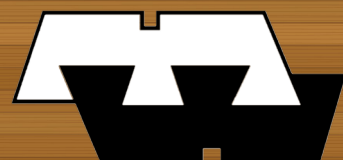




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When / Where:

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 14, 2024**

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

**In-Person Meeting:**

**Box Making**

by **Larry Last and Ron Ross**

Meeting Coordinated by: Larry and Ron



**IN-PERSON MEETING AT:**

**Livonia Senior Center**

## **DECEMBER:**

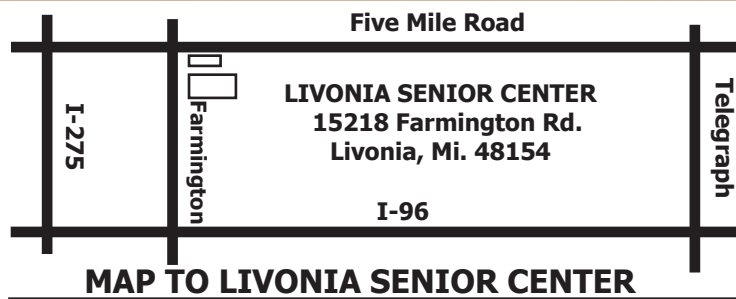
Enjoy the Christmas season making extra sawdust for there is no meeting scheduled for December and no MWG luncheon scheduled for December.

## **January 2024:**

Start the year right with **Larry Last** and **Ron Ross** who will detail various designs and methods to construct boxes for our Children's Hospital Donation program. The **January 14<sup>th</sup> 2024** meeting, entitled "**Box Making**", will be held at the Livonia Senior Center.

## **FEBRUARY:**

**MWG** Officer at Large, **Ragnar Bergethon**, has coordinated a demonstration of various Festool tools for our **February 11<sup>th</sup> 2024** meeting at the Livonia Senior Center. Meeting starts at **1:00 PM**. Renowned Festool specialist, **Jeff Covey**, is our featured speaker.



**Box Making**  
by **Larry Last and Ron Ross**

**January 14<sup>th</sup>**

Using their unique perspectives and techniques, fellow MWG members **Larry Last** and **Ron Ross** will take you on a customized tour of **Box Making**. They will demonstrate how their procedures can be used by each member to construct boxes for the Children's Hospital Donation Program. This should be a fascinating presentation.





## President's Corner

By Jerry Romito



December 2023

### Membership Update

We currently have 193 members, with 40 new members joining in the past year. Since 26 old members did not renew this year, that leaves a net gain of 14 members for the year. Apparently our distribution of flyers, particularly at **Rockler** in Novi, is having good results. By the way, when you shop at **Rockler** let them know that you are a MWG member and you will receive a 10% discount on allowed items.

### Save the Date - Saturday April 27, 2024

We have exciting news for 2024! We will be hosting in-person the nationally famous professional furniture craftsman and woodworking instructor Tom McLaughlin at an all-day seminar on **Saturday April 27, 2024**, from **9:00 am - 4:00 pm** at the **Livonia Senior Center**. His topic will be "The Art of Chairmaking". He will begin with the mortise and tenon Craftsman style chair, then move on to the more curvilinear Queen Anne style, and conclude with the round Hans Wegner Classic Chair.



Tom McLaughlin



Tom McLaughlin's Round Hans Wegner Chair

Some of you may remember Tom from the Saturday Zoom presentation he did for us in November, 2020. He hosts "Shop Night Live" every Thursday night at 7:30 pm on YouTube, and you can see over 200 episodes archived at the Epic Woodworking YouTube channel. He also hosts Classic Woodworking with Fine Woodworking on PBS TV, and is a frequent contributor to *Fine Woodworking Magazine*. Watch for all the details next month – but save the date now!

