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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2024

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



In-Person Meeting:

Sand Paper Technologies

by Brian Osterander

from Woodcraft of Canton

Meeting Coordinated by: Larry Last



IN-PERSON MEETING AT:
Livonia Senior Center

OCTOBER:

Coordinated by **Larry Last**, **Brian Osterander** from **Woodcraft** in Canton, will dazzle everyone with various sanding techniques and equipment during the **2:00 PM MWG October 13th 2024** Member Meeting at the Livonia Senior Center.

November:

Our **2:00 PM November 10th 2024** 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

Sand Paper Technologies & Techniques


October 13th

Coordinated by **Larry Last**, our October In-Person meeting will feature **Brian Osterander**, General Manger at Woodcraft in Canton, as he introduces us to more efficient ways of sanding before finishing.

He will also demonstrate how machine and hand sanding differ in the finished project.








President's Corner

By Jerry Romito



October 2024

Tools for Veterans

Last month I told you about the group called “Tools for Veterans” (TFV) located in Howell Michigan. They restore, repair, and resell donated items, with a portion of their sales being donated to local veteran organizations. For donations they accept any kind of hand tools, power tools, woodworking tools, mechanic tools, lawn & garden tools, fishing equipment, etc. in any condition. I had asked our members to bring tool donations to our September meeting where TFV would be on hand to collect them. TFV was there and our members responded generously, filling their trailer to capacity. I thank you for your generosity, and encourage you to visit their operation in Howell, which I’m told is a rewarding experience. You can check them out at www.toolsforveterans.com.



YOU DONATE TOOLS

Drop off tool donations at our new store in Howell anytime on Fridays, Saturdays or Sundays. For large items or quantities of tools, call 810.510.4123 to schedule a pickup. We come prepared with a box trailer, tote bins, two people and dollies—so it makes it easy for you to donate!

WE RESTORE AND RESELL THEM

Our Veteran employees and volunteers restore, repair, and resell them. A portion of our sales is donated quarterly to local Veteran organizations that do good work for Veterans of all ages and needs.

EVERYONE WINS

Not much feels better than to be part of something that makes a difference in people's lives. Please check out our website to see the 5 ways you can be part of our mission to do good for those who have given so much of themselves for our country. You'll be glad you did, we promise!

Visit us at www.toolsforveterans.com or call us at 810.510.4123
Or scan this QR code to access all of our links:



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We are located in the Tanger Outlets in Howell, Michigan. We have hundreds of tools and vintage items for sale and tons of auto, hardware and military items on display. It's more than a store, it's an experience!

WE ACCEPT ANY TOOLS IN ANY CONDITION

For our displays, we also accept donations of vintage items like old gas cans, signs of any kind, advertising items, automobile items, and more! If you would find it in a garage, man-cave, pole barn or workshop, we'd love it! We also accept donations of military items for display in our store such as uniforms, helmets, ammo boxes, photos, flags or any other military items that should be seen and honored. Whenever possible, we LOVE to tell the stories!

TOOL DONATIONS CAN BE MADE

Tuesday through Thursday by appointment or anytime Friday through Sunday



We are conveniently located off I-56 at Highland Rd and N Burkhardt Rd in Howell. Directions: Take Exit 113 (to I-56) and 843 off I-56 in Howell, MI. TOOLS FOR VETERANS is located in Suite G250 next to the Columbia Sparrow nest store.

MWG Name Tags Available

Since 57 new members have joined our guild in the past year, many of our members don't know each other yet. It helps to put a name to the faces, so I encourage new members and old to purchase an MWG nametag. They are made of sturdy plastic, show your name and the MWG logo, and have a magnet and metal strip on the back to easily attach to your shirt. They cost only \$5.00, and you can order one at a meeting from Ed Stuckey, or contact him at: edstuckey@comcast.net.



