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When / Where:

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2023

(Socializing Starts at 1:00 PM , Business meeting Starts at 2:00 PM)
Livonia Senior Center, Livonia, MI



In-Person Meeting:

Hand Carving

by Dan Reahard

Meeting Coordinated by: Ken Wolf



IN-PERSON MEETING AT:
Livonia Senior Center

OCTOBER:

Coordinated by **Ken Wolf**, acclaimed artisan, **Dan Reahard** will showcase his hand carving skills during the **2:00 PM MWG October 2023 Member Meeting** at the **Livonia Senior Center**. Dan's work is truly inspirational.

November:

Our **2:00 PM November 12th 2023** In-Person meeting will feature various **Jigs & Fixtures** developed by many MWG members. Please contact **Jerry Romito** to showcase your special Jig or Fixture. Remember that November is toy day and also the election of officers.

DECEMBER:

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

Hand Carving

October 8th

Our October In-Person meeting will feature internationally acclaimed artisan **Dan Reahard's** phenomenal hand carving techniques and expertise.

Coordinated by **Ken Wolf**, this meeting will feature a exceptional array of Dan's work and projects.





President's Corner

By Jerry Romito



October 2023

Hello fellow woodworkers. We all know why we joined the MWG – because we like woodworking and want to interact with other woodworkers to learn more and to share our knowledge. With 185 members, our guild is doing a great job in providing the opportunity for the membership to have that interaction for learning and sharing.

What I want to point out, however, is that it takes a considerable amount of voluntary effort by the guild leadership to enable all of this to happen on a sustaining basis. Our elected Board of Directors (BOD), which assumes this responsibility, consists of 15 members, which includes the President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer, along with 11 other Directors-at-Large and committee chairmen. These board members have been with the guild from 6 – 41 years, averaging 20 years, and many have been on the BOD for most of their time. With that much longevity on the board, it is important for us to think about the guild's future and to plan for the leadership going forward.

So now is as good a time as any for me to encourage our woodworking members who might be interested in helping to run and sustain the guild to get involved with the BOD. That is where it all happens, and we make it convenient to gradually become active. Our monthly BOD meetings take place on Zoom. I invite anyone who might be interested to sit in and simply listen and ask questions from the comfort of their home. The BOD meetings are held on the last Wednesday of each month from 7:00 pm – 8:30pm. I send out an agenda and the Zoom link a few days before each meeting.

Yes the BOD is a smoothly running machine right now, but there are still plenty of committee areas

where help and chairing is needed.

These include:

- Website administrator
- Website photo coordinator
- Mentoring committee members and chairman
- Marketing committee members and chairman
- Royal Oak venue coordinator
- Librarian
- And more to be defined

All of these can be defined and discussed at BOD meetings. If you even think that you might be interested, please send me (GJRomito@aol.com) your name and email address, and I will put you on the Zoom invite list. There is no obligation whatsoever to sit in on a BOD meeting, and you may find, as all of us have, that BOD involvement is a very rewarding part of being a MWG member.

Jerry Romito

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MEETING REVIEW



By Jerry Romito

Review of **Showcase of Skills** Meeting

Since our usual Newsletter reporter, **Dale Ausherman**, was not able to attend the September meeting, it's my time to review the annual Showcase of Skills.

For recent years this meeting has been a presentation-type meeting, but this year we reverted back to an older tradition of having an open-house type display, which included inviting the public to view the projects. I would say that the format was a success, with 24 presenters showing hundreds of projects. There were 50-60 attendees, including 5-10 non-members. We had done a brief advertising campaign in the week before the meeting, placing a flyer in the local woodworking stores. Next year we intend to have a more extensive advertising campaign to try to draw more of the public.

