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When / Where:

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 2023

(Business meeting and Socializing Starts at 1:00 PM)

In-Person Meeting:

**Hand Carving
by Dan Reahard**

Meeting Coordinated by: Ed Stuckey



IN-PERSON MEETING AT:
Livonia Senior Center

DECEMBER:

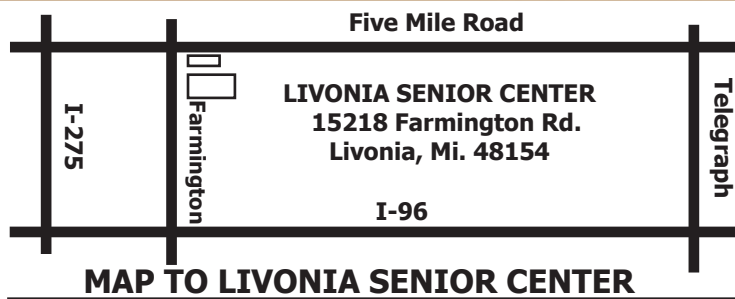
Enjoy the Christmas season making extra sawdust for there is no meeting scheduled for December.

JANUARY:

MWG Member **Dan Reahard**, who dates his membership to the early '90s, will demonstrate his phenomenal **Hand Carving** skills at our **1:00 PM January 8th 2023** in-person meeting at the Livonia Senior Center coordinated by **Ken Wolf**. Come see and be mesmerized with Dan's wonderful woodworking.

FEBRUARY:

At our **1:00 PM February 12th 2023** In-Person meeting presented by Rockler, discover the endless possibilities of what you can make with a CNC Router! From 3D wood carvings and precision cuts to carved plastics to laser engravings, this live demo will walk you through the basics. Don't let this opportunity pass you by!



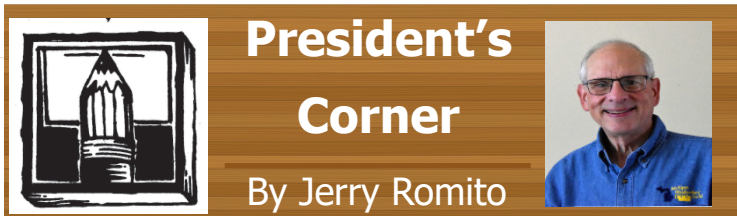
MWG THEATER FEATURE PRESENTATION:
Gary Rogo's "Router Joinery"
Movie starts at 12:30 PM.

**Hand Carving
by Dan Reahard**

January 8th

Organized by **Ken Wolf**, MWG long time member **Dan Reahard** will demonstrate hand carving techniques. Dan, who is also a member of **SAPFM**, will demonstrate traditional hand carving used in period furniture. Included in his demonstration, Dan will provide instructions for tool sharpening which will help all to advance our skills. This should be a fascinating presentation.





President's Corner

By Jerry Romito



December 2022

We were finally able to get back to our live meetings in 2022, with 47 members attending the fine November period furniture presentation by **Steve Lash**. You will be able to read **Dale Ausherman's** meeting review in the January newsletter.

We try to keep communication current for our 178 members through the monthly meetings and newsletters, along with the website and periodic emails from the President.

We recently released a new full-color tri-fold flyer which is being placed on display at local woodworking and tool stores, which may be partly responsible for six new members joining in the last two months.

Toy Program

The toy program made a big splash at the November meeting, with members turning in over 550 handmade toys and boxes for the Children's Hospital.

The toy contest was also held, with prizes given in three categories. You will be able to read the toy details in the January Newsletter.

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BOD Election

At the November meeting we held our annual election for the 2023 Board of Directors. The following slate of officers was elected by acclamation (all ran unopposed):

President:	Jerry Romito
Vice President:	Dan Holowicki
Treasurer:	Ed Stuckey
Secretary:	Don Hess
Officers at Large:	Ragnar Bergethon
	Bill Gayde
	Tony Gigliotti
	Richard Herbert
	Dave McCagg
	Bill Rigstad
	Ron Ross
	Ken Wolf
	Kevin Goulet

January Meeting

Long-time MWG member **Dan Reahard** will be back to make his 6th meeting presentation, this one on hand carving skills. He will demonstrate carving used in period furniture, as well as carving tool sharpening.

The meeting is Sunday, January 8, 2023, at the Livonia Senior Center, from 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm.

This meeting will mark **Bill** and **Sally Rigstad's** retirement from decades of providing the delicious snacks at our meetings. They will be providing a special final food layout at this meeting, so you will want to be there.

Information Sharing

Recently I have been communicating regularly with the Presidents of the **Metro Carvers of Michigan**, the **Detroit Area Woodturners**, and the **West Michigan Woodworkers Guild**.



At the same time, I often receive contacts through our website from members or the public seeking wood working help or advice, and I pass that information on to our members via email. Now I also pass that information on to the other presidents, and they can send it to their members. This maximizes the exposure of your contact requests, and is another benefit of MWG membership.

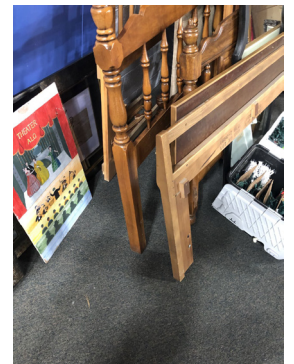
Interested in Volunteering ?

I have been working with a volunteer organization called **CCRT (Catholic Community Response Team)** that provides donated furniture and household goods to families in need in the Pontiac area.