### BOD Election

At the November meeting we held our annual election for the 2024 Board of Directors. The following officers were elected (all ran unopposed):

<b>President:</b>	Jerry Romito
<b>Vice President:</b>	Dan Holowicki
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Ed Stuckey
<b>Secretary:</b>	John Dolinsky

<b>Officers at Large:</b>	Ragnar Bergethon
	Bill Gayde
	Tony Gigliotti
	Richard Herbert
	Larry Last
	Dave McCagg
	Bill Rigstad
	Ron Ross
	Ken Wolf
	Kevin Goulet



## Toy Program

You can read all about this year's successful toy program in the December newsletter article by **Dan Hollowicki** and **Ron Ross**.

## A Unique Hardwood Source

From a contact through our website, I was informed about a hardwood source that you might be interested in. I have not been there myself, but I did speak with the owner, **Phil Dobbertin**. His store, located in Allen Park, is called **Homestead Hardwood Furniture** Company. It is a small 800 sq. ft. store, and it is only open on **Fridays from 1:00pm – 4:00pm**, and on **Saturdays from 9:00 am – 12 noon**.



Michigan Hardwoods - S3S wood



Michigan Hardwoods - Domestic and Exotic wood

Phil says that he normally keeps about 6,000 board feet of kiln dried S3S domestic and exotic hardwood in stock. He is selling off his remaining 2023 inventory on **December 28-30** for 30% off with a credit card and 40% off with cash. He will be restocking during the first two weeks of January. He will give MWG members a 10% discount anytime. The contact information is:

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Allen Park, MI 48101

Attn: **Phil Dobbertin**

Ph: 313-418-8052

eMail: [homesteadhfc@yahoo.com](mailto:homesteadhfc@yahoo.com)

It is on Facebook but no website

## Dues 2024

It's that time again. Please renew either on our website ([www.michiganwoodworkersguild.com](http://www.michiganwoodworkersguild.com)) or by sending a \$25 check payable to "Michigan Woodworkers Guild" to:

Dave McCagg  
MWG Membership  
7854 Ramblewood St.  
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Please include your name, address, and email, and please renew by January so that Dave doesn't need to mail out a reminder notice.

I wish you all a happy holiday season, and am looking forward to seeing you in January.

Jerry Romito





## News from the Toy and Box Committee

### Happy Holidays!

By the time many of you read this, we will have delivered the toys and boxes made this year to Children's Hospital. While there may be a few more items coming in, we have collected 485 toys, 15 memory boxes and 18 plain/tool boxes. The small toolbox that **Bill Rigstad** developed and for years made many was updated.



Bill Rigstad's toolbox update

There have been at least 5 members that contributed to the toy/box program for the first time this year, bringing a total of 16 members contributing this year. One member was able to combine the toy making with a community outreach program at a local senior residence. The residents were quite enthusiastic about

helping to build and assemble a number of vehicles. What a wonderful way to get others involved in this program that does so much for children undergoing medical treatment at Children's Hospital.



2023 MWG Toys

Several members have contributed new variations of their past designs. Longtime member and supporter of the toy/box program, Bill Damico, was able to make 100 vehicles this year. Oh, by the way, Bill is in his mid-80's.



Meg LarSen VW Bugs



Bergs Delivery Truck

A number of items were turned in for the toy and box contest. These items will be on display at the January meeting. They will be judged for design and quality of finish in the social hour before our meeting. The winners in each category will receive a \$20 gift cer-



2023 MWG Box

tificate to Rockler. These items will then be boxed up and transported to Children's Hospital. We thank Rockler for supporting this program and their generous donation of the gift certificates.

Once again, Ron, myself and the entire MWG Board of Directors wish to thank all of you toy and box makers for your support this year, in previous years, and in the future. Be sure to peruse our website for sample toy and box ideas. (see link below)

Wishing all of you the Happiest of Holidays and all the best for the upcoming year.