There were far too many projects to describe them all, so instead here is a list of the presenters with their projects:

Jerry Romito	Two (2) floating top table, boxes, cutting board
Rich Herbert	Demilune table
Ed Stuckey	Two (2) 18th century style mirrors; gold gilt on one mirror
Steve Lash	Ladies desk
Duanne Kimmel	Pens, cutting boards, wall shelf
Fred Ball	Cutting board, pens, ornaments
Clay Bolduc	Komiko lamp, many boxes
Jim Kudej	Shelves, many boxes, wooden planes
Vince Choraszewski	Scroll saw work
Steve Skok	Cutting boards, carving
Dan Palmer	Tommy gun replica
Bill Damico	Large toys, Chris Craft speedboat

Ragnar Bergethon	Turned bowls
Pete Paddon	Small carvings
Dan Holowicki	Toys for Children's Hospital
Neil Hoegemeyer	Miniature church, covered bridge mail box cover, five (5) piece nativity set
James Kramer	Air cleaner
Frank Kalinski	Side table
Tom Duke	Two (2) chests; cherry and curly maple
Bob Compton	Chest with stand
Mike Johnson	Various art pieces; fish sculptures, alligators, turtles
Dave McCagg	Black walnut baby cradle
Glen Lieving	Photo album pictures of large toys, et al
Chris	Handyman worktable

Below is a photo sampling of the projects taken by **Dan Holowicki**. If you go to the MWG website at www.michiganwoodworkers.com and look at the photo gallery you will see a larger collection of photos taken by **Dan Holowicki**.



Bill Damico - Toys

I was immensely impressed with the high quality and variety of the projects, and with the wide range of skills shown. The MWG truly gives it's members exposure to broad spectrum of woodworking.



Jerry Romito - Floating Top Table



Tom Duke - Chest



Steve Lash - Ladies Desk



Clay Bolduc - Komiko Lamp



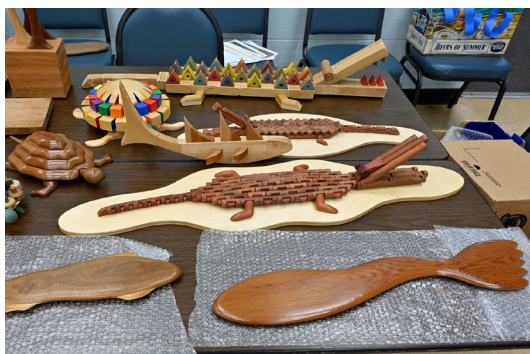
Vince Choraszewski - Scroll Work



Fred Ball - Ornaments



Neal Hoegemeyer - Intarsia



Mike Johnson - Art Sculptures

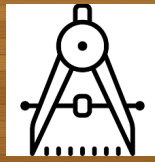


- A woodworker's response to stupid things...
"Birch, please!"
- Why did the woodworker cross the road?
To get to the sawmill on the other side.
- I'm a big fan of woodworking.
It's just plane awesome.

These phrases are provided purely for your humorous enjoyment. Feel free to send your favorite woodworking pun to the MWG Newsletter Editor for possible future publication.



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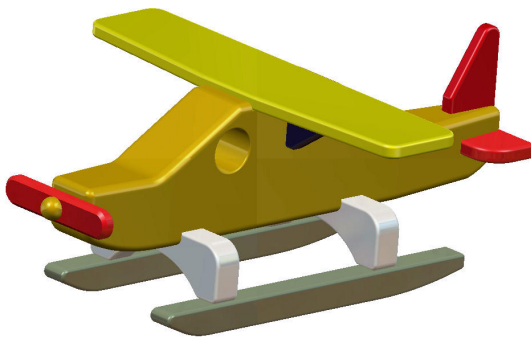


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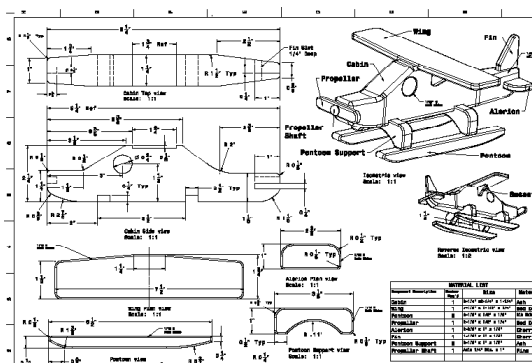
In support of the MWG Toy program, the Design staff has been steadfastly at work developing new designs. The latest is ***Berg's Sea Plane***.

Drawings for this new toy projects can be found on our website at the links shown below. Be the first on your block to make it. Feel free to showcase this Sea Plane at the November Member meeting as well as let us know how the build process goes.

