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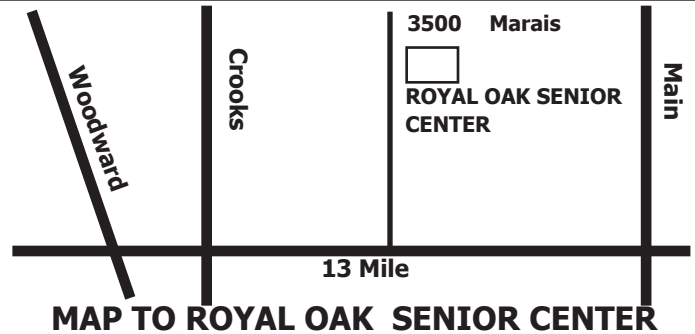


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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12

Jozef Bouwhuis will entertain us with his "meanderings of an amateur woodworker" including many of his projects involving 'square work', 'round work', and finishing. Jozef is a truly prolific producer.

THERE WILL BE NO GUILD LUNCHEON THIS MONTH.



BOB SETTICH AT THE OCTOBER WORKSHOP ON CHOOSING AND USING HARDWARE

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The **December 10th** meeting is our annual Christmas meeting at the **Livonia Senior Center**. Spouses are invited and snacks will be available. The speaker will be **Al Eicher** and his topic will be "**When the Big Trees Fell**"

The **December** luncheon will be at ? on the **21st** at 1:16 pm

The **January 14, 2018** meeting will be at the **Royal Oak Senior Center** and will feature **Marco Terenzi** demonstrating how he makes **miniature tools**. Don't miss this one!!

The **January** luncheon will be at ? on the **25th** at 1:16 pm


February 2018 is tentatively scheduled to be the annual **Wood Show** at the **Suburban Showcase in Novi**. Details in a future newsletter.

The **February** luncheon will be at ? on the **22nd** at 1:16 pm

March 2018 will be our annual **Jigs and Fixtures** meeting at the **TechShop** coordinated by **Pete Goddard**. Contact Pete if you have a favorite (or not so favorite) jig or fixture to share.


The **March** luncheon will be at ? on the **22nd** at 1:16 pm





President's Corner

By Pete Goddard



October's meeting was an all day workshop with Bob Settich on hardware selection and use. We had a moderate turn out for the meeting (~43 members), which was not quite enough to cover Guild costs for the speaker and the facility. As a result, we took a minor loss on the event. Those of us that attended the workshop were given a fairly thorough overview of the various types of hardware available and where those hardware elements are preferred. Overall, I learned about some types of hardware that I did not know were available. His reference e-book, which I bought, is a good reference to have available. We also bought a set of his e-books for the Guild library. Our thanks to Bob Settich and to Will Wilson for having pursued the necessary arrangements.

The November meeting is going to change topic from that originally planned. We had hoped to have a very talented wood carver, Alex Grabovetsky, present to the membership. Unfortunately, he is not available without an unjustifiable expense for a two hour meeting. He resides in Florida. As a result, Will Wilson has identified a different presenter, more of a multi-discipline woodworker as our presenter for November. More details are available elsewhere in this newsletter. The meeting will be held Sunday, November 12, at the Royal Oak Senior Center. The Guild will consider Alex Grabovetsky for an all day workshop during 2018 or 2019.

The November meeting will include identification of candidates for the various Guild offices. As in previous years, most offices will have the existing officer as one of the candidates, unless he or she has asked not to be considered for next year. Nominations from the floor will be taken at the meeting. If you are at all interested in volunteering some time to make the Guild a success, please indicate to any attendee and let them nominate

you. In many cases, the current office holder has been in the position for several years and, while willing to continue if need be, would very much appreciate the ability to hand off responsibility. Please, if you have the time and care about the Guild, volunteer. Our success depends on participation by our members.

Thus far, no information is available on the 2018 schedule for The Woodworking Shows. I hope to have Guild involvement with the show if it comes to Detroit this year. However, the timing, and even the likelihood of the show scheduling into Detroit this year is unknown. Hopefully, I will have information for the next newsletter.



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FYI

By Bill Rigstad



The Guild has scheduled a field trip to the **Trenton High School woodshop for Saturday, December 2 at 10:30 am.** The school is located at 2601 Charlton, Trenton, MI 48183.

Below is an article written by the instructor, Rob Lindsay.

TRENTON HIGH SCHOOL WOODWORKING

We have developed one of the best high school cabinet making programs in the State of Michigan. Our students learn about wood manufacturing the basics of wood structure and know how to operate many sophisticated machines the wood industry uses. They know how to assemble products, finish, and install which is an important component of our program. Our

student's also do it with the knowledge of safety and how to work in teams.

Our students operate in an industry mode where they learn that good attitude, communications skills, teamwork and showing up on time for class is very important in the education process. Our students learn the latest manufacturing techniques and are fully prepared to go



into the work force. Trenton Public Schools is preparing our students for entry-level positions in the industry.

