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**Michigan Woodworker's Guild (Est. 1981)**

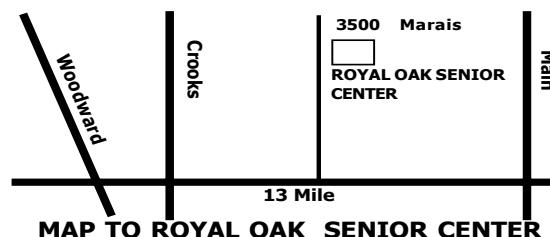
**Sunday, November 8th, 2015**

**1:00 - 2:00 PM - Member Swap Meet**

**2:00 - 4:30 PM - Jigs and Fixtures**

**Presentations by Guild Members at the Royal Oak Senior Center**

The November luncheon will be at Jimi's on Thursday, the 19th at 1:15 PM



## Upcoming Events

Month	Meeting Date	Topic	Speaker	Location	Luncheon Date
<b>Dec 2015</b>	Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> 2:00-4:30PM	Annual Xmas Dinner + Ford Bold Moves	Bob Kreipke	Livonia Senior Center	Thursday, 17th
<b>Jan 2016</b>	Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> 2:00-4:30PM	Sharpening	Various Guild Members	Tech Shop in Allen Park	Thursday, 28th
<b>Feb 2016</b>	February 12,13,14	WW Show	Glen Huey (Saturday)	Novi Expo Center	Thursday, 25th
<b>March 2016</b>	Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> 12:01-4:30PM <sup>h</sup>	Showcase Of Skills	Member's Displays	Tech Shop In Allen Park	Thursday, 24th
<b>April 2016</b>	Sunday, 10 <sup>th</sup> 2:00-4:30PM	Intarsia	Kathy Wise	Tech Shop In Allen Park	Thursday, 28th
<b>May 2016</b>	Sunday, 15 <sup>th</sup> 2:00-4:30PM	Construction Processes	Will Stanford	Tech Shop in Allen Park	Thursday, 26th
<b>June 2016</b>	Currently TBD, June may be part of the annual summer shut down period.				
<b>July 2016</b>	July is our annual summer shut down period.				
<b>Notes</b>	All luncheons are held at Jimi's in Royal Oak at 1:15 PM				

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

This time of year is always an exciting one. Fall colors, apple cider and the knowledge that Christmas is just around the corner. The holiday season holds a great deal of interest for woodworkers as family members put in their orders. How many times have you been asked to make an item only to have someone retract when you tell them the cost. Even if it is materials only, the cost raw of materials often surprises even your best client, your kids and wife. On a recent trip to Maine my wife and I visited , Windsor Chairmakers in Lincolnville, Maine which is owned and operated by Nance and Jim Brown. We walked into their shop and chatted for over 45 minutes about their furniture and woodworking craftsmanship in general. They could not have been more informative, friendly and pleased with our visit. One item that I found interesting was the cost of the items that they made. A 3-legged stool was \$425, a Shaker rocker cost \$945 and a Shaker 2 door buffet was \$4100. I only mention this for the membership to remind themselves that what we do as craftsman and artisan carries with it a lot of value. Their items were of the highest quality but I know a number of members of the Guild that make items of equal quality. So don't sell yourself short you do have real value.

The November program we have set up will help you learn skills to enhance your projects and their value even more so. We will have a great line up of members that will share their knowledge and skills. Our program featuring, **Jigs and Fixtures**, will be held on November 8 at the Royal Oak senior center. Presenters include Peter Goddard, Al Goldstein, Jim Kudej, Tony Gigliotti, Ken Wolfe, Vince Choraszewski, Keith Whitehouse, Neal Hoegemeyer and myself. In addition this year from 1 to 2 PM we encourage members to bring items to swap, sell or giveaway. Bring your items and spend time getting to know your fellow members. We truly hope that you're able to join us. The venue has been changed in order to accommodate travel times and hopefully this is a more convenient location. See you then!

We will also be electing the new board and we hope that you're able to lend support to the new slate. There are a number of us that are continuing in our roles on the board. In addition there're individuals who are stepping down. One individual who has worked long and hard on behalf of the Guild for over 18 years is Bill Gayde. He is stepping down from some of his roles on the Board. We wish him well and thank him for his service. We hope that the membership will view the new board with enthusiasm and support. Ultimately we would like to expand the level of participation of the membership. Too often the tasks that are required by the Guild fall on the shoulders of a very few people. If we can expand our participation then no one job will be too burdensome. We hope that you consider this in the future.