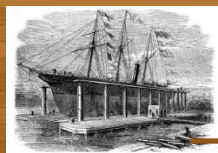
Showcase of Skills

At the September Showcase of Skills meeting on of our newer members, Adam Horsburgh, showed several gift items he had made, including an “oven squirrel”. He had a request for the plans, so Adam has shared this link from Woodcraft Magazine with the details:

<https://www.woodcraft.com/blogs/small-projects/oven-squirrel>



Jerry Romito



IN DRY-DOCK



Editor's Note:

Our longstanding, highly accurate, and detailed oriented investigate MWG meeting reporter, **Dale Ausherman**, has recently undergone a scheduled surgery. The procedure, conducted by the finest doctors anyone can imagine (you know the ones with chicken bones through their noses), will keep Dale in dry-dock recovering for several months.

Let's show our unending support for **Dale** with encouraging email messages and **Get Well cards**. Members can access the secure sections of the MWG website for Dale's email address.

A group card may be available for everyone's signature at our October Member meeting on which everyone can put a message and their "John Hancock".



MEETING REVIEW



By Ken Wolf

MWG Meeting Review
2024 Showcase of Skills
Livonia MI & Zoom
8 SEP 2024

The meeting was opened at 2:00 PM by **Ed Stuckey** who explained that each of the 14 presenters would be allowed 10 minutes to explain their exhibits and answer questions. This was followed by the prize drawing won by lucky winners **Rich Herbert** and **Bill Damico**. The display presenters then started their

presentations as follows:

1. **Rich Herbert** showed and discussed a very detailed Tabor base that he had built for his church. He next reviewed an impressive veneered cube table inspired by **Scott Grove** from *Marc Adams School of Woodworking*. To conclude, he then went to his beautiful **Sam Maloof** style sculpted rocking chair which he had started at a Marc Adams class and then completed at home with many hours of rasp work with his #49 Nicholson rasp to blend the sweeping curves of the design. He then rounded the tapered circular back splats by removing the corners by hand and hand sculpt-



Rich Herbert



Rich's Tabor

ing the seat to shape before applying a tung oil/ varnish finish.

2. **Vince Choraszewski** expertise with the scroll saw was then displayed with a picture of his intricate 3' x4' "Lord's Prayer" scrolled with very impressive details. He next took us to a large variety of smaller examples of his quality scroll work on his display table. All of his tedious work was from his Porter Cable 19" scroll saw. He certainly impressed with his mastery of scroll sawing capability.



Vince Choraszewski



Vince's Scrollwork

3. **Steve Skok** brought an impressive end grain cutting board with a very detailed pattern and Christmas boxes using skills from a class by Alex Snodgrass (from Carter). The cutting board was finished with mineral oils with wax used warm.



Steves End Grain Cutting Board

4. **Tom Duke** displayed an impressive large mahogany chest detailed with Horton brass hinges. The chest had a sloping front and attractive custom lift handles on each end. A nice finish displayed the beauty of the wood.



Tom Duke



Tom's Seaman's Chest

5. **Bill Damico** walked attendees through several exceptional items he shared with us. He started with an exceptional 27" Chris Craft wood speed boat model. We learned that this model was his response to a lifelong desire to own a real "three hole" Chris Craft which he decided was beyond his budget, so he then built this amazing remote control model. He then showed a large model of a military style vehicle with incredible detail he designed and built. This was followed by a large tow truck model again with many clever details. He concluded with a picture of a model of Elvis Presley home with blue suede shoes on the porch which was used as a gift drop container at a wedding.

Bill Damico with his
"Three Hole" Chris Craft

Bill's Elvis Presley Home



6. **Steve Lash** displayed his McIntosh design replica willow chair (from Hill House). This unique high back ebonized chair was featured in the December issue of *Period Furniture*. Steve noted that assembly of this design was very challenging as many parts had to be glued at the same time. He used the Oak Gall ebonizing process from Egyptian times (using powder from a bug in galls on oak trees). Use black from steel wool/vinegar with oak gall dust for the ebonizing. This chair was not made to sit on but as a decorative piece to fit between two windows. An impressive very challenging project by Steve.



Steve Lash



Steve's Hill House Chair

7. **Steve Stram** Displayed his Mobus Ring (an endless cylindrical strip) which was a difficult design and construction challenge. He had achieved success completing an attractive design. In response to questions on scroll saws, he commented that he considered DeWalt scroll saws as "junk". He likes the new Excaliber scroll saw.