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



Berg's Sea Plane - CAD Image



Berg's Sea Plane - Drawing



WOODWORK NOTES



MWG Clothing Apparel

Let's show the pride we have for our guild by letting others know we are members.

We have four (4) types of shirts and a ball cap which contain our logo, guild name and a map of the state of Michigan shown. On the shirts you can also add your name.


We have four (4) styles of shirts, traditional Denim, or Poplin (cotton) both long sleeve shirts. We also have Polo and Twill (cotton/Poly) short sleeve shirts as well as a baseball cap. Many color options are available. Shirts are \$30 with the logo, and you can add your name for an additional \$5. The cap shown in the picture below is \$16 which includes the logo.

To place an order, you can contact **Ron Ross** at any meeting or feel free to contact Ron at:

ross1508@gmail.com In the near future, we will have order forms on the WMG website including specification sheets which include a description of each product, sizes and color options.


Below there is also a sample of the shirt order form that will be on the website.

**MWG Cap**



Michigan Woodworkers' Guild

Shirt Order Form



MEMBER DETAILS:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

DATE: _____

SHIRT STYLE:
(Select 1)

☐ **Long Sleeve**

☐ **Short Sleeve**

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Shirt Order Form

You can find the MWG **Sea Plane** plans on the MWG website with the following link:
[https://michiganwoodworkersquild.com/wp-content/uploads/toys/Bergs Sea Plane Drawing 9-27-23.pdf](https://michiganwoodworkersquild.com/wp-content/uploads/toys/Bergs_Sea_Plane_Drawing_9-27-23.pdf)



CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL MWG PROGRAM UPDATE



From Ron and Dan

News from the Toy and Box Committee

It is getting close to crunch time. As you read this, there are only 2 months until we deliver our toys to Children's Hospital. While no exact date has been set at this time, we anticipate delivering the toys to the Hospital the first full week of December. Ron and Dan will be at the October and November (Dan only) meetings to accept toys and boxes that have been completed. If you cannot make either meeting and have toys/boxes completed, Ron will be at the Royal Oak Senior Center and Dan will be at the Livonia Senior

Center for a toy pickup. This will be on Sunday November 26th, 2023 from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm. Please be sure to contact Ron or Dan to let us



Vic Bonaro Trucks

know your intention to drop off toys at either location. Should no one call us we will not be at the Royal Oak or Livonia locations. Our contact information is at the end of this article.

Remember to place a label on your boxed up items indicating what type of items are in the carton. We will have labels available at the October meeting for you to take home. These labels are also available on the



Meg LarSen VW Bugs

website as a printable pdf. Click on the Programs/Resources tab and go to the Toy Project. The downloadable .pdf is immediately under the Toy Designs heading.



Bergs Delivery Trucks

As I have mentioned the previous couple of articles, we will once again be sponsoring a Toy and Box Contest this year. However, there will be a slight change. During the social hour prior to our live November meeting, we will be accepting your best toys/boxes for competition. Those toys/boxes will be held until our January 2024 meeting when the actual judging will occur during the social hour prior to the meeting.

A group of distinguished judges, picked/volunteered from the MWG, will peruse the entrants and pick all the winners. We will accept only one toy and/or box from each maker; the judge's decisions will be final. In the interest of remaining impartial, if you submit a toy or box you will not be able to judge. The winners in each category will be awarded a \$25 gift certificate from Rockler. After the judging and awarding of prizes, the contest items will be photographed, wrapped and delivered to the Children's Hospital. The winning categories will be:

- **Toys** - Best overall design
- **Toys** - Best painted finish
- **Toys** - Best clear (stained/varnished) finish
- **Boxes** - Best overall design
- **Boxes** - Best clear (stained/varnished) finish

Here's your chance to showcase your skills at designing and building boxes and toys, showing off your world class painting skills and perhaps using that special piece of burl or quarter sawn chunk you have been saving with a beautiful clear finish.



Ken Wolf Red Toys

In planning your toy or box making projects, please remember to follow the guidelines listed in our web-site. With so many government regulations coming forward we have to be very careful that toys and boxes conform to the appropriate standards. Within the Toy Project section under the Programs/Resources tab, click on the link "Toy Guidelines for Children's Hospital" for more specific requirements.

