



Michigan Woodworker

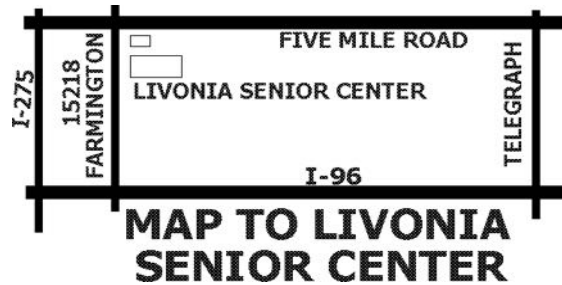
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Michigan Woodworker's Guild (Est. 1981)

Sunday, December 13, 2015
2:00 - 4:30 PM - Annual Christmas
Dinner and Presentation of Ford
Bold Moves by Bob Kreipke

The December luncheon will not be held this year due to conflicts with other large parties



Upcoming Events

| Month | Meeting Date | Topic | Speaker | Location | Luncheon Date |
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| Jan 2016 | Sunday 10 th 2:00-4:30PM | Sharpening | Various Guild Members | Tech Shop in Allen Park | Thursday, 28th |
| Feb 2016 | Sunday 14 th 2:00 - 4:30 | Finishing | Ed Stuckey | Royal Oak Senior Center | Thursday, 25th |
| March 2016 | Saturday 19 th 12:01-4:30PM ^h | Showcase Of Skills | Member's Displays | Tech Shop In Allen Park | Thursday, 24th |
| April 2016 | Sunday, 10 th 2:00-4:30PM | Intarsia | Kathy Wise | Tech Shop In Allen Park | Thursday, 28th |
| May 2016 | Sunday, 15 th 2:00-4:30PM | Construction Processes | Will Stanford | Tech Shop in Allen Park | Thursday, 26th |
| June 2016 | Currently TBD, June may be part of the annual summer shut down period. | | | | |
| July 2016 | July is our annual summer shut down period. | | | | |
| August 2016 | Sunday 14 th 12:00 - 3:00 | Annual Picnic | n/a | VFW Park, Royal Oak | Thursday, 25th |
| Notes | All luncheons are held at Jimi's in Royal Oak at 1:15 PM | | | | |

President's Corner**By Dr. Gary Assarian**

A Happy Holiday greetings to all of the members of the Guild. I am sure you are all in warp drive to get things done for the holidays. Good Luck!!

I am pleased to report that the Jigs and Fixtures program held in November at the Royal Oak senior center was a great success. It seems that the popularity of this event has grown over the years and in most part is due to the quality of the presentations and the applicability of the jigs to every day tasks in the shop. Special thanks go to the following presenters: **Peter Goddard, Al Goldstein, Jim Kudej, Tony Gigliotti, Ken Wolfe, Keith Whitehouse and Neal Hoegemeyer**. Perhaps you should think about presenting next year. All of the presentations were excellent and more importantly kept the interest of the attendees judging by their questions. As you know the venue was changed from Allen Park to Royal Oak. Judging by the reaction of the attendees, over 70+ members, the change was welcome. We will continue to shuffle the venues during the upcoming year, searching for the perfect blend of sites to help to create a maximum amount of interest among the membership.

Our annual holiday meeting featuring Bob Kreipke, will be held at the Livonia Senior Center on December 13 from 2 to 4:30pm. Lunch will be served and following there will be a presentation from Bob featuring the history of the Ford Motor Company. He is an entertaining and knowledgeable speaker. The program is sure to be a good one. Any member and their spouse are welcome to attend. Looking further into 2016 our January meeting will feature a sharpening extravaganza being hosted by Jim Kudej. The program will feature sharpening techniques using various techniques and devices. It should be a fairly comprehensive review and involve sharpening everything from planes to chisels using hand techniques, sharpening devices, and combinations of the two. It should be a very informative program.

In addition our February meeting has been changed to a program on finishing techniques being given by Ed Stuckey. This program was originally scheduled for the fall, however Ed graciously agreed to present the program in February as the plans for the Woodworking Show changed. Originally scheduled to be held in Novi the venue has been changed to the Gibraltar trade center. Historically that has not been a great venue for this program and we feel that our resources and time would be best served elsewhere. Should the program return to Novi we will most likely participate as a Guild.

Local Woodworking Schools

In addition to Guild programs are other skill enhancing programs featuring woodworking in the area. This past weekend I attended the Windsor Side chair class held at John Wilson's school and had a wonderful experience. The class was given by David Abeel. He was an excellent instructor and tireless worker. Believe it or not in a day and a half we were able to create a beautiful side chair with everyone in the class getting to final glue up and even some finish sanding. The Seat was done entirely using hand tools which was a lot of fun and work as well. It was well worth the fee and I would encourage any of the members to take a look at John's School to see if there's any program that you might be interested in. Charlotte is just a short drive.

