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When / Where:

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2024

(Socializing Starts at 1:00 PM , Business meeting Starts at 2:00 PM)

Livonia Senior Center, Livonia, MI



MAP TO LIVONIA SENIOR CENTER

In-Person Meeting:

Showcase of Skills

by Various MWG Members

Meeting Coordinated by:

Jerry Romito and Ed Stuckey



IN-PERSON MEETING AT:
Livonia Senior Center

SEPTEMBER:

Join us at our **2:00 PM September 8th 2024** meeting featuring our annual “**Showcase of Skills**” where MWG members’ projects shine

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.

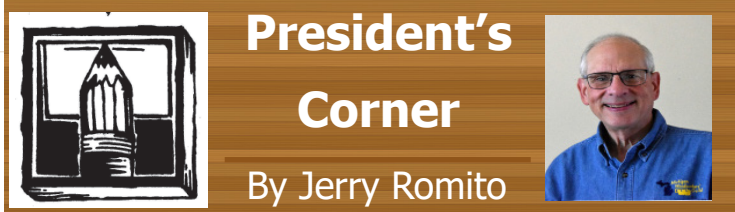
Showcase of Skills

September 8th

Our September In-Person meeting will feature the guild’s annual “**Showcase of Skills**”.

Coordinated by **Jerry Romito** and **Ed Stuckey**, this meeting will feature a wealth of members displaying their noteworthy projects.





President's Corner

By Jerry Romito

September 2024

2024 MWG Picnic

The August picnic at the Royal Oak VFW Park was a success, with about 40 attendees. Yours truly forgot to take pictures, so I can't show you the fine table spread that had plenty of dishes being passed, and plenty of MWG-supplied chicken.

Showcase of Skills Meeting – Final Call for Projects

Our next monthly meeting is the annual Showcase of Skills meeting on **Sunday September 8, at 1:00 pm** at the **Livonia Senior Center**. Here is where our members, from beginners to experts, have the opportunity to present their projects for all to see. Remember, older members may have not seen newer member projects, and likewise, newer members may have not seen older member projects – so please everyone bring a project(s). And finally for beginners, do not be afraid to bring your work. Everyone was a beginner once, and you may get good feedback with tips on how to advance.

For planning purposes please let me know if you want to present, along with a title of each project. If a project is too large to transport, you can send me photographs at GJRomito@aol.com, and I will compile them into a PowerPoint slide show for the meeting.

A dozen members have signed up so far, but the more the merrier.

I will unable to attend this meeting myself, yet phenomenal woodworker, **Ed Stuckey** will facilitate the presentations. The format will be to have the projects displayed on tables around the room for everyone to review and presenters will also be able to explain their work.

Starrett Combination Squares for Sale



The squares that I have been telling you about are still available. I have been notified by a contact through

our website of a very significant sale on (100) new Starrett Combination Square Sets # 12" **C434-12-4R**. These sets are brand new in their original box. They were produced by Starrett in 2016 in the USA (not China), and have been legitimately acquired. The Starrett MSRP is \$432, and the Amazon price is \$390. The seller is asking \$185 for each set. He will be moving up from Georgia to Troy at the end of September, and will be bringing them with him. At this point I am facilitating the sale, and so far 17 have been reserved. So please respond to me at GJRomito@aol.com if you are interested in buying one or more sets (please state the quantity). This is not a commitment at this time - I am just taking reservations. Later we will make the most practical arrangements for the transactions. Starrett has just been bought out, so it is not clear what Starrett's future production will be.

Dale Ausherman

You all know **Dale Ausherman** as the superb writer of our meeting reviews for the newsletter. Dale is now recovering from back surgery, and will probably be unable to attend the next few meetings. Please join me in wishing him a speedy recovery.

If anyone would like to volunteer to take meeting notes and write a NL review for the next few meetings, please let me know at (GJRomito@aol.com).

Jerry Romito



MEETING REVIEW



By Dale Aushman

Our outstandingly wonderful, highly accurate, and detailed oriented investigate MWG meeting reporter, **Dale Aushman**, 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 September Member meeting on which everyone can put a message and their "John Hancock".



WOODWORK NOTES



To support long time member **Vince Choraszewski**, whose wife is a face painting artist, we are happy to introduce her contact information below to the MWG newsletter. Vince and his wife are duty bound to elaborate on her work for further MWG newsletters.

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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

It's That Time of Year Already September already?

You have got to be kidding! When you read this we will have approximately 3 months till we deliver our toys and boxes to Children's Hospital for their Snowpile Program. This is how I opened my article from one year ago and its crunch time once again. Ron and I really hope with your help we will be able to meet our goal of 400 toys for the year.



Bill Damico Model Ts

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. We also have a

fair supply of treaded wheels in the same diameters at this time. 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???

Need some ideas for toys? 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 Project/Resources section of our website.



Bergs Delivery Truck

Last year I made a simple road grader toy for which the design staff expertly created plans. This year I am continuing with the construction theme by doing a bulldozer. I can't say for sure that the plans will be available this year (I'm still in the design stage, haven't cut any material yet) but it will be added eventually. Who knows what construction equipment may be added in the future? Kids do love rolling toys that have moveable, safely attached accessories.



Ken Wolf Natural Finish Toys

With that said, 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 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



Vic Bonaro Trains



are passed out to siblings of child patients when they come to visit. Other toys stay with the children when they are 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, request wheels and axles or to arrange to drop off toys or boxes, please contact:

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

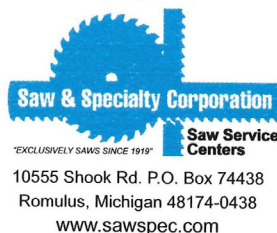
Dan - (313) 702-5836 - dan56laura@att.net



- **My friend is having a huge woodworking sale.**
He's really trying to saw the world.
- **Why don't woodworkers get into arguments?**
Because they wood-n't dare!
- **I know a few jokes about carpentry...**
I just wasn't sure if they woodwork.

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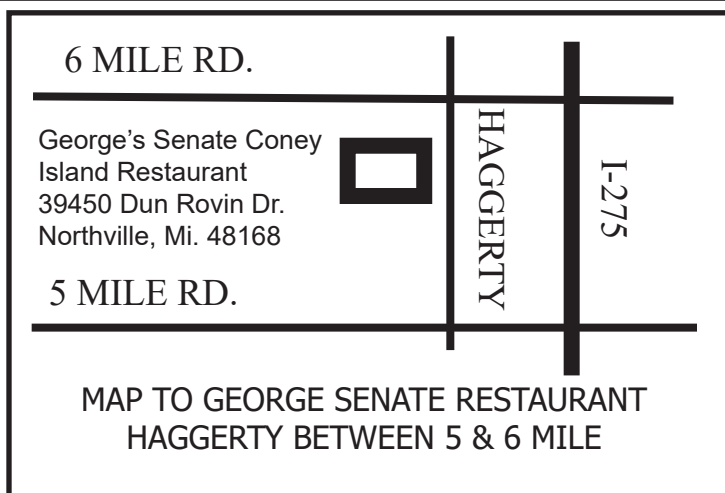
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For name tags, sign up with Ed Stuckey at a regular meeting.

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Next MWG Luncheon: (Coordinated by TBD)

Thursday, 26 SEPTEMBER 2024 at 10:16 AM