

WOODWORKERS



of Southwest Michigan

<http://www.woodguild.org> November 2019

Next meeting:

November 12th @ 7:00pm

Kzoo Makers
1102 E. Michigan
Kalamazoo, MI 49048
kzoomakers.org

Take E. Michigan Ave through town, go under the railroad overpass and continue on E. Michigan Ave. Kzoo Makers is about 1/8 mile past the railroad overpass on the south side of E. Michigan Ave.

Agenda: Chuck Andrews will be demonstrating how to put a box together with hand cut dovetails along with hinges.

The October meeting was held at the Kzoo Makers facilities. A high turn out of about 40 members and guests came out for the evenings events. President Bill Wieringa opened the meeting. The \$25 annual dues are still being collected by our treasure Ted Maxon and Bruce DeDee. Bags of 40 wooden wheels and axels were made available for the annual toy build. Bill Crown had some scrap pieces of jarrah hardwood for members to use for building toys or any thing else. Bill managed to give away all the pieces he brought in, mission accomplished. The Kzoo Makers are willing to host a toy build event if guild members have interest. Bill Wieringa polled the group to see if we wanted to continue having refreshments at the meetings and if there was any interest if forming a refreshment committee. The lack of response was its own answer. Bill then went around the room asking members what that had been up to since last meeting or what they had for show and tell. Ron Princing reported that all but four flag boxes have been distributed. He held the four back incase guild members had a need for one. Several members had updates on projects, questions about techniques and a few items to pass around. It was noted that at future meetings the overhead projector will be available. Please bring in pictures for show and tell on a thumb drive.

The evening was turned over to our featured speaker Adrian Callaghan. Adrian studied at WMU and went on to teach classes there when WMU had an excellent woodworking program. He taught at other colleges and worked for different companies. One of his jobs involved making burley walnut dash boards for 1500 custom Buick Rivieras. This led to work to help move the factory from Germany to Grand Rapids to do this work for GM locally. Adrian's presentation focused on finishing, particularly on spraying solvent based materials such as lacquer, pre-catalyzed lacquer and catalyzed lacquer and touched on polyurethane finishes. He stated up front that there is no universal wood finish. One has to consider material being finished and its environmental exposure such as UV damage. This will lead one to select a finish and method of application. He brought his spray rig along and walked us through its setup and use. The spray booth, area cleanliness, spray environment, temperature and humidity all must be considered and dealt with to achieve a desired finish. He explained how all these elements will impact a finish. Information was also provided on the finish manufacturers and how they have merged for better and worse over time. The volume of information was overwhelming. To put it in perspective Adrian's finishing class at WMU was fifteen weeks long at six hours per week. Thanks Adrian for a great presentation.

Woodworkers Guild of S.W. Michigan

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The Woodworks Guild of South West Michigan is a group of hobbyist and professional woodworkers of diverse woodworking interests that meet monthly to share knowledge and craftsmanship skills that serve the many facets of woodworking.

Meetings are held second Tuesday of each month from September through May. Meeting time is 7:00pm at a local shop or location of interest.

Annual member ship dues are \$25/year.



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