They are always in need of small kitchen tables, but since their intake donations are often large dining room tables, they remove the extension leaves and send out the smaller table. I took four sets of the extra leaves, and using boards that I had laying around turned them into four small tables. A nice thing is that the tops can be used with their existing finish, so I didn't have to refinish them. I just stained the rest to match.



They now have eight more sets of leaves, so I am asking if any MWG members would like to build a few tables. I have received quite a bit of donated lumber from old beds, so I believe that with a bit of creativity many tables could be built at no material cost. If you think that you might be interested in helping out, just let me know at GJRomito@aol.com, and I can fill you in on the details.





Help for an Elderly Member?

Some of you may remember that about three years ago one of our 20-year members, **Roy Juhl**, needed to liquidate his life-long workshop due to ill health.

We held a massive tool sale which many of you were able to take advantage of. Roy was an expert high-end toy maker, yet he has lost much of his abilities, and he now lives alone in an assisted living facility in Rochester Hills with no hobby resources.



Roy's daughter asked me if the guild could help him out by providing some toy kits suitable for children, which he has enjoyed doing. They just require a small screwdriver. I will be bringing him this locomotive kit, which just involves assembling pre-cut laser pieces.



If anyone is interested in helping Roy out with a little Christmas present, just let me know at GJRomito@aol.com and I can arrange to get it to him.

Dues 2023

It's that time again. Please renew on our website (www.michiganwoodworkersguild.com) or send a \$25 check to:

Dave McCagg
MWG Membership
7854 Ramblewood St.
Ypsilanti, MI 48197

Please renew by January so that Dave doesn't have to mail out a reminder notice.

Here's wishing you all a happy holiday season, and looking forward to seeing you in January.

Jerry Romito
MWG President





MWG MEMBERSHIP



Just as a reminder, Michigan Woodworker's Guild yearly dues will become payable January 2023.

Feel free to get ahead of the renewal process by paying your \$25 dues **Early** and **Often**.

A membership renewal form can be found on the website dropdown menu under "Membership - Payment/Renewals"



MWG 2023 Seminar



Mike Belzowski is returning for our March 11, 2023 guild daylong (9:00 am - 4:00 PM) seminar to share his skills and techniques on bending wood and veneering.

Mike will demonstrate multiple ways to bend wood including lamination and tapered laminations, steam bending, kerf bending and vacuum forming techniques. Mike also will present veneering basics and beyond including vacuum press gluing strategies, parquetry basics and scroll saw bevel techniques.

How to choose glue types for various vacuum pressing applications and alternative book matching methods are also planned. This all day event will include an on-site lunch for attendees who purchase a reservation to this special event.

You can find the MWG **Dump Truck** plans on the MWG website with the following link:

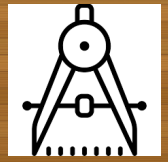
https://michiganwoodworkersguild.com/wp-content/uploads/toys/MWG_Dump_Truck_12-8-22.pdf

You can find the MWG **Pickup Truck** plans on the MWG website with the following link:

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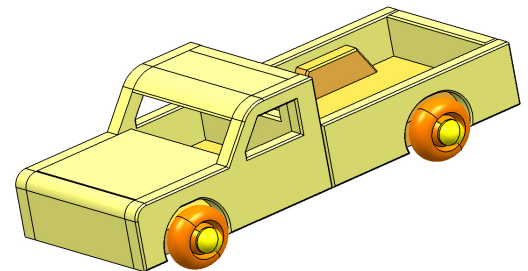


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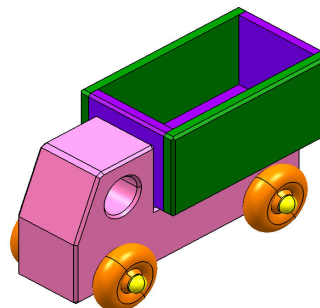
In support of the MWG Toy program, the design staff has been steadfastly at work developing new designs. The latest are a toy pickup truck (F-150) and a dump truck.

Drawings for these new toy projects can be found on our website at the links shown below. Be the first on your block to make them.

Everyone is encouraged to make these new projects and then send your feedback to the MWG Newsletter Editor.



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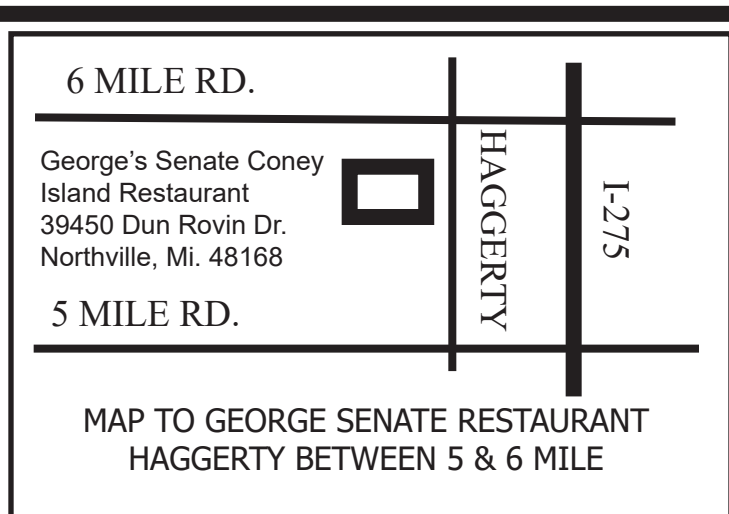
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Next MWG Luncheon: (Coordinated by Bill Rigstad)
Thursday, 26 January 2023 at 10:16 AM