



Woodworkers Guild



of

Southwestern Michigan – <http://www.woodguild.org> October 2015

Next Meeting

October 13, 2015 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 be discussing veneering. At past meetings Mike has demonstrated and discussed various ways to bend wood and inlay techniques. A few years back he taught a weekend inlay class at Al Collison's shop. He can often be found at the Johnson's Workbench Expo and Wood fair teaching and demonstrating veneering, bending and inlay techniques. He has spent many years building custom items with unbelievable bends, veneers and inlays. His presentations are always loaded with information and inspiration.

The September meeting was held at Al Collison's shop. Over 34 members and guests were in attendance. Several guests joined the guild on the spot. The agenda included an outline of the 2015-2016 program schedule, a session of summer project show and tell, and collection of \$25 annual dues. The 2015-2016 season monthly agenda is planned as follows:

October – Mike Belzowski veneering

November – Representative from Titebond adhesives – successful gluing

December – Field trip to Rob Chamberlin's shop in Kalamazoo

January – Ted Maxon – wooden canoe building.

February – Field trip to Dennis Dahl's Homestead Furniture and Cabinetry

March – Mortise and Tenon by Woodcraft of Grand Rapids

April – Possible segmented turning from local wood turning guild

May – TBD

Al Collison mentioned that downtown at the old grapevine furniture store is a massive amount of trim for sale at very good pricing. The gentleman running the used car lot across the street from furniture store is managing the trim sale.

Also mentioned was an open invitation to the guild for an estate sale September 10 & 11. Several guild members attended and made away with lumber and tools at garage sale prices. Most people were stunned at the amount of hand tools the former owner had accumulated over a lifetime. Online resources such as estatesales.net will help locate local estate sales for those interested.

Those that remember our guild member Dean Beghul passed away last year. It was mentioned that pieces of bark, burls and willow walking stick material that Dean had accumulated are available to any of the guild members.

Mike Cline brought in an example of a woodland shell made up of many pieces of laminated wood.

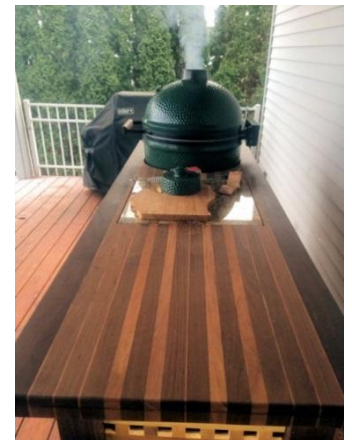


Guest and new member George Wade brought in a smart phone acoustic amplifier he builds from southern yellow pine. The amplifier is a passive design in that it uses no electricity, just acoustic resonance.



Doug Lynes made a plug for our sponsors and local businesses. He mentioned a great experience at paint shop Douglas and Son. Several guild members had positive stories from Douglas and Son and our other sponsors. Please keep our sponsors and local business in mind when making purchases.

Wayne Kruger brought in photos of a custom grill cart made for his Green Egg grill. The cart was made from Ipe and Garapa wood, two of the hardest and most durable woods one can find.



Bill Crown has had his man cave work shop for years now. It seem only fitting that over the summer he built his wife her she shack. It is roughly 12' x 12' with a 5' x 12' porch. Located at the far end of their pool, it comes complete with porch and chairs, gutter rain chain and plenty of windows to provide light and ventilation for numerous projects. Bill maintains that in back and underneath the she shack is a 3 car garage and that is where he keeps all his real toys.



Marty, a guest and potential new member spent the summer restoring a Powermatic 66 table saw. He found Jeff Schmidt grinding service in Vicksburg. They had a 36" grinder to resurface the top.

While on a motorcycle trip in the U.P., in the town of Ishpeming, Don Batts came across Bell Forrest Products. He had seen their commercials on TV. Finding the entrance covered in vines, it gave the impression of a neglected or abandoned business. Once inside they found a treasure trove of local and imported exotic lumber. The owners showed them around and said it was rare for customers to show up on site. They specialize in figured maple. The bulk of their business is done via the internet. Check out their web page www.bellforestproducts.com. One can hand pick boards through their web page and free shipping on orders over \$100.

The guild purchased a display board over the summer for use at events. It got it first use at Handley's Hardwood Lumber Rodeo this August. It got good reception at the Rodeo and from members at the meeting. The display was used in conjunction of works various members brought for display.



As an FYI to all, do not park on the west side of the street across from Al's shop. It is a swampy area waiting to trap all who enter. More than one member has been trapped and needed to be pulled out.



A reminder that we have a local wood turning guild in our community. It meets the second Saturday of each month at 10:00 am. The wood turners meet at Portage Northern High School in the wood shop, NW side of school.

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