



Woodworkers Guild



of

Southwestern Michigan – <http://www.woodguild.org> April 2015

Next Meeting

Location

April 14th, 2015 7:00pm

**Al Collison's Shop at
10292 Douglas Ave.**

Take Douglas North to Cooper, it is 2 ½ miles North of Cooper, on the right (East) side. Or you can take 131 to D ave East to Douglas and turn left, (North). Al will have an orange cone and flashing light out to get your attention.

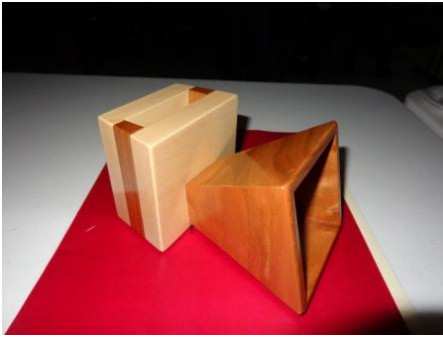
Agenda: David Tuck will provide a presentation on the efficient use of hand tools both on their own and in conjunction with power tools. He will first show photos on how to work with various hand tools and pictures of some of his work. Then, in the shop, he will demonstrate hand tool techniques. This program is a 'must see' - David is a master of the craft and a great speaker.

The April meeting was held at Al Collison's shop in Cooper. President Bill Crown opened the meeting with a welcome to our guests and members.

George Armstrong brought in flag box prototypes as a possible guild project for past and fallen soldiers. J and J will discount glass, select millwork and Handleys Hardwood Lumber will provide discounts on wood in order to help make flag boxes.



Art Wurfel made a prototype of an iPod amplifier.



George Collins made a fishing pole handle and pole.

The evening was turned over to Pete Carroll and his discussion of the Carroll Family Legacy Project.

Pete's father spent time growing pine trees on a tree farm tree farm In Manestee county.

The project started as a shed to house a drift boat, but with brother being an architect the project took on a whole new scale.



The project was built on the landing area from a logging operation in a plot of land which his father planted.

Logs were cut and milled from trees on the land. Trees were cut and bucked up with an Alaskan mill. The Alaskan milled boards curled and twisted radically as they dried.



Wedges are used behind the saw to keep it from binding the blade as it went through the log. Eventually they found that it was easier to move the logs out to a staging area to cut the logs in bulk.

This is two years of cutting. Formula for air drying is one year for every inch of thickness.



Replacement trees were planted to help replace the logs cut using the dibbing and dabbling method. Ten replacement trees were planted for every tree cut. Deer are the major predator of freshly planted trees.



Started making beams used mortise and tendon joints and lap joints and a commander was used to help pursued joints together



There was a hiccup in the project when mold caused several precut red Pine logs to be discarded because they were not high enough off the

ground. A quick fall protect was mustered to raise the roof before the winter. A truck was attached to one end of the rope which went through a well pulley on a scaffold to raise the roof beams.



The roof was a corrugated metal roof. And this is how the process sits right now. Pete has found building this 12x 20 log cabin to be a great way to get to know members of his family and build camaraderie.

Guild note: - friends of the hardwood pines is looking for volunteers to help mentor kids in woodworking skills on the third weekend in July and the fourth weekend in August interested parties contact George Armstrong at

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