Something New:

I would like to ask members if they would be interested in participating in building projects or jigs with other guild members. For example, one of the projects which people might be interested in is to create a **tumbler**, which could be used to mix glues and paints. It could also be used to polish

rocks, rusty tools and shell casings. It would have many uses. We have a great number of extremely talented machinists who could help choose the proper bearings, rods, gears motors etc. in order to create a simple but elegant machine which would be reliable and serve multiple purposes. We could then purchase the necessary items in bulk, which will help save money and, more importantly, ensure that you buy the right material. Please let me know if you would be interested in such a project. If we could get just for five people interested I believe it would be worthwhile endeavor. Let me know if you would be interested by email, pathman98@gmail.com or call 248 332-0816 (leave your name and number) if there is enough interest then we will proceed. In closing have a great Holiday and enjoy your families and friends.

The Editor's Two Cents
By Peter Goddard

Another election season for the Guild has arrived. The final list of candidates, unless modified from the floor during the December meeting, is contained in this newsletter. In addition, a request for input to the website development is also a part of this newsletter. Final status of the 2015 toy program is also detailed. This year the target number of toys was exceeded, but the number of plain boxes was less than the target. I think that all of us in the Guild need to work on supporting the toy program. It is one of the most positive efforts undertaken by the Guild.

Prior to the November meeting, an executive meeting was held. A couple of the items from that meeting may be of general interest. The future of the Guild library is going to be DVD based. The intent is to have the library of DVDs that are available for check out listed on the web site (once completed – mid 2016). Individuals wishing to check out a DVD would so indicate. The DVD itself would be brought to the next Guild meeting. The library would no longer consist of any books. Hard copy books have been found to be too much effort to track and haul back and forth to meetings.

An examination of the newsletter costs indicate that the current cost for a six page newsletter to be printed and mailed is ~\$25. Members having printed copies sent to them every month annually costs the Guild \$5 more than their dues. This is obviously not a sustainable situation. The intent is to move the newsletter to electronic version only starting with the January newsletter. Upon publication, the newsletter will be emailed to all current members with valid email addresses. Once the web site for the Guild is completed, the newsletter will be published to the web site. An email will be generated to all members notifying them of the newsletter's availability when it is published.

October Meeting Review
By Peter Goddard

The October 11th Woodworker's Guild meeting was a presentation of jigs and fixtures by a selection of Guild members. In addition to the presentation of the various jigs and fixtures, a swap meet, allowing members to sell or exchange excess tools was held. In previous years, the swap meet was an annual event that occurred in conjunction with the annual picnic. However this year, the swap meet at the picnic was poorly received. Almost no one brought anything to swap. At the October meeting, the swap meet part of the meeting, was quite a bit more successful. Participation in the swap meet exceeded expectations. The main part of the meeting consisted of presentations of individual jigs by members. The jigs and fixtures are too numerous to detail in a meeting summary. However, item generated considerable interest. Ken Wolf brought in a Moxon type vise that was based on the use of a couple ACME screws and some heavy wood vise parts (see back cover). It was immediately apparent that many Guild members found that device potentially useful in their own shops. If you missed November's meeting, you missed some very interesting solutions to problems we all share.

ANNUAL GUILD ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Following is the slate of officers for. Elections will be held at the December meeting of the Guild:

President – Gary Assarian

Vice-President – Will Wilson

Treasurer – Ed Stuckey

Secretary – John Dolinsky

Officers-at-Large: Clay Bolduc, Bill Gayde, Tony Gigliotti, Al Goldstein, Mike Holden, Bob Mills, Greg Smith,

The following are the Standing Committee members to be appointed by the President with the consent of the Executive Board:

Head Librarian – Gale Oosterhart

Membership – Ann Ivory

Newsletter Editor – Pete Goddard

Programs – Will Wilson

Publicity – John Sanchez

Special Committee Chairs:

Toy Project -- Ken Wolf

Special Projects – Jim Kudej

Special Projects – Bill Rigstad Web Site – Bob Mills

Nominees getting a majority of the votes of those present and voting will be elected. Nomination may be made from the floor prior to the election (with the consent of the nominee.)

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE**Bill Gayde**

As of November 23, 2015 the Guild membership is 261. As I mentioned in the October article, our high was 370. The biggest reason for this decline is the lack of a really good woodworking show like the ones we used to have at the Novi Expo Center. They would usually generate 20 to 30 new members each (although normally about half of these would not renew the next year.

The other major reason is the aging of the membership. In addition to the number of members who have passed, there are more and more who are moving into facilities that are not large enough to hold a shop.

What is needed is a young, energetic person with new ideas on how to turn this trend around. Luckily, we have just such a person in Ann Ivory. Ann has volunteered to take over the Membership Director's job starting next year. She and I will work together for the next few months until she is comfortable enough to fly solo. Good luck Ann, and THANK YOU!