Steve Stram with Mobus Ring



Steve's Mobus Ring

8. **Eric Blom** shared his opinion that "woodturning is habit forming". It was apparent from his many unique turned wood turnings that he had the habit in spades. Eric had exceptional burl wood examples of his talent. He also showed samples of commercially available steel legs to use on various heights of tables that can be used on lots of table concepts. He noted that he has a forge to allow him to form his custom metal parts of architectural steel for a variety of applications.



Eric Blom

Eric's Turned Bowls

9. **Don Bauman** displayed a clever 3 leg table leg system that was simple in concept but very attractive and capable of being modified into different designs. This idea was sparked from a **Marc Adams** class on round table design. He brought a display of three variations of the three leg concept where he had made three different router patterns to shape the different leg designs with a pattern bit. He chose to finish his tables with polyurethane. A new interesting approach for most of the members present.



Don Bauman with table



Ron Ross



MWG Toy Projects

10. Ron Ross brought a comprehensive display of toys and boxes that have been used for our guild toy program with Children's Hospital. He noted that our guild had donated approximately 450 toys and 30 boxes to the hospital in 2023 and hoped to achieve the same or more for 2024. He explained the hospital guidelines for the toys boxes which are available on our website as well as many designs that have been successfully used in the past that are also on the website.



Paul



John's Demi Table

11. John displayed a beautiful veneered half round table that he had made after **Ed Stuckey** at a DIA show had inspired him to pursue veneering. His table utilized sand shading on the edges of tapered wedges for half and quarter circles inlaid on the top and apron. His legs were tapered on 4 sides with boxwood inlaid strips. This was an impressive table for a person learning veneering methods and techniques.



Ed Stuckey



Ed's Queen Ann Tables

12. Ed Stuckey then showed his 1780 replica foot stool in progress with hand carved legs (carving partially completed) and cushion not yet finished/upholstered. A robust beautiful design that I hope we will get to see when it is finished. Ed then showed his beautiful pair of ladies work tables (intended for knitting and crocheting) with beautiful veneering from this veneering master. The tables were made of mahogany with a veneered top featuring an amboyna burl center using hot hide glue for all veneering. Exceptional banding was used on the top, apron and legs using 140 feet of banding in total. The legs incorporated anigeria veneer as well as carved ball and claw feet. Ed wants to refinish the top of his tables by removing the current shellac with alcohol and then refinishing the top surface (even though most attendees thought the tops looked fine). In case you hadn't noticed, Ed strives for perfection in all his projects.

13. Jared Fink reviewed slides of a sideboard that he designed and built as his most challenging project to date. He shared sketches he used to develop the overall design and sketches of the individual



components. He took us through his steps and shared challenges he resolved as he moved toward his final design. He chose to use only hide glue and used walnut wedges in joints. He selected quality brass knobs and then found they did not have the shine he wanted so he developed a way to hold the knobs in a hand drill so he could polish and buff them to provide the desired shine. He finished the sideboard with Danish oil and Johnson paste wax. In the end, he had exactly the sideboard he wanted that he could truly proud of. We enjoyed the journey through his project and were impressed with how he overcame his challenges to achieve a beautiful sideboard.

14. Adam Horsburgh reviewed a unique squirrel & maple leaf cutting board he had made combined with a turned handle ice cream scoop. Adam then showed an attractive butcher block counter top he had constructed and installed. His sharing of these lovely and useful projects provided inspiration for our attendees.

Ken Wolf

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Jeff Wilmot



- **What do you call a lumberjack who only does its work on Monday?**
A tree-*t*ful Monday-person
- **Why did the carpenter quit his job?**
It was too saw*d*ustrious
- **I cut it twice**
and it's still too short

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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Do you have some wood that hasn't seen the light of day in decades?

Do you have cut-offs from your last project which are just too good for the burn pile?

Do you have pieces that you would like to donate to the MWG Toy Program?

Starting at our September Member meeting in Livonia, we invite everyone to bring their pieces for sale, exchange, or give-away.

Just open your trunk in the parking lot to let everyone see the treasures you have **(Please keep these pieces outside).**

Who knows, you probably will go home with nothing more than what you came with or some extra "got-to-have, never been seen before" samples of your own.

