Woodworkers Guild

of

Southwestern Michigan – http://www.woodguild.org **February 2017**

Next Meeting

February 7, 2017 @ 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: Tom Nehil – Wood identification. Tom is a guild member and teaches a class on wood identification at Tillers International.

The January meeting was held at Al Collison's shop. Bill Crown opened the meeting in regular fashion and welcomed guests and first time attenders. At last count 36 members and guests were in attendance.

Mike Cline has added plans for toys to the guild web page. The plans could be used to build toys for the annual Christmas drive.

The guild meeting was opened to show and tell around the room:

George Collins brought in two pens he turned with some assistance from Don Smith. George won one of the pen kits a while back from YouTube channel.

Don Batts provided an update on the Kalamazoo Makers Group. It is a member driven Makers group offering equipment use and training in woodworking, metalwork, electronics, robotics, and programming among other high tech offerings. Membership is $50/month. Their web page is www.kzoomakers.org and they are located at 1102 East Michigan Avenue.

Matt Erdmann had before and after photos of the trim work he is replacing through his whole house. Matt designed and made his own plinth blocks. He also had a photo of a marble run toy that is a big hit with all kids it encounters.

Milt Lynes solicited advice for drill small holes in Plexiglas. Advice included using sharp brad point or forstner bits, drill half way through from each side, keep paper backing in place until all machining is done or tape off the area if the paper is gone.

Al Collison received a gracious thank you letter from the Battle Creek American Legion for the flag box donations the guild built last year.

Bill handed the evening over to our featured speaker Aaron Stinson. Aaron was invited to speak by Burce DeDee. Bruce had biked past Aaron's home on Texas Drive and watched a large tree stump transferred over time into an intricate carving suitable for any number of Hobbits to inhabit. Aaron refers to himself as The Alabama Log Child – making logs into things. He walked us through an impressive presentation of his young woodworking journey. A couple of early quotes stood out: "When first I read Chaucer's "The lyf so short, the craft so long to lerne." I believed it was a lament, now I read it as a celebration." "It is good to know there is no limit to what can be done. The difficulty is not allowing this to overwhelm you. You must find joy in the pursuit."

Aaron started at chip carving. That provided easy entry to woodworking, requiring one relativity inexpensive tool. Chip carving revealed a lot about how wood is to be worked and manipulated. Wood burning followed chip carving. As his skill in wood burning grew, he began burning features into drum shells. A friend completes the drum build and offers them for sale to musicians. He made beautifully embellished chess set box out a simple wooden box and wood burnt images.

While on a trip to California, he purchased a dirty discarded slab of wood for $10. Once home, it cleaned up into a stunning live edge piece of red wood. With some help from a friend, he designed and built bent legs for the slab and created a unique table.

During the long cold winter a couple of years back, Aaron started his first log carving in his kitchen. The wood was green and his tools were inexpensive Dewalt chisels from Home Depot. After a lot of trial and error, frustration and determination his efforts payed off. A carving emerged with knots perfectly placed as windows for a house fit for a Hobbit. The Hobbit books have left their mark on Aaron and this is reflected in his work. One small problem emerged with this first work, the green wood's tendency to split while drying. Aaron added wedges to fill the voids and blended them in as much as possible. There was a lot of discussion around the splitting of green wood and how inevitable it is even under the best prevention efforts. Aaron will look for the first sign of checking and will cut into the logs pith length wise to relieve the

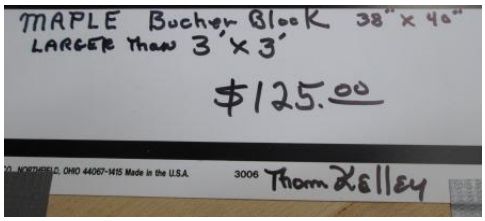
stress. Wedges are sometimes added and driven in a little each day until the split stabilizes. While he still uses the Dewalt chisels, he has also upgraded to Swiss made Pfiel chisels and a Stihl chain saw. Even though the chain saw has a dime size radius on the bar end, the chisels are used for the detail work.

Aaron is a professional saxophone player for the band Joe Hertler & the Rainbow Seekers. While traveling with the band he has time to sketch up his plans. He learned early on that people spend their money on wine and books. So it no coincidence many of his creations cater to that audience.

Book matching, working with epoxy and various crushed inlay material have made their way into his work. One of his favorite pieces has a turquoise stream providing the illusion of water flowing across several shelves.

Aaron had several slides of many works, a homemade log hauling rickshaw, and commissioned works. In his presentation of asked for pointers in finishing, sharpening, shop and equipment, and way to move large heavy logs. Like all woodworkers his constantly learning and improving his craft. By the time this newsletter is published, Aaron will have left behind his engineering job to peruse his music profession full time and possibly a sustaining career as a wood craftsman. We thank him for a wonderful presentation and best of luck on future endeavors. On a side note, a quick Google of Aaron Stinson reveals he has quite a social media resume, local news story on Mlive about his carvings and several videos from his band. His self-made wooden vest and glasses for stage performance are simply amazing.

Woodguild Classified:
Thom Kelley has a 3'x3' slab of butcher block for sale. $125.



Ralph Babcock has some aromatic cedar for sale.

Elton Hiscock is looking for a reasonably priced 12' planer.