MWG November Toy/Box Program Status Update

By Ken Wolf

Based on toys and boxes delivered to me during November and members currently completing their toys and boxes for December delivery the following summarizes projected delivery counts:

TOYS

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| Toys completed and delivered to Ken: | 200 |
| Toys projected to be completed and delivered by our December meeting: | <u>248</u> |
| TOTAL TOYS FOR HOSPITAL | 448 |
| MWG 2015 Toy Goal | 400+ |

PLAIN BOXES

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| Plain Boxes completed and delivered to Ken: | 15 |
| Plain Boxes projected to be completed and delivered by our December meeting: | <u>4</u> |
| TOTAL PLAIN BOXES FOR HOSPITAL | 19 |
| MWG 2015 Plain Box Goal | 40 |

MEMORY BOXES

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| Memory Boxes completed and delivered to Ken: | 7 |
| Memory Boxes projected to be completed and delivered by our December meeting: | <u>3</u> |
| TOTAL MEMORY BOXES FOR HOSPITAL | 10 |
| MWG 2015 Memory Box Goal | 10 |

On behalf of our guild I would like to thank every participant that provided toys or boxes to support this worthwhile guild program. Additional thanks is due to those members and non-members that have arranged or provided materials to build toys/boxes. Meeting this Children's Hospital need requires a team effort and 2015 has been our year with the broadest member support in recent years. I trust that even more members will be willing to share the workload to support this program in 2016 to assure that hospital needs can be met.

Website Development Input Request

By Bob Mills

The Web Site Task Force is in the process of identifying content and function of a new Guild website and is asking for input from the membership. Please take the time to print the attached survey, read and answer the questions as best you can regardless of past usage of the current website or not, and give it to a task force member (Fred Ball, Greg Smith, or Bob Mills) at the December meeting. We need your input to complete the work on the requirements specification by the end of the year. Once the documentation of these requirements in a Functional Specification is completed, the process of implementing the site can progress.

Website Questionnaire

1. Do you feel that a website is important to the Guild?

Yes _____ No _____

Why or Why Not? _____

How much have you used the current Guild website in the past year? Circle one.

- a. Not at all. b. Occasionally. c. Frequently.

2. **What would you use a new updated Guild website for? Circle all that apply and indicate priority as *high (H)*, *medium (M)*, or *low (L)* for each selection.**

- a. The calendar function to get meeting information such as dates, times, locations, map directions, and presentation topics
 - b. To print out the membership renewal application form for payment via mail in.
 - c. To view and/or download photos of Guild activities.
 - d. To obtain information about the Mentoring Program workshops.
 - e. To download and/or view documents for the Toy Program, Memory Box building, or copies of useful handouts.
 - f. To access a list of active links to other appropriate woodworking sites, including forums.
 - g. To have access to information about Executive Board meetings/decisions
 - h. To use a Guild member based Forum to ask a woodworking question
 - i. To have access to a Guild member based For Sale/Want Ads function.
 - j. To have access to a listing of Officers of the Guild, including contact information, position responsibilities,
 - k. Use the Archived Newsletter page to view and/or download a past newsletter
 - l. To be able to search for words or phrases in every Guild Newsletter, archived or current month
 - m. To have Newsletters published in electronic format only, viewable and/or downloadable by everyone, including non-members.
 - n. To view and/or download a copy of the Guild Bylaws.
 - o. To view and/or download policy decisions made by the Board.
 - p. To pay annual dues on-line. Probably with a credit card via Paypal.
 - q. To view Guild library holdings available for circulation
3. Would the ability to have an email message sent to another Guild member be important to have available via the web site?
- a. Yes b. No
4. Would you use a page with membership contact information, if the page were available to Guild members only?
- a. Yes b. No
5. Any other general comments you have about web site content or function? Please include your contact information (email or phone number) for follow up discussion.

Thank you for completing the survey!!

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December 12th at 11AM



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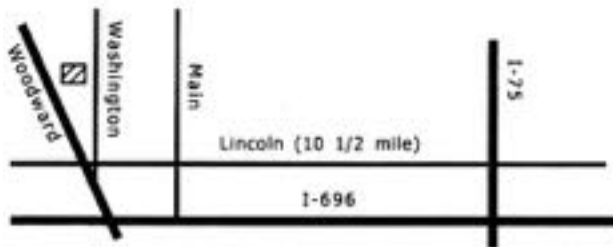
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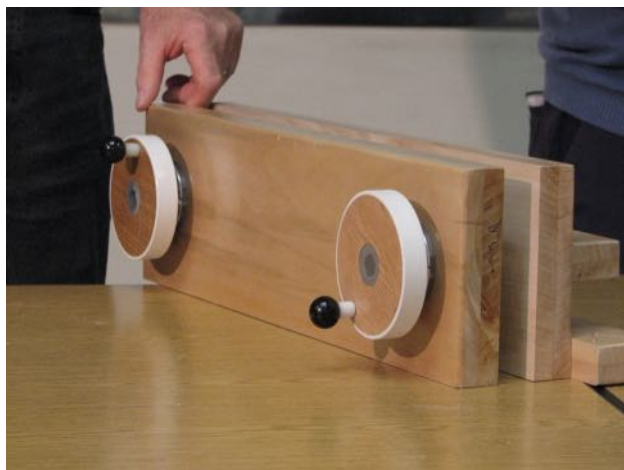


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November Meeting Scenes



Jim Kudej Presenting



Ken Wolf's Moxon Style Vise