained glass for the surround.
  - i. Mark Branch – Launched a new handy man/consultant business. He passed out business cards to the group. He also collaborated with Al on making signs for Gilchrist (Fetzer Organization) and showed one to the group.
  - j. Don Squires – Brought in a pile of woodworker magazines to share with anyone who wants one. He continues to experiment with inside out turnings.
  - k. Neil – He made and demonstrated his creation...a clothes pin box. He also shared that you can make food safe finishes by using grain alcohol in the shellac.
  - l. Thom – brought in examples of exotic woods such as African Leopard wood and Koa. He also brought in several projects that he had entered for judging north of Toronto. One was a harpoon which he had to explain to the border patrol.
  - m. Ralph – brought in a historical period lap desk that he made from 5 different types of maple. He does make these for sale if you need gift ideas.
  - n. Wolfgang – He found a new Aggravation game on the internet. It is built in segments so you can adjust to number of players. Because of the different angles involved, he had to build a template help locate the drill holes.
  - o. Mike Cline – suggested a web site to the group.....[lumberjocks.com](http://lumberjocks.com)
  - p. Gary – made mission style desks for his grand kids
  - q. Al Collison – Has had a busy summer....made a cake transporter (uses ½ inch dowels on a 2' x 4' peg top), several bow tie jigs, a podium, 600' of shoe molding, kitchen counter top, handicap stool and beautiful hood vent.



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