

BCWG November 2022 Meeting Minutes

**The November meeting was held at Jim Woodfin's Shop
27 Members and Guests Were Present
The next meeting will be on Tuesday, January 17 at 7 PM at
Andrews University Architectural Shop
8435 E. Campus Circle Dr., Berrien Springs, MI**

President Dennis Szymanski called the meeting to order.

Announcements

John De Lapa will be conducting an 8-week advanced woodcarving class at the Krasl Art Center on Thursday nights beginning in late January. The class will be independent study where students will carve projects of their choosing. Contact him for more information.

Tom Hurst has now been hired on as a faculty member at Andrews University within the Architecture Department. He commented that the CNC in the department is available for hire at \$100/hr with capability of pieces up to 51" x 110".

The Secret Garden will host a presentation on the history of the Robinson Marine Boatbuilding company on November 17 at 6:30. The address is 290 W. Main St., Benton Harbor.

The initial meeting of the 2022 BCWG Christmas toy project will be on Saturday, November 19, at the St. Joseph Senior Center starting at 10 AM. This year's project is 40 sets of wooden stacking rings, half of which are slated for the Benton Harbor Readiness Center. The second session is planned for 10 AM Saturday, November 26, at the same location.

Guests Jack Thielmann and Jim Kastigar were welcomed by the Guild.

Elections

The yearly Guild elections were held. All current officers were unanimously reelected:

President – Dennis Szymanski
Vice President – Mark McGrane
Treasurer – John De Lapa
Secretary – Lindsey Smith
Webmaster – Chris Cook

Presentation

Jim Woodfin gave a presentation detailing some of the technical aspects of his high-end home furnishing business. The talk highlighted the creation of extensive shop drawings for cabinets and drawers and how he must coordinate with Architects and Project Managers. Jim is often required to follow standards established by the Architectural Woodwork Institute.



Jim Woodfin Explaining His Prints and His Method for Dealing with Complaints

Show & Tell

Lindsey Smith

Lindsey brought a small table/cabinet combination made from mulberry. The piece featured hand cut dovetails in the drawer and extensive use of floating panels in the doors, walls, floor, and top.



Lindsey Smith's Mulberry Table

Dennis Szymanski

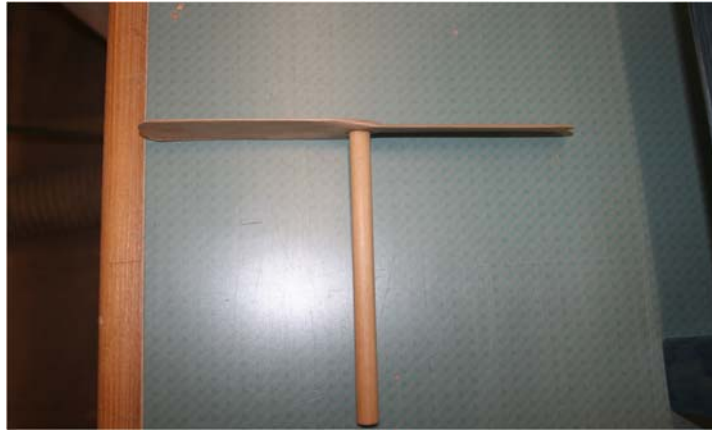
Dennis brought an upholstered "end of bed" bench made from white ash.



Dennis Szymanski's White Ash Upholstered Bench

John De Lapa

John showed a small “whirlygig” made from catalpa. A test flight conducted by John was successful.



John De Lapa's Catalpa Whirlygig

Kim Massa

Kim displayed an end grain walnut platter which she produced under the guidance of fellow Guild member Barry Young.



Kim Massa's Walnut Platter

Dick Massa

Dick brought a charcuterie board made from walnut, cherry, and maple.



Dick Massa's Charcuterie Board

Jim Woodfin

Jim displayed photographs of an outdoor cedar gate he made for a customer and a replacement for the front door of the Carl Schultz House, a Frank Lloyd Wright home in St. Joseph.



Jim Woodfin's Cedar Doors

Tom Hurst

Tom brought examples of the ring toss pieces that the Guild will build as its Christmas project for this year.



Tom Hurst's Christmas Project Ring Toss Toys

Kim Massa won the “Sawdust in the Hat” drawing for a \$25 Lowes gift certificate.

Regards, Lindsey Smith - Secretary