

BCWG October 2021 Meeting Minutes

The September meeting was held at the Lincoln Township Library with 21 attendees

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, November 16 at 7 PM at

Jim Woodfin's Shop

Great Lakes Staircase

9155 Gast Rd. Bridgman, MI

President Dennis Szymanski called the meeting to order.

Announcements

Guests Lois Smith and Kirsten Carr (daughters of Guild members Lindsey Smith and Keith Carr respectively) were welcomed.

Ed Laber has a 10 inch radial saw available with terms open for negotiation.

Scott Hollett placed a request for help with some spray painting. It was suggested that he contact Guild members Mark McGrane or Mark McCrone for advice and assistance.

New Business

Tom Hurst displayed a clever bird-themed “push toy” as a Christmas project for the Benton Harbor Readiness Center. Tom has agreed to establish a work list and arrange for Guild volunteers to complete various aspects of the project prior to our November meeting.

Demonstration

Tom Hurst provided a very interesting talk and demonstration on the construction of Windsor and Welsh “Stick” chairs. Tom made use of traditional woodworking tools such as travishers to carve the seats and provided details on how to construct the various spindles and legs required. He also showed his methods for drilling the numerous angled holes required for assembly. His chairs also involved steam bending of various parts.

Show & Tell

Keith Carr

Keith brought several basswood Kumiko-style trivets inspired by the examples shown by Roger Bredeweg during the September meeting..

John De Lapa

John brought a hatchet which was constructed with methods and techniques which would have been popular during the Bronze Age. This involved casting the head from an alloy consisting of silicon-bronze with an addition of 14 % zinc which was typically reserved for applications requiring extreme hardness. The handsome hatchet was finished off with a handle made from osage orange or bois d'arc, a wood commonly used by native Americans to fashion war clubs and bows.

Lois Smith

Lois brought an elm and beach glass plaque depicting a tree design. This was the ultimate recycling effort as the elm came from a discarded pallet and the glass was beach trash. This was Lois' first woodworking effort and hopefully not her last.

Henry Mora

Henry had a very entertaining description of how he made a walking stick that initially contained a Samurai sword and a James Bond type stainless steel spike on its end. He decided to remove the sword as a police officer friend suggested that it would qualify as an illegal concealed weapon. The finish was made in a camouflage pattern. We're not sure where Henry intends to go hiking but his new walking accessory would probably be appropriate in Alaskan grizzly country!

Scott Hollett

Scott brought a number of “oven squirrels” that he made from pieces of resawn redwood. These clever devices are used for pushing and pulling hot racks and pans in and out of ovens. Several Guild members agreed that these would make nice Christmas-time stocking stuffers and traced out the pattern for future use!

The “Sawdust in the Hat” drawing for a Lowe's \$25 gift card was won by Keith Carr.

Regards, Lindsey Smith Secretary