

WOODWORKERS

of Southwest Michigan

<http://www.woodguild.org> February 2018

Next meeting:

February 13, 2017 @
7:00pm

Kalamazoo Makers Guild
1102 East Michigan Ave.
Kalamazoo

Travel on East Michigan Ave through downtown Kalamazoo. Cross over the Kalamazoo river. Stay to the right on East Michigan Ave. as you pass under the railroad overpass. The Makers guild is about 100 yards from the overpass on your right if you are traveling East.

Agenda: Don Batts will lead a tour of the Makers Guild Facility in Kalamazoo

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The January guild meeting was held at Al Collison's shop. Bill Crown presided over the meeting in typical welcoming fashion. About 40 members and guests were in attendance. After a time of show and tell, the meeting was turned over to the evenings primary presenter, the guild's very own Chuck Andrews. Chuck walked us through the steps of making a rounded bottom hand plane and how to prepare the plane iron from a piece of tool steel. The presentation was packed full of information, history and Chuck's 'trade secrets' of plane making.

This style of plane making goes way back, but was made popular by James Krenov. One select's a block of wood suitable for the plane. From there it is a relatively simple process of slabbing away the sides from the blank. Cutting away parts of the

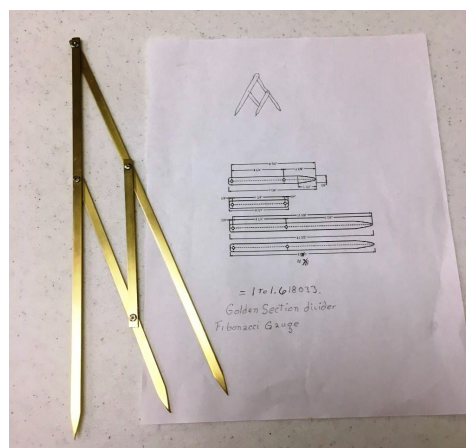
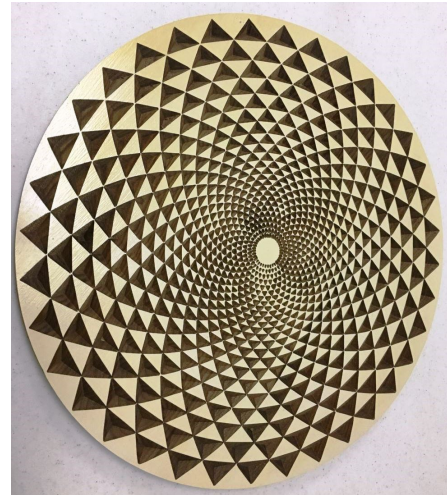


center section to make a space for the plane iron and wedge. Truth is that Chuck makes it look simple, but there are precise angles to be cut and proper gap spacing for optimal performance.

Chuck assembled the plan body and rounded the bottom. He then walked us through the process of tempering the plane iron with a MAPP gas torch. A handout was provided of this whole process and could be followed by anyone to make a variety of hand plans. A few years back the guild hosted an event at Chuck's shop where each member built a jack plane using these same techniques. Thanks to Chuck for providing us a very interesting and informative evening.



Show and tell



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Upcoming Events

Tillers International Classes:

Windsor Tall Stool March 9-11 This class gives students a lot of quality time and instruction on the lathe, as well as carving a seat.

Spoon Carving March 17-18 Nate Chambers is coming from Asheville, NC to teach a couple of green woodworking classes at Tillers for the first time. We are honored to have him. Great craftsman and great instructor.

Bowl Turning on a Spring Pole Lathe March 21-24 Great new class. Read more at link.

Local wood turners meet second Saturday of each month at Northwest United Methodist Church. 3140 North 3rd Street, Kalamazoo, MI 49009. —<http://www.westmichturners.org/>
Meetings begin at 10:00 am, coffee and rolls at 9:00am

Kzoo Makers meet M-Tu-Th-Sa from 4:00pm—8:00pm —www.kzoomakers.org



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The Woodworks Guild of South West Michigan is a group of hobbyist and professional woodworkers of diverse woodworking interests that meet monthly to share knowledge and craftsmanship skills that serve the many facets of woodworking.

Meetings are held second Tuesday of each month from September through May. Meeting time is 7:00pm at a local shop or location of interest.

Annual member ship dues are \$25/year.

Find us on the web at www.woodguild.org

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