In addition to producing our own entry level skilled workers, many of our students go on to college or University wood manufacturing courses and will become the teachers, managers and leaders of the industry in the future. The Trenton High School Woodwork Ca

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reer Alliance program is also a feeder program to Jim Wellever at the Michigan Career and Technical Institute (MCTI) Cabinetmaking and Millwork program in Plainwell, Michigan. We also have articulation agreements with Delta College and Northern Michigan University where our students receive college credit for taking 2 years of Furniture and Cabinetmaking.

Our Woodwork Career alliance program offers our high school students an opportunity to get specific training in our state of the art Cabinetmaking Program. Our Woodworking students are introduced to the valuable skills necessary for entry level employment.



The program includes state of the art cabinetmaking equipment where students will learn how to operate machines to perform the necessary tasks safely and efficiently, and with a high degree of quality.

Trenton High School students are fortunate to have one of the finest cabinetmaking labs in the state. Being able to fit into the popular demand, our cabinetmaking classes are designed to give the student the opportunity to learn the latest techniques used in industry and business. Our W.C.A. program is trying

to satisfy the needs of area cabinet shops like Great Lakes Woodworking Co., Inc. in Hamtramck, Michigan by producing entry-level cabinetmakers. The experience and skills our students develop will help them land a job in custom residential finish carpentry and commercial cabinetry.



Our Trenton students are thinking about their future by discovering a career and learning what they need to know to succeed. At Trenton High School our students are learning the Woodwork Career Alliance Skill Standards which are approved standards for the woodworking profession. These standards are industry-accepted operational procedures by which to measure performance and results produced by woodworking professionals. This unified North American Standard of Tool Skills & Evaluations has been written by volunteers from all parts of the advanced wood processing industry, resulting in practical, useful skill sets for productive woodworkers. The State of Michigan Department of Career and Technical Education adopted these standards for CTE Woodworking programs.

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Our DCTC students develop self-confidence and self-esteem as their skills develop. They improve their social and interactive skills as they work in a cooperative learning environment. The students in this class shine brightly every year with state award-winning projects. Designing and building award-winning cabinets is nothing new for our students. For the past 3 decades our wood technology students have proved that they are the best in the downriver area. Students participate in regional competition to qualify for the state competition



at Central Michigan University where our students have won grand awards, divisional awards, and first through tenth place. This is incredible since there are 3,500 student projects from all over the state at the Michigan Industrial and Technology Education Society awards contest each year. The skills and knowledge that are displayed in the competition are truly remarkable and one of the most inspiring aspects of our convention. Since 1986 our students have consistently placed among the highest in the state. These "State Champions" provided the district with additional opportunities to showcase student excellence and provide our

students with important opportunities to build their work portfolios and demonstrate their skills and abilities to prospective employers or for future educational options.

The competition:

- Recognizes our THS students for their outstanding craftsmanship and problem solving in over 70 industrial and technology related categories.
- Encourages excellence and development of positive work ethics and habits.
- Encourages industrial and technology skills development.
- Encourages creativity, self-sufficiency, and critical thinking and problem solving.
- Encourages students to seek out careers in technology, skilled trades, teaching of industrial education, manufacturing and engineering.



Furniture and cabinet making fulfills one credit in Visual, Performing, and Applied Arts (VPAA) and one math related credit to meet the Michigan Merit Curriculum requirements for graduation.

**FYI**

By Bill Rigstad

**Festool parent company buys SawStop**

SawStop LLC was scheduled to be acquired by Festool parent company TTS Tooltechnic Systems by the end of July. The sale for an undisclosed amount includes all of SawStop's patents, intellectual property, products and facilities, according to SawStop vice president of marketing Matt Howard. He says SawStop's owners reached out to TTS earlier this year to initiate the sale.

"We've always been admirers of TTS and their companies," Howard says. "We see a lot of parallels with SawStop and the values of their products and brands. They build complementary products to ours and they focus on safety. We're a safety company. "With the support of TTS, we are excited to grow our business and to invest in the development of new tools. This acquisition will also continue the stability of customer support that SawStop owners have always enjoyed." Established in 1999, SawStop manufactures table saws designed to minimize saw-related injuries and the costs associated with them. Its saws feature a safety device that stops and retracts the blade on contact with skin. TTS Tooltechnic Systems is a third-generation, family-owned company based in Wendlingen, Germany. Its family of companies includes Festool, Tanos, Cleantec and others.

**OPEN FORUM**

By Ken Wolf

**MWG 2017 Toy & Box Program**

As we approach the culmination of our toy program for this year, I want to thank all of our participants who are supporting our program with Children's Hospital. Our goal remains to provide at least 400 toys, 30 or more plain wooden boxes and 10 memory boxes to deliver to the hospital on December 12. Several members started toy and box building months ago and more members are currently building toys and boxes. If you are building or plan to build toys, the Guild will provide the wheels, axles and washers for the toys you build and donate to the Children's Hospital. Let me know the size wheels (1", 1-1/4", 1-1/2" and 2" diameter are available) and quantity you need and I will bring them to our November meeting. As you complete your toys and boxes you can bring them to the November or December Guild meeting and give them to me or you can drop them off at my home.

Our website has toy guidelines, finish information (to meet government requirements) and some toy patterns you can use if needed. Using your own designs is also encouraged to add more variety to our donations. Contact me if you have questions.

By working together we can help make the holidays brighter for hospitalized children. Thanks for your ongoing support.

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