



# Woodworkers Guild



of

Southwestern Michigan – <http://www.woodguild.org> October 2014

## Next Meeting

**October 14, 2014 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:

Our featured speaker will be Jack Neal. His topic will be bird and wild life carving and detailing.

The September kickoff meeting had over 28 members and two guests in attendance. Guild President Bill Crown opened the meeting and asked for nominations for new guild officers. There were no nominations brought forth and existing officers agreed to continue on with their current positions with one exception. Herb Joynt asked if anyone would like to take over the guild treasurer role and Mike Cline accepted. Many will recognize Mike's name as he is our web master. Many thanks to Herb, for all the years of managing the guild's vast treasury, and to Mike for taking on another responsibility.

Bags of 40 wooden wheels and axels were available for the annual Christmas toy build. Members are encouraged to take a bag of parts and build 10 cars, trucks, boats ,planes or anything with wheels. The toys will be collected at the November meeting and given to the Kalamazoo Gospel Mission and Portage Community Center. In previous years the guild has built close to 100 cars. The vehicles tend to be a favorite amongst boys. So not to leave the girls out, last year 40 jewelry boxes were constructed. Norma Collison made sure each box has a special gift for each recipient. Plans are to have a build event again this year for the jewelry boxes. There was discussion on several promising sources for wood for this project. Expect more details to follow.

Bill went to outline plans for future meetings.

A few meetings will need to be confirmed, but the season outline will look like:

- November - Duncan Aviation in Battle Creek
- December - Dyes and stains - Neal Ferguson
- January - How to make a 4 legged shop stool - Dennis Dahl at Homestead Furniture
- February - Mortise and tenon joints - Gary Foote
- March - How to build a log cabin - Peter Carroll
- April - Hand tools in furniture making - David Tuck
- May - Tour of Michigan Career and Technical Institute.
- June - Annual picnic

For the remainder of the meeting Bill went around the room quizzing member on their summer projects. And some members had quite a busy summer. If I have overlooked someone's comments, it's unintentional. It is always a challenge for me to capture all that is said and discussed. The following is notes that I captured:

Gary Doyle built new barn doors on his back porch for his daughter.



Bruce DeDee worked on his front porch steps on his historic 90 year old home.

Tom Metzler attended auto harp repair classes

Don Smith turned laminated candlestick holders.

Ron Princing build a flag case featured in Wood magazine and a stringed instrument known as an Irish bouzouki



George Armstrong made his annual trip to Hartwick Pines State Park with two of his rose engine and two regular lathes. That week he built over 1000 tops and buttons with the happy campers.

Ralph Babcock used his box building skills to construct boxes for his grandchildren's Legos. His daughter specified that some be 30"x18" and she was surprised by how big 30"x18" physically turns out to be.

Bill Crown replaced his five shop cupboards with cabinets consisting of 40 drawers plus 13 drawer workbench upgrade. He also installed a new Oneida Air dust collector system.



Neal Ferguson designed and built a most unusual paper towel dispenser. The roll of towels is held vertical on a dowel rod connected to a base with bearings. The bearing provides enough resistance to allow one to tear off one towel at a time without the roll spinning, thus eliminating extra towels piling up on the counter. Neal gave a step by step power point of the design and construction. To turn all the parts, Neal had to build custom mandrels to hold pieces on his lathe.



Notice how the mandrel center is cut at an angle. This allows the mandrel to self-center or self-align when used as a friction chuck to turn the bases. The mandrel is also used to center up the bearing. Not obvious, but the top cap being turned to the right has a T-nut glued up in the center. This allows the cap to be screwed on/off a dowel rod that is attached to the base. Incredible work and design Neal.



Items brought up for sale at the meeting include:

Tom McCormick has some green ash lumber for sale.

Lee Klade has a Delta 18-36 drum sander with accessories for sale, \$500. Cost new was over \$1700. He purchased this to get into veneering work.....and never did. So it has seen very little run time.



## Guild Officers

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