As mentioned the previous couple months, we are now stocking a new item on a trial basis. We have treaded 1", 1 1/4" and 1 1/2" wheels to enhance your toy making designs. They are about 40% wider than standard wheels with a more realistic look. Although these are quite a bit more expensive than standard wheels, they do give that little bit of extra oomph to your vehicles. And they use the standard 1/4" dia wheel pegs and washers that the Guild supplies.

As has always been the policy, the Guild will provide standard wheels (1", 1 1/4" or 1 1/2" dia) along with the new treaded wheels, 1/2" OD nylon washers and 1/4" dia. wheel pegs free of charge to any member who wishes to make toys for this program. We do have a fair supply of the treaded wheels at this time and should they be a big hit, we will arrange to have more in the years to come. Any of these items can be obtained by contacting Ron or Dan

The Guild still has an inventory of non-standard wheels and other toy parts that have been recently categorized. There has been a good response to

these non-standard items and once they are gone, they will not be replaced:

- 1 3/4", 2", 2 1/4", 2 1/2", 2 3/4" and 3" diameter standard style wheels
- 2", 2 1/4", 2 1/2" and 2 3/4" diameter treaded tire style wheels
- 2" and 2 3/4" diameter wagon style wheels
- 1 1/4", 1 1/2" and 2 1/4" diameter flanged style train wheels
- Wood shapes such as acorns, beads, balls, caps and discs
- Large and small shaker style pegs
- Three sizes of wood peg people
- Steam engine/steam train parts and smokestacks
- Various small pieces of poplar, suitable for glue-up

We do bring a small amount of select items from this stockpile to Guild meetings on a regular basis. However, if you have a specific need, please contact Ron or Dan for the amount and to arrange delivery.

We will continue to set a goal of delivering 400 toys to Children's Hospital for the Christmas Snowpile program. This program is only a part of the toy distribution. Throughout the year a fair amount of simpler toys are distributed to all the clinics within the Children's Hospital Complex. These toys are used by the children in the waiting rooms as they wait to see a specialist or treatment. Some toys are passed out to siblings of child patients when they come to visit. Other toys stay with the children when they are



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Bergs Delivery Truck

released from the hospital. The hospital also has a need for boxes, both plain ones, which the children can use for activities during their hospital stay and somewhat fancier boxes, usually made with hardwoods and more intricate joinery, which are presented to family members of children who did not survive their afflictions. The hospital does like boxes that are about the size of a shoebox. Also the picture frames on top of the memory boxes are well liked by the hospital staff, but not necessary.

Once again, thanking all of you toy and box makers for your support along with the Guild's board for allowing funding to purchase wheels to distribute free of charge to all the makers. Happy Toy and Box making.

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

Ron - 734- 812-5531 - rross1508@gmail.com

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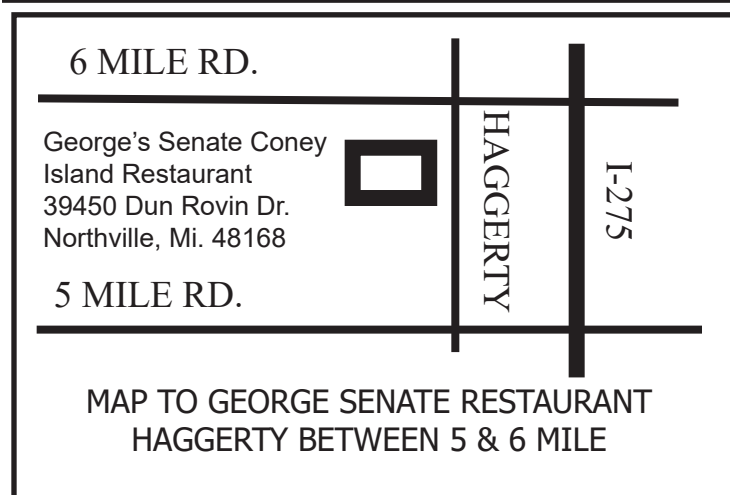
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Next MWG Luncheon: (Coordinated by TBD)
Thursday, 26 OCTOBER 2023 at 10:16 AM