# WI OF GUIDA KERS

# of Southwest Michigan

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#### **Next meeting:**

October 8th @ 7:00pm

Kzoo Makers 1102 E. Michigan Kalamazoo, MI 49048 kzoomakers.org

Take E. Michigan Ave through town, go under the railroad over pass and continue on E. Michigan Ave. Kzoo Makers is about 1/8 mile past the railroad overpass on the south side of E. Michigan Ave.

**Agenda:** Adrian Callaghan will be doing a "Professional Finishing" presentation.

The September had many moments that resembled our typical kick off meeting. Bill Crown opened the meeting and conducted a business usual and a welcome to new members and guests. Approximately 40 members were present. However there were an equal number of elements that were a huge change to our organization. The first being that our new primary meeting location is now at the Kzoo Makers Space on E. Michigan Ave. Al and Norma Collison have been gracious hosts for many years, but it is time to give them a break from all the planning, setup and snow blowing for our meetings. With the help of Don Batts the guild has been able to arrange for meetings to be held at the Kzoo Makers Space.



Election of guild officers brought more change. Bill Crown and Al Collison gracefully stepped down from their posts as President and Vice President. The guild cannot thank them enough for their leadership, time and commitment over past 12 years. We also owe a large debt of gratitude to Al and Norma for the use of their shop, equipment and hospitality. On a personal note, as I am writing this I recall some of the last guild meetings at Loy Norrix High School before Bill and Al. The last few meetings during winter, I recall that myself, Bruce DeDee, Elton Hiscock, Dick Servis and one or two others were all that were showing up. I was very much convinced the guild had reached its end. Bill and Al came along an breathed in new life and transformed the guild. Without them the guild would not be what it is today. We cannot thank them enough. With that said, we are fortunate to have Bill Wieringa and Gary Foote step forward to the roles of President and Vice President. Please welcome Bill and Gary to their new positions.

Once the business meeting excitement was over, the meeting opened up to show and tell. Vern Wilson brought in a number of segmented bowls that he makes from flat board stock. A board is mounted to a lathe and special cutters are fed into the board at precise angles to cut out individual rings. The rings can be stacked and glued together to form a rough bowl. It is then mounted on the lathe and smoothed out to final shape and finished. We were amazed that he sells these at local craft fairs for only \$20. Others echoed that is about all the local market would pay for such an item.







Don Smith brought in an 3D American flag constructed form 2x4s. He has a pattern to cut each 2x4 such that a wave will be formed during the glue up. A torch is used to scorch the surface and making the grain pop. Each star is painstakingly cut by hand with a Dremel tool and a lot of patience. Don is a member of the Kzoo Makers and used their equipment to quickly and easily cut out patterns for the stars. Google "3D wooden American flag" to find many

YouTube videos on how to make this and similar flags.





George Wade brought in a cutting board he was preparing to finish. Surprisingly it was sized for a normal sized kitch-



en and not Paul Bunyan.

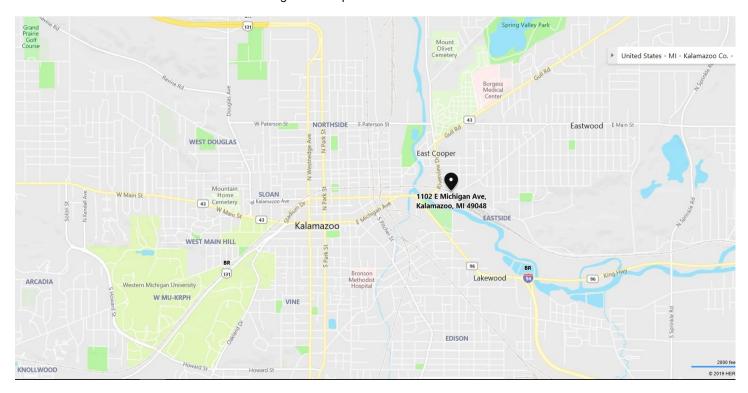
After show and tell the guild got a tour of the shop areas. Don Batts could not wait to show off his new toy. For years Don had been looking for a pattern mak-

ers vise. Amazingly one showed up on e-bay in Portage of all places. Don contacted the guy and made a cash offer the guy could not refuse and became the owner of an original Youst pattern makers vise. Don was as thrilled as a child on Christmas morning with his new toy. Don gave us the history of the vise company and all its different features.





High level map of Kzoo Makers location.



Street view of Kzoo Makers space.



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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.

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