Going forward we would like to develop an improved way to welcome new members. In the past it is been somewhat disappointing. As an organization we need to put our best foot forward when new individuals decide to join our organization. As a start, I would like for members to contribute articles, or videos which they specifically have found very helpful. It can be technique or project oriented. The package we create will include all of these items which we will make available to the new members. It will help new members understand the wealth of knowledge which the guild is able to offer. There are many websites available, which address issues that anyone new to woodworking would welcome. Such a website is, <http://newtowoodworking.com/>. It is a great site and is a collection of video and articles which the editors thought would be especially helpful to individuals who are new to woodworking. It may serve others as well. This is precisely the audience that we need to address in order to make the Guild prosper and grow. More on this later.

The Editor's Two Cents  
By Peter Goddard

Last meeting's topic of finishing product was interesting. The ZAR product line is worth at least a sample try to see if it can improve some of my finishing work. I, like many other woodworkers, enjoy the woodworking, but fall far short of the desired finished product due to a lack of expertise in the finishing area. I hope that sometime in the next year or two of meetings we can schedule a presentation by a more technical finishing expert from one of the product manufacturers. This is an area where I need all the help that I can find and probably a little more than that.

Our November meeting promises to be particularly interesting. The meeting will feature presentations by Guild members on jigs and fixtures they have designed or purchased and find useful. I find the occasional jigs and fixtures meetings to be quite valuable. All woodworkers run into similar problems trying to create a project. Legs need to be tapered, mortises need to be cut and tenons sized. Dovetails need to be fashioned. Tools need to be aligned and checked for proper alignment. The list is nearly endless. Each of us devises one or another jigs and fixtures to help make our woodworking easier and more accurate. Some of our solutions come from the extensive woodworking literature. Some of the devices, for example dovetail fixtures, can be purchased. Other solutions are unique to the individual woodworker. It is the jigs and fixtures that are developed by the individual Guild members that I find to be of primary interest. Anytime that I visit another woodworker's shop, I pay attention to the various devices he or she has created. I find, the range of solutions that creative people devise for the various challenges inherent in woodworking fascinating. I am really looking forward to the meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup>. I hope to see you there.

Our November meeting will include presentation of the slate of officers up for election this year. The slate of officers shows one individual for each position. For the most part these individuals are the same officers as last year, running unopposed. If anyone is interested in volunteering to run for one of these offices, please let any of the current Guild officers know. Many of those currently volunteering time and energy to the Guild have been doing so for several years and would not mind a break. The executive board and the committees could use new ideas and individuals with the creativity and energy to pursue those ideas. In addition, two offices are open and have no volunteers: Guild Vice President and Programs Director. With the unfortunate illness of John Sanchez, our current President, Dr. Gary Assarian (current Vice President) has stepped into the role of Guild President. He has graciously agreed to continue in that capacity for 2016. If anyone is interested in volunteering for either Vice President or Programs Director, please let any of the board members know.

Bob Mills has begun to serve as the web site special committee chairman. His report on the progress and plans for the web site are discussed in the newsletter. Please take the time to look at the current web site and make any helpful suggestions. All of us on the executive board want to see the Guild succeed in attracting new members. Having an effective web presence is one of the most important factors in attracting those who do not know of the Guild, particularly younger potential members.

## ANNUAL GUILD ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Guild by-laws require that a slate of officers for the coming year be presented to the membership at the November meeting. This slate is given below. Nominations from the floor may be made at this meeting or anytime up to the voting, which will be at the December meeting. A majority of those present and voting will determine the winners

All non elected members of the Executive Board are appointed by the President with approval of the board. These include: Publications (Newsletter Editor) Committee Chair, Program Committee Chair, Library Committee Chair, Membership Director Chair, Toy Project Chair, Special Projects Chair, and Mentoring Program Chair.

-- Other Committees are created as deemed necessary by the Executive Board

### 2016 ELECTION SLATE

As noted in the slate of officers below, there are two openings for next year: Vice President and Program Chair. The Guild really needs some members who have not been active in the operation of the Guild to step up and agree to fill these positions.

The following slate of officers for 2016 will be presented at the November meeting of the guild:

President – Gary Assarian

**Vice-President – OPEN**

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:

Head Librarian – Gale Oosterhart

Membership –Ann Ivory

Newsletter Editor – Peter Goddard

**Programs – OPEN**

Publicity – John Sanchez

Special Committee Chairs:

Toy Project -- Ken Wolf

Special Projects – Jim Kudej

Special Projects – Bill Rigstad

Web Site – Bob Mills

The election will be held at the December meeting. Nominees getting a majority of the votes of those present and voting will be elected. Nomination may be made from the floor at the November and December meetings (with the consent of the nominee.)

