Sunday, April 12, 2015 2:00 - 4:00 PM
At the TechShop In Allen Park

Windsor Chairs Presentation
by Jim Crammond

The April luncheon will be at Jimi’s on Thursday
the 23rd at 1:15 PM.

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Calendar Of Events

The May 2015 meeting will feature a round robin of Guild members presenting topics where they have a noted skill and expertise. The meeting will be held held at the TechShop on May 17th.

The May 2015 luncheon will be at 1:15 PM at Jimi’s in Royal Oak on the 28th.

June 2015 will be taken as a month off. No meetings or other activities are scheduled. No newsletter will be published for June.

The June 2015 luncheon will be at 1:15 PM at Jimi’s in Royal Oak on the 25th.

July 2015 will be taken as a month off. No meetings or other activities are scheduled. No newsletter will be published for July.

There is no monthly luncheon scheduled for July.

August 2015 will feature our annual MWG Picnic on the 9th at VFW park in Royal Oak.

There is no monthly luncheon scheduled for August.
This April 12th we will have Jim Crammond give a talk on how he builds Windsor Chairs. This should be a very good show.

The Guild did not meet in either February or March due to the wood show in Novi and our wood show this past March 7th. Our wood show had only eight members who displayed woodworking projects. Thanks to those individuals who made the effort to show up. The attendance to the show was extremely low. Thanks to Sally and Bill Rigstad who provided the food for Guild participants. One of our newest members also provided three dozen doughnuts. Because of the lack of participation and low attendance, this April 12th the board of directors will meet and a decision will be made if we will have a woodworking show next year.

John Sanchez.

Unfortunately, the Showcase of Skills show did not receive the type of participation that has occurred in years past. There were a total of ten tables/displays including Ken Wolf's toy project toys. A number of members who have been active in the showcase in previous years declined to participate this year. Also, the side presentations that have occurred at prior Showcase of Skills meetings did not occur this year. Attendance at the show from outside the Guild was very thin. I am hoping that the Showcase of Skills annual meeting can continue. Some of the previous shows have been very successful and well attended. If any final decisions are made in the April Board of Directors meeting, I will put a summary in the newsletter.

I mentioned last month that I was trying out using a wax heater of the sort used by beauty shops to heat hide glue. I mixed up some glue, put it into a small glass (~1 cup) which I then heated with the wax heater. Overall, I made about 1/2 cup of glue. The wax heater kept the glue at about 180 degrees without difficulty. This allows me to make small quantities of hide glue for specific applications for about $100 less than buying a commercial glue pot. Since I use hide glue (other than the liquid type) only for limited purposes, I expect this to meet my needs at an attractive price.

Our good friend John Wolford, 86, and long time MWG member died March, 2014. John always came to our lunches and when we held the wood show in the LSC he would be standing at the table near the back door, sometimes with his grandson. In the 2009 photo John is using a walker following a very difficult and painful back surgery. When John stopped coming to the lunches I tried calling him and never got an answer. I finally sent him a card to see how he was doing, to my shock, his son called me to let me know he had passed.
The Guild’s annual Showcase of Skills meeting was held on March 7th this year. While participation was less than hoped for, those members who provided projects at the show deserve our recognition and thanks. I will not try and provide written descriptions of all the projects that were displayed. Instead, I think that the photos throughout this newsletter provide a more accurate and complete overview of the displayed projects than I could provide. I will let the photos provide their own descriptions. I have labeled each photo with the member’s name.

Toy Project Items - Ken Wolf

Marble Maze - Joe Katona

1:12 Model Furniture - Fred Tocco

Cube - Erik Blom
Turned Bowls - Eric Blom

Various Projects - Jim Morningstar

Box - Rich Herber

Layered Scroll Saw Scene - Neal Hoegemeyer

Various - Bill Vetter
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The Picture Gallery

Neal Hoegemeyer’s Scrolled Plate
Rich Herbert’s Rocking Chair