For further information on our toy/box program or request wheels and axels, please contact:

Ron -734- 812-5531 - [ross1508@gmail.com](mailto:ross1508@gmail.com)  
 Dan -313- 702-5836 - [dan56laura@att.net](mailto:dan56laura@att.net)

You can find sample toy and box plans on the MWG website with the following link:

<https://michiganwoodworkersguild.com/programs-projects/special-toy-projects/>

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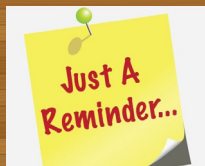


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Just a reminder, Michigan Woodworker's Guild yearly dues will become payable January 2024.

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"

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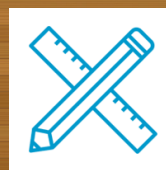
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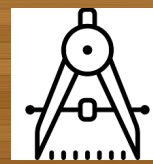
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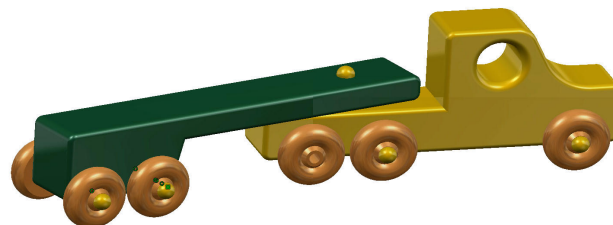


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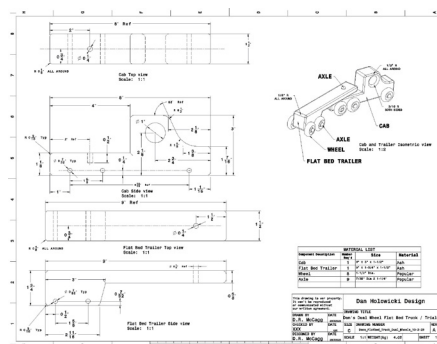
In support of the MWG Toy program, the design staff has steadfastly been at work developing new designs. The latest is a truck and trailer inspired by our very own toy coordinator, **Dan Halowicki**.

The drawing for this new toy project can be found on our website at the links shown below. Be the first on your block to make several then donate them to the MWG Children's Hospital Toy program.

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



Dan's Dual Wheels Flatbed Truck



Dan's Dual Wheel Flatbed Truck Drawing

You can find the MWG **Dan's Dual Wheel Flatbed Truck** plans on the MWG website with the following link:  
[https://michiganwoodworkersguild.com/wp-content/uploads/toys/Dans\\_Flatbed\\_Truck\\_Trialer\\_Dual\\_Wheels\\_10-10-23.pdf](https://michiganwoodworkersguild.com/wp-content/uploads/toys/Dans_Flatbed_Truck_Trialer_Dual_Wheels_10-10-23.pdf)



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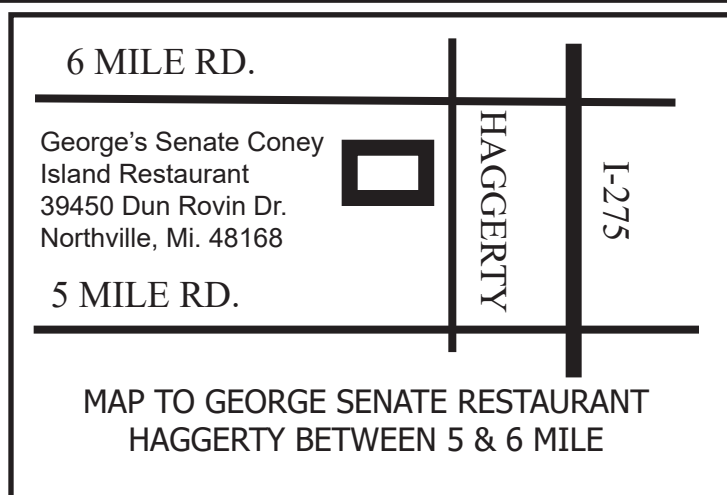
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Next MWG Luncheon: (Coordinated by TBD)

**Thursday, 25 JANUARY 2024 at 10:16 AM**  
(Due to Christmas, no December lunch)