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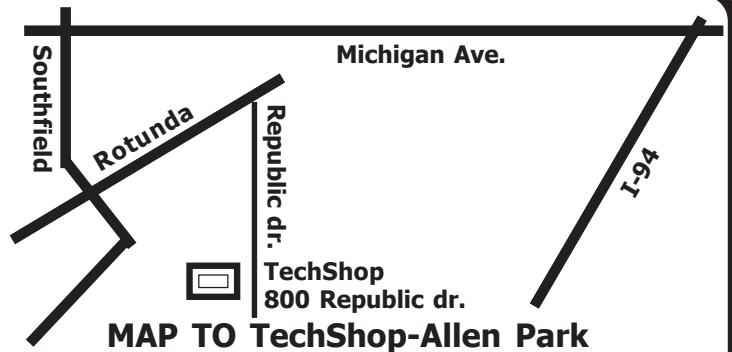
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SATURDAY, JANUARY 7

At the TechShop in Allen Park from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm with lunch from Noon to 1:00 pm.

Marc Adams returns for an all day workshop on Marquetry, Veneering, and Woodworking Techniques.

The January luncheon will be at Jimi's on the 26th at 1:16 pm (see page 7 for map)



AL EICHER PRESENTING THE PROGRAM AT THE DECEMBER MEETING ON THE "ORPHAN TRAIN"

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The **February 12** meeting will be at the **TechShop in Allen Park** and will feature one of our newer members, **Kyle Huntoon**. His topic will be **FURNITURE DESIGN**.

Our annual **SHOWCASE OF WOODWORKING SKILLS** will on **Saturday, March 11** at the **Livonia Senior Center** from Noon to 4:30 pm. To reserve a spot, contact Ed Stuckey at 313-345-3671.

The **Sunday, April 9** meeting at the **Royal Oak senior Center** will be our popular **JIGS AND TOOLS** program. Contact **Will Wilson** at 248-207-8883 to get on the agenda.

The **May** meeting **DATE, PROGRAM, AND LOCATION** are **TO BE DETERMINED**.

The **February** luncheon will be at Jimi's on the **23rd** at 1:16 pm

The **March** luncheon will be at Jimi's on the **23rd** at 1:16 pm

The **April** luncheon will be at Jimi's on the **27th** at 1:16 pm

The **May** luncheon will be at Jimi's on the **25th** at 1:16 pm



President's Corner

By Bill Gayde



First, I want to thank Gary Assarian for his service this past several years. Gary has done a great job as Program Co-ordinator and Vice-President and then had to add the job of President when John Sanchez became ill. Although that was not in his plans, he jumped right in kept the Guild going during some difficult times. Gary has offered to help Will Wilson while Will tries to get comfortable with developing our future programs. Thanks again Gary.

I also want to also thank Pete Goddard for his time as newsletter Editor. As Pete knows, this can be a frustrating, time consuming, and at times even a fun job. Although Pete's other commitments have required him to pass the Editors job back to me, he is going to continue on the Executive Board as an appointee for Special Projects.

The next few months are going to interesting to say the least. We have several meeting dates that are to be determined, a decision needs to be made about the annual picnic site, the new web site will take a lot of tender loving care getting it to the finished product, and the search for a permanent president will be ongoing (there is still time to volunteer).

The next few months however are going to be exciting! The **SATURDAY**, January 7th meeting features the return of Marc Adams for an all day seminar. If you have not signed up call Gary Assarian ASAP at 248-332-0816. Kyle Huntoon will be one of the presenters at the February meeting. March will be our annual "Show and Tell" and the April meeting will see our popular "Jigs and Tools" program.



MEETING REVIEW

By John Dolinsky

Al and Dave Eicher presented the program "THE ORPHAN TRAINS IN MICHIGAN" at the December meeting. The Guild members and spouses were enthralled. Most of us had never heard of the Orphan Train.

In the mid 1850's through 1927, the New York Children's Aid Society (NYCAS), founded by a preacher named Charles Brace, began rounding up orphaned children from the streets of New York and providing food, shelter, and clothing for them as he tried to place them on farms in the area. This soon became an overwhelming task and the Orphan Train concept was born. Over the years, over 27, 000 children were made available for adoption in several mid-west states. In Michigan, hundreds of children were adopted in over 50 cities from Adrian, Ann Arbor, and Detroit to Menominee, Newaygo, and Marquette.

Although some orphans were placed as laborers and servants, a 1901 a Michigan Historical Society report listed many successful placements resulting in adult professions such as: 19 Clergy, 17 doctors, 22 owned retail stores, 946 were in the military, 26 bankers, 34 lawyers, 2 state governors (North Dakota and Alaska), 81 teachers, and 450 'business men'. One woman from Lapeer (Mae Pierson) was an Orphan Train rider who was adopted by the Pierson family and became the First lady of Michigan in 1948 when her husband, Kim Sigler, became Governor.

Much more information can be had by Gogglng "Orphan Train" on the internet.