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CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL MWG PROGRAM UPDATE



From Ron and Dan

News from the Toy and Box Committee

By the time you read this I should be well underway with my bulldozers for this year's Snow Pile program. I just finished up several items for family members and my bench is cleared off, stock is picked out and the bulldozer design is somewhat finished. I'm not sure how many I will be able to assemble but will do my best. I hope all you other toy and box makers are busy with your items for this year's Snow Pile program also.

As always, should you need wheels, axles and plastic washers for toy making, the Guild provides 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. Any of these items can be obtained by contacting Ron or Dan. Aside from a well-done finish, the wheels and axles really enhance the look and quality of rolling toys. Don't be afraid to take part in this opportunity. Did I mention they were free???

As I mentioned last month, our expert design staff (led by Dave McCagg) has been hard at work updating and adding plans for toys to our website. Be sure to check out all the plans and pictures within our Toy Project Plans and Design Center tabs under the Proj-



ect/Resources section of our website.

A reminder once again, when it comes time to building toys or boxes, please, please, please follow our guidelines found in the website. With so many government regulations coming forward we have to be very careful that toys and boxes conform to the appropriate standards. It is imperative that we follow these guidelines so that Children's Hospital will continue to trust that the toys and boxes we create and donate will be safe for children to use and enjoy. Within the Toy Project section under the Programs/Resources tab, click on the link "Toy Guidelines for Children's Hospital" for more specific requirements.

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 continue to set a goal of delivering 400 toys to Children's Hospital for the Christmas Snowpile program. There has never been any set goal for boxes, whether plain or of the fancier 'memory' type. The Hospital will gladly accept any that we donate. 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, request wheels and axles or to arrange to drop off toys or boxes, please contact

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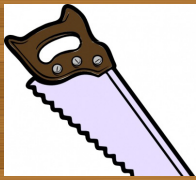
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WOODWORK NOTES



MWG Apparel Availability

After a hiatus following Covid, we are again offering Michigan Woodworkers' Guild clothing apparel including different types of shirts and a baseball cap. The items include the embroidered MWG logo and a map of the state.

Available are Denim long sleeve shirts in either light or dark blue. We also have Poplin shirts in long or short sleeves in various colors and we can get polo type shirts.

The cost of a shirt is \$30 and includes the logo, you can also include your name on a shirt for an extra cost of \$5. Baseball style caps as shown in the picture are \$16 which includes the MWG logo.

There are benefits to having a MWG shirt such as showing your pride in being part of a wonderful group of woodworkers and if you have your name on the shirt, you still get 2 raffle tickets per dollar even if you forget your official MWG name tag.

For more information, please see **Ron Ross** at any meeting or at: ross1508@gmail.com.



MWG Cap



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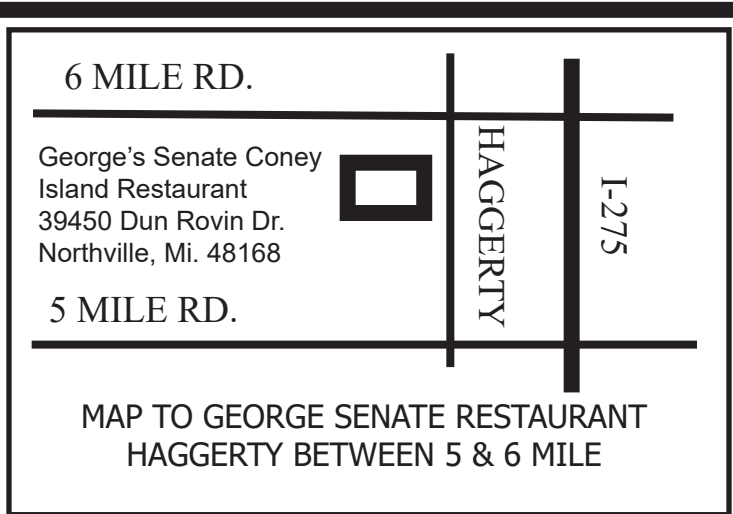
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For name tags, sign up with Ed Stuckey at a regular meeting.

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Thursday, 24 OCTOBER 2024 at 10:16 AM