

BCWG September 2022 Meeting Minutes

**The September meeting was held at the St. Joseph Lincoln Senior Center
The next meeting will be on Tuesday, October 18 at 7 PM at
Louis Nordell's shop
5139 N. M-140, Watervliet, MI**

President Dennis Szymanski called the meeting to order.

The Senior Center woodshop is now open and everyone 60 and over is encouraged to use the new facility. The woodshop is currently open Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, 8:30 to 3:30. The open days are subject to change. \$100,000 was raised for building the shop; \$50,000 in grant money and \$50,000 in donations. Currently \$95,000 has been spent. There is no cost to join the Senior Center however the cost for using the woodshop is \$200/year or \$20/month or \$5 per day.

Tom Hurst explained that some machines are new while others have been donated. All are in great working condition. Many volunteers worked to make the shop a reality. Volunteers included but are not limited to the following: Tom Hurst, Bruce Banghart, Tony Serafin, Jack Thielman, John Harsh, Rick Freridge, Roger Jewell, Bob Mann, and Bob Havenga. Volunteers contributed many innovative ideas, especially regarding dust collection. Another creative idea was the stop-block made for the miter saw (see attached drawings).

Announcements

- Louis Nordell will host the October 18th meeting.
- Ceramithane finish is being discontinued. If this is a product you use, buy it now.
- Johnson's Workbench Woodworking Showcase will be held October 7 and 8 at the South Bend location
- Scott Hollett told us that Roti Roti Art Center of Buchanan has asked the guild if we might want to spend a day selling our created items at the art center. (Details regarding the art center including Gallery Exhibitions, Events, and Classes can be found at <http://www.rotirotiartcenter.com>).
- Dennis advised members that Chris at Fresh Decor in Benton Harbor can expertly match colors. Please take advantage of his skill. Guild members get a discount in the store.

—Kim Massa