Chuck Stevens has a new in the box Apollo Sprayer for sale, similar to the January presentation. Details are below:

Primal Woods Hartford, MI

Portable and Alaskan Sawmill Services

Email: john@primalwoods.com

Web: http://www.primalwoods.com

www.facebook.com\primalwoods

269-222-0101 John @ X700

Woodworkers Guild of S.W. Michigan

7572 S. 10th St

Kalamazoo MI 49009

Guild Officers

President - Bill Crown	375-1594
Vice President - Al Collison	685-8428
Treasurer - Mike Cline	685-0535
Newsletter Ed. - Scott McDavid	544-2177
Secretary - Douglas Lynes	324-1449
Photographer – Neal Ferguson	624-6837

Douglas & Son Inc.

Everyone's Favorite Paint & Wallpaper Store.

231 West Cedar St.
Kalamazoo MI 49007
(269) 344- 2860

Andy Jean's Sawmill
7616 W. Main
Oshtemo, MI

Cell 269-808-6230

Hardwood and Softwood
Professional Milling and Kiln Drying

J&J

Paint & Glass

Steve Klok Scott Miracle
Everything in Glass

509 East Vine St.
Kalamazoo MI 49001

Ph 269-344-2834
Fax 269-344-0378

Serving SW MI since 1954

S E L E C T MILLWORK COMPANY
BILL ADAMS
PRESIDENT
960
INDUSTRIAL
PARKWAY
PLAINWELL MI
49080
PH 269-685 2646

THE HERITAGE COMPANY

Architectural Salvage and Supply Buy and Sell old woodwork, doors windows and all other old house parts.

Open Wed – Sat 11-5
269-385-1004
150N. Edwards
Kalamazoo, MI 49007

WOODCRAFT
4265 28th St. SE
Grand Rapids, MI
616-957-9663
woodcraftmich550@sbcglobal.net
Directions
New Hwy 6 E. off 131 to M-37, N. to 28th St., Right on 28th, One mile from M-37 North
Just East of Paris Ave.
Next to Design Quest on your left.

The Apollo TrueHVLP Turbine System

Number 800SP:

* Three Stage Turbine
* 5.5 psi/0.38bar
* 115 cfm/3.25 cmm
* Dual air filitration
* Single gun
* 110 volt, 60Hz, 11 amps, 1.65 H.P.
* Wt: 41 lbs
* Ht: 13"
* W: 13"
* L: 17"

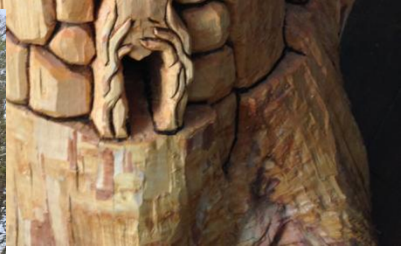
Apollo HVLP Super-Spray Gun Series 5000 (A5010):

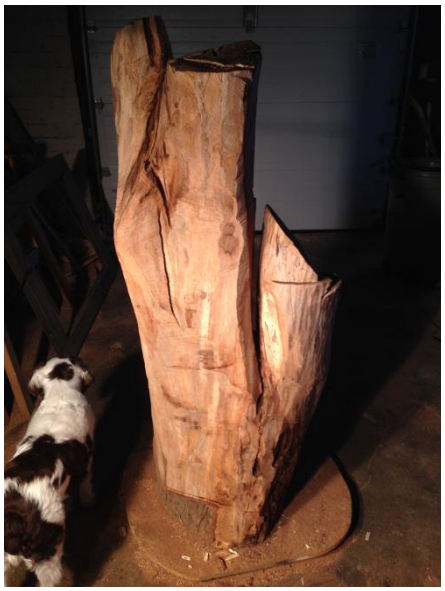
* All metal -- "Super" lightweight
* Hi-Grade aluminum castings
* All fluid parts are marine grade stainless steel
* Certified to meet all government transfer efficiency codes of 65% or better
* Uses less than 5 p.s.i. across the air cap
* True **H**igh **V**olume **L**ow **P**ressure design
* Two-position air hose connection
* Quick release couples
* "Super Easy" to use and maintain
* 100% made in America by Apollo Sprayers, Inc.

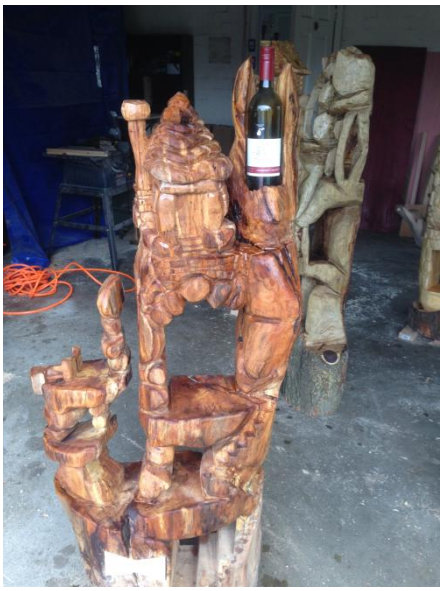
I paid $799 on sale, normally $1039; I received a $50 rebate, so ended up paying $750 for it. At the time I purchased it at the Indianapolis Woodworking Show, there was only one model better. This 800SP included several additional items that made it a "special" deal for the Woodworking Show. It is new and never been out of the box. I would like $650 or OBO.

Chuck Stevens

chuckstevens67@yahoo.com or 765-499-8548







HOPE
4
WILDLIFE