

WOODWORKERS GUILD

of Southwest Michigan

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

Next meeting:

October 10, 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: Jim Gehring will be talking about antique tools.

Jim Gehring owns and manages Fine Tool Journal LLC, and Brown Tool Auctions. Together, these two publications cover articles and auctions for all types of antique tools from rusty to rare, including the world record set for a single tool at auction of \$114,000. Jim himself is a collector, primarily of levels, of which he owns more than 1,000, some dating to the 1600s. "Every available square inch of wall space in my home that doesn't have pictures has levels mounted on racks with little wooden pegs," he says. He also owns hammers, drills, braces, plow planes and orreries (mechanical models of the solar system). He is drawn to scientific and surveying instruments, especially if they have what he calls "a high 'gizmocity' factor."

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At the September season opener meeting Bill Crown presided over 37 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.

Bill mentioned getting volunteered to judge entries at a local Pallet-Palooza this summer. So what is a Pallet-Palooza? From their web page www.palletswmi.com: Recycled pallets will be transformed into amazing projects from wall art to furniture. PalletPalooza™ is celebrating the recycled pallet trend with a competition and awards event. PalletPalooza™ will benefit Goodwill Industries of Southwestern Michigan and its mission to provide employment, education, training, and support services to individuals and families so they can achieve self-sufficiency.

The grand prize winning piece was a turned segmented vase titled "Sunrise" by Steve Howland. Pallets were available for free from various locations across Kalamazoo and Portage. Entries had to be built using at least 60% pallet material. Categories included art & décor, furniture, functional and signs to name a few. Last years winner was an entire workshop made from over 600 pallets.

Visit their web page to see all the winners and entries and stay tuned for Pallet-Palooza 2018.

<http://www.palletswmi.com/>



November Show and Tell

Elton Hiscock brought in a slide show presentation of kitchen cabinets that he built over a 6~7 year period for his son's house.

This labor of love took so long because each corner cabinet, inside and out, upper and lower features curved doors. Each door is composed of slats that are coved and radiused on edge to fit matting slats. The rails were laminate bendings to match the counter curves.



Elton Hiscock on his cabinet build – "Fun to do if you don't have to account for your time."

Don Squires had a bowl he turned from American Yellow Wood.



Dave Grubaugh brought in a Windsor rocking chair that he built at a class led by David Abeel at a workshop in Frankfort Mi. Many repetitive parts were pre cut. The techniques and tools to make the pre cuts were demonstrated. This allowed for a speedy class to take place over a weekend. Cost was around \$300 ~ \$400.

Ralph Babcock passed around marking sticks the made to get consistent offsets for box joint pegs and dovetails.



Tom Nehil attended an IWCS – International Wood Collectors Society conference and came back with more unusual samples of wood for his identification collection. The organization can help locate exotic woods for projects.



Ron Prining had information regarding tools that are available for sale from the late Wes Merriman's estate. Wes was a friend of Ron's. There were several large older Craftsman machines. See Ron if you are interested in more information. Ron also presented a flag box he build that differed from the guild flag box design. Ron used design elements from a 2002 Wood magazine plan - issue 144.

Neal Ferguson had a small box from rose wood. Members were challenged to identify the wood.



Election of officers

After show and tell discussions, Bill opened up the meeting to have an election of officers. As in years past, all current officers are willing to step down from their posts and will be grateful for anyone that wants to step into their position. When Bill was asked if he wanted his position as president, there was a slight pause. I believe Bill spoke for all current officers. There is no autocracy here and we certainly do not want to keep anyone from taking over a role in the guild leadership. If there is any member out there that wants for feels compelled to take over a role, please let us know. No one will be offended, but will be grateful for the help. That said, there was a nomination to keep current officers in place.

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 October meeting to determine level of interest.



Upcoming Events

Tillers International Classes:

Tillers always has a variety of classes. Their web page has gone through several updates. My guess is the updates and not finished. Classes are displayed, but their dates are difficult to find at this time.

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

Wood guild Classified

Tom McCormick is looking for someone to cut slabs from a 5'x5' walnut stump.

Duane Hampton will have some antique hand tools available for sale at the October

Woodworkers Guild Hats

I'm thinking of ordering Woodworkers Guild hats again. I would like to have at least 5 orders so we can keep the price down. On my last order the charge was \$14.00. If you would care to have one, let me know what color. -Mike Cline

Woodworkers Guild of S.W. Michigan

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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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