

WOODWORKERS

of Southwest Michigan

<http://www.woodguild.org> November 2017

Next meeting:

November 14, 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: The speaker for our November meeting will be from the Alumilite Corporation, which is headquartered in Kalamazoo, and provides a wide range of resin and epoxy products. They place special emphasis on hobby and craft users both in the quantities they sell and in their customer service. More information is available online at:

Alumilite.com
MakeLure.com
MoldPutty.com

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At the October meeting Bill Crown presided over 38 members and guests.

Bill offered a welcome to our guests and a brief introduction to our guild and meetings.

Packages of 40 wheel and axels were made and still are available for members to construct toys. The toys are given to the Kalamazoo Gospel Mission and Portage Community Center just after Thanksgiving. So please have your creations turned in no later than Thanksgiving. In the past we have donated 350~400 toys. Mike Cline has posted plans for toys on our web page under the links tab.

Our October featured speaker was Jim Gehring, proprietor of Fine Tool Journal LLC, and Brown Tool Auctions based out of Watervliet, MI. Brown Tool Auctions hosts several online auctions and about four live auctions annually held mostly in Harrisburg Pennsylvania area. However in recent years a live auction has been held at Tillers International in Scotts MI, usually in July. The Stanley line of bench planes and various other hand planes are the bulk of their auctions. Stanley began operating in 1854 as the Stanley Level and Rule Company and began making the hand plans in the late 1860's.

The auctions draw in people looking for a daily use tool of timeless craftsmanship. The tool collectors are a different animal. Some are wanting to complete their Stanley bench plan collection from the No. 1 plane to No. 8 jointer. The No. 1 hand plane, too small to be of much practical value, is the holy grail to the collector and those planes will bring in \$700 or more. A plane's knob size is an indication of age, early planes used a low knob, pre 1920's, and later planes used a high knob. Jim mentioned the Stanley Bedrocks unique frog design supposedly to provide more stability, some swear by them, others think it was marketing hype, either way they are rare. Some of the more rare items will fetch \$2,000 ~ \$4,000 or more depending on market conditions.

Jim walked us through several slides of the collector tools, from bench plans, compound planes, molding plans, hand saws, and unique one of kind prototypes. He explained what the collectors look for and value. Intricate engravings and plating's, age, scarcity, original packaging, material of construction, and oddities drive the value. The value can fluctuate significantly over time. Items that once were thought to be rare and highly valued create demand. That demand leads to a hunt and discoveries of old tools in grandpa's shop or basement. And suddenly the market is flooded with what was once thought to be rare.

Jim also touched on the history between the iconic families and companies. Apparently Fredrick Stanley and Leonard Bailey had an on again, off again relationship. Bailey was responsible for the design of early planes licensed to Stanley. Bailey planes tend to be more rare and thus more valuable. Jim's knowledge of the tools and their value seems endless. He is close by in Watervliet and always available to evaluate and old hand tools.

His web page can be found at :<https://www.finetoolj.com/>

November Show and Tell

Don Batts had a shield for the Boy Scouts of America carved from a piece of spalted maple using a CNC carving machine. The CNC machine carved the shield in 3.5 hours. Don mentioned an excellent CNC workshop at the Makers Guild November 10-11. More info at <https://www.meetup.com/KzooMakers/events/244290040/>



Thom Kelley has a hatchet made in Gladstone Mi about 120 years ago for the logging industry. It had a unique blade cover built into the handle to protect the packets of the person carrying the hatchet. Thom also had a couple of his grandfathers boring bits from that same era. The eyelets for the wooden handles are part of the bit shaft forged into a loop.



Larry Putman brought photos of live edge tables he made utilizing two part epoxy inlay with wood chips. He started with a walnut slab and ash logs that a local portable sawmill cut up for him. The slabs are 2" thick and book matched. A challenge was building a dam to hold the epoxy utilizing acetate sheets. He finished using 5~6 coats of wipe on poly.



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George Wade and Adrian Callaghan reported on their trip to Festool Connect in Lebanon Indiana, north west of Indianapolis. They had a nice presentation of all their tools, with demonstrations and hands on opportunity to try them out. Also a nice tour of their facilities- warehouse, repair dept. , classroom, offices, and future site of a new building. They also presented SawStop table saws which they now own, and Shaper Origin CNC router. It was a great day with a free gift and free lunch with a German band. The event web page is : <https://www.festoolusa.com/company/festool-connect>

Beads of Courage

Bruce Dannenhauer of the West Michigan Woodturners presented an opportunity for the guild to participate in "Beads of Courage". It is a program that builds small boxes for beads collected by children undergoing treatments for cancer or other blood disorders. Bronson hospital has a "Journey Beads" program and in Grand Rapids there is a "Bravery Beads" program. They are looking to get 50 boxes to start a program at Bronson in Kalamazoo. The wood turners naturally made turned boxes. However, a box of any shape will work. Guidelines include: 140 cu in, easy to remove top, clear finish, and uniqueness in design. This should be discussed further at the November meeting to determine level of interest.

<https://www.bronsonhealth.com/bronson-health-foundation/programs-and-campaigns/bronson-childrens-hospital-journey-beads/>

<http://www.beadsofcourage.org/pages/woodturners.html>



Upcoming Events

Tillers International Classes:

Tillers always has a variety of classes. Their web page has gone through several updates. Their 2018 class schedule is now available online.

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

Don Batts is hosting a CNC Workshop at the Kzoo Makers with invited speaker: John Hennen- a 3D modeling expert from Legacy Wood CNC.

\$100 registration fee which covers instruction for 2 days with continental breakfast and lunch both days. Significant discounts available for KMS members, veterans, active duty military, police, firefighters, and teachers. Co-hosted with Ted Gauthier of Fly Balloons CNC, Pontiac, MI. 9am to 5pm on **11/10 & 11/11/2017**

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Tom Salamun has some quarter sawn red oak, kiln dried 4/4, 200 ~ 300 board feet @ \$2.00/board foot. 269-720-3272—please leave a message if Tom can make it to the phone.

Neal Ferguson has a hickory log for free. He will even help you remove it from his property if you are interested.

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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

Guild Sponsors:

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