## MWG October Toy/Box Program Status Update

By Ken Wolf

Based on inputs received to date the following is the current toy/box status:

- Dan Howard has 7 toys being painted and 7 more in process
- Elliott Krieger has sanding completed on 20 toys and an additional 50 cutout
- Michael Kwiatkowski has 107 toys completed and ready for delivery
- Jim Kudej has 10 plain boxes ready for sealer and 2 memory boxes in process.
- Dave Nordstrom has 4 plain boxes completed
- The West Side Group has 50 toys sanded and 94 toys ready for final hand sanding

This gives our guild a total of 355 toys in process or completed toward our goal of exceeding 400 toys this year. At this point we have 4 completed plain boxes and 10 in process with 2 completed memory boxes and 2 in process (with several members planning to build some additional boxes for December delivery) toward our goal of 40 plain wooden boxes and 10 memory boxes.

There is still plenty of time to achieve our goals for December if some additional members will dedicate the time to make a few toys or boxes for our Children's Hospital. The deadline is our December 13 meeting to allow us to meet their timing needs. Thanks to all who can support this need for children who must spend their holidays in Children's Hospital. Please update me as your toy/box status changes at [wolfkenneth@att.net](mailto:wolfkenneth@att.net) or 734-981-3423.

## News of the Guild Website

By Bob Mills

Earlier this year when Bill Gayde asked to be relieved of his webmaster responsibilities, I volunteered to take on the Web Master role for the next year. Then, at the October 11<sup>th</sup> Board meeting, I made a proposal to modify the website to be more effective in attracting new members and to reduce the complexity and magnitude of the site maintenance. The Board approved my proposal including allowing for limited expense funds over the next six months time frame.

A task force, consisting of Greg Smith, Fred Ball and myself, has been formed to review the current website with an eye toward three major objectives.

1. Make use of social media sites, such as Facebook, Twitter, Meetup, etc. to attract potential new members from a more youthful audience.
2. Organize the website to provide effective communication about Guild activities, events, and members, to all members of the Guild.
3. Organize the new website to minimize the complexity and size of the ongoing maintenance of the site.

In order to move toward these goals we need input and feedback from all members of the Guild. If you have ideas about what you would like to have included in the site (maybe, for example, library holdings), please present them to Greg, Fred or myself, via email, phone, or in person. There is still a lot of work to do, so if you can spare the time, join the task force and help look at other websites for ideas. We will be expecting your help so an effective and useful website can be established.

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**MWG Meeting Review**  
Meeting of October 11, 2015

By Peter Goddard

**ZAR Finishes, Jim Smiley presenting**

Our October meeting consisted of a presentation on ZAR finishing products by Jim Smiley, ZAR territorial sales manager for our region. ZAR finishes includes water based finishes that have been designed to meet current VOC regulations at both the state and federal level. The VOC regulations have been driving the finishes that are available to woodworkers in various areas of the country for several years. It appears that water based finishes are likely to be the future for most of our woodworking projects. As a result, understanding the finishes available is of considerable value to every Guild member. The impact of VOC regulations and particularly the lack of consistency between the individual states with respect to these regulations have made the production of first class finishing products problematic for the manufacturers.

As a territorial sales manager, Jim was able to provide a thorough overview of their various product lines. The technical/chemical details for the products were beyond his purvey. However, he was able to provide limited application guidance for their products.

ZAR products include wood filler, sanding sealers, stains, and finishes. The wood filler produced by ZAR accepts staining without causing an unsightly blemish on the wood surface. Their product line includes sanding sealers for both oil based and hybrid oil/water finishing products. Their stains include oil based wood stain, oil modified wood stains, and combination stain and polyurethane. The ZAR stain products are all designed to provide even penetration to minimize or eliminate blotching on woods such as pine that are prone to uneven stain absorption. Their Ultra Max stain line is fully VOC compliant.

ZAR finishes include water based, oil based, and oil modified water based polyurethane. There are both interior and exterior finishes in their product line up. In addition, all three types of polyurethane are available in gloss, semi-gloss, satin and flat version. The ZAR product line is not sold in the 'big box' stores. However, their product line was stated as being carried by both Rockler and Woodcraft stores. [I tried to find some of the ZAR products at the Sterling Heights Woodcraft store and was told that the product line is not standard for Woodcraft's franchises. However, some franchises may select to carry the product as an optional product line. A check of the Rockler web site indicated that Rockler does carry the product. Ed.]

No one in the audience at the meeting indicated that they had used the ZAR product line, so there was no independent validation of the territorial sales manager's claims from the membership. Overall, this was an interesting and informative meeting.

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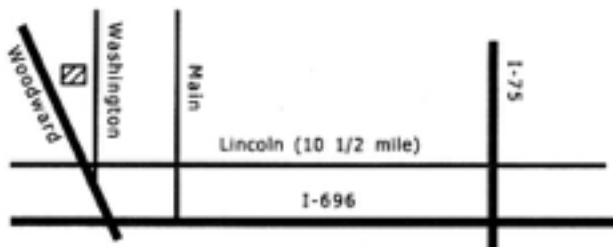
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## **October Meeting Scenes**



**Jim Smiley Presenting At The October Meeting.**