Member News

By Ann Ivory



Please welcome the following new members who have joined since August 2016:

- Laura Winder ----- Farmington Hills
- Jonathan Price ----- Clawson
- Mark Javit ----- Brighton
- Sheri Helton ----- Farmington Hills
- Chris davis ----- Macomb
- Justin Dedecker ----- Ann Arbor
- Jordan Miller ----- Ann Arbor
- Jerry Romito ----- Rochester Hills
- Ragnar Bergethon ----- Rochester
- James ryan ----- St. Clair Shores

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Toy Project

By Ken Wolf



MWG Children’s Hospital 2016 Toy & Box Program

I would like to thank all guild members who participated in our toy and box program this year. On December 12 our guild delivered 450 wooden toys and 50 boxes which exceeded our goals of 400 boxes and 40 boxes. The Children’s Hospital was very appreciative of the donations and the effort by guild members and by Henry Ford II High School who supported our program for the first time this year with 80 toys from their woodworking classes. The school wants to participate again next year and will they will have some returning students with experience to improve their toy building efficiency. It was encouraging to witness the enthusiasm of the students in building their toys despite cutting them out with coping saws and hand sanding the rough surfaces for hours to smooth them.

Although some of our past guild toy builders were unable to participate this year, others stepped up and we again have exceeded our goals. I am especially proud of your performance in donating the quantity of toys and boxes while delivering a high level of quality in both the toys and boxes.

Members who would like to participate for the first time next year can contact me with questions. I can provide our hospital guidelines for toys and the guild will provide the wheels/axles/washers for the toys you donate to the hospital. Current and past contributors which already have the guidelines please let me know your wheel/axle/washer needs. We have had several hundred 2” wheels donated to our program so if you have a design for that size it would be helpful (our current guild patterns use 1”, 1.25”, and 1.5” wheels only).

Thanks for helping so many children have a brighter holiday season.



WOODWORKING NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD



as Reported by Bill Rigstad

Vacuum Cleaners

This one is from my shop, we all have those vacuum cleaners that pick up dust in our shops. They do a go job of the dust pick up , but they also do a go job of blowing dust all

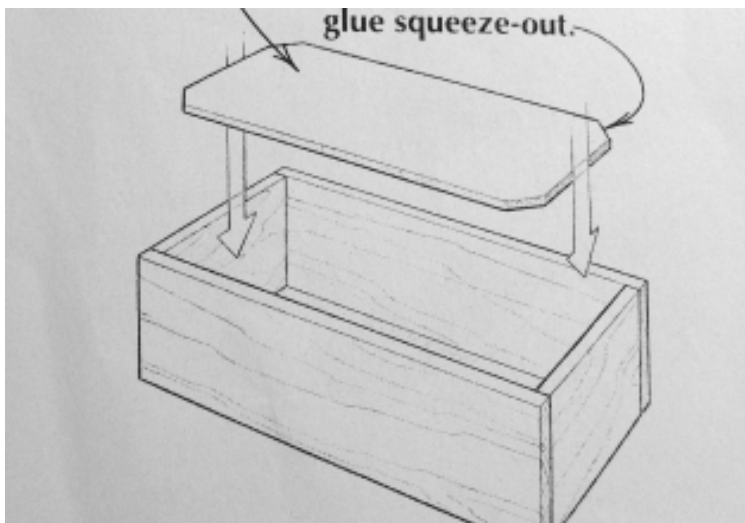


over the shop from the exhaust. I tried using a old pillow case with the one edge trapped by the top and a clamp holding the other side. The trick is to use a pillow case that has been washed at least 82 times.

Squaring Cabinets

-Gluing up and squaring a large carcass is an awkward job, especially when you're working alone. Instead of using clamps diagonally, I cut a piece of MDF the exact size of the opening. I place this in the middle of the carcass, and then I know it has to be square.

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WEB SITE

By Bob Mills



Merry Christmas and happy New Year to all Guild members and your families. I hope that your holidays are, and will be fabulous!

**The new Guild Website is ready for some heavy testing. I am asking for 8 to 10 members who would be willing to review the site and send me feedback prior to January 5th. If you are an IT person or a member who has used the old Guild website and want to volunteer, please email me at ramills@comcast.net or call me at 248-535-6718. Either way, I can give you some instructions and the URL of the new site. The plan is to use your feedback to fine tune the site and announce that it is live at the January 7th Marc Adams Presentation. I may be very biased but it looks fantastic on an iPhone, iPad, laptip or desktop computer. Allison Platt, the designer and developer, and I have worked hard to get it to this point. It will not be complete on the 7th, so development will continue throughout 2017, but it is a great start. Biased? Me? Absolutely!! Please think about volunteering for a few hours to help make it even beter. Thanks.
Bob Mills, Webmeister**



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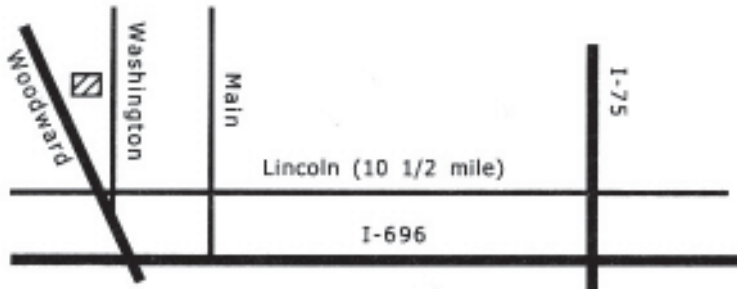
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The Picture Gallery



Ken Wolf, Bill Rigstad, and Bill Gayde delivering the toys to Childrens' Hospital



Bill Rigstad with the bookcase that he and Richard Fryer made for one of the waiting rooms at Childrens' Hospital.



The "kitchen crew" at the December meeting: From Left - Michelle Mills, Patti Boulard, Connie Wolf, Carolyn Gayde, Sally Rigstad, and Jane Kudej.