

## BCWG February 2023 Meeting Minutes

**The February meeting was held at Andrews University hosted by Tom Hurst  
34 Members, Hosts and Guests Were Present  
The next meeting will be on Tuesday, March 21 at 7 PM at  
Jim Woodfin's Shop  
9155 Gast Rd., Bridgman, MI**

President Dennis Szymanski called the meeting to order.

### **Announcements**

John DeLapa presented the Guild's financial report for the past year. The Guild is fiscally sound.

Roger Jewell showed examples of a gauge used by the toy industry to decide what constitutes a potential choking hazard to children. The gauges were made available to Guild members. Anyone needing a gauge should contact Roger.

The Michigan Maritime Museum has agreed to host our May meeting at their campus in South Haven. They are looking for volunteers who are interested in helping out on “nautical” projects. Anyone interested should contact them at [michiganmaritimemuseum.org](http://michiganmaritimemuseum.org).

Guests Sara Forrest, Don Hiatt and Bryce Bowman were welcomed. Don Hiatt has since joined the Guild.

Host Tom Hurst described a “tiny house” under construction at the Andrews University Architectural Lab.

Paul Donovan talked briefly about the local Habitat for Humanity constructing small homes for veterans through the VA. If someone knows of a Vet in need of such assistance, they should contact Maureen Adams at the local Berrien County VA. Dennis pointed out that Lowes and Home Depot stores offer a 10% discount to Vets.

### **Presentation**

Barry Young gave a very interesting talk and demonstration on the use of CA (Cyanoacrylate) glue when repairing, bonding and finishing wood projects. Barry covered various aspects including safety, sanding, available products and storage. In addition, Barry brought a number of his signature bowls to demonstrate different finishes.



**Barry Young Presentation Bowls**

## Show & Tell

### Tom Hurst

Tom brought a split stool made from red oak and finished with OSMO. Tom's design is an adaptation of the 3-legged "creepies" which were traditionally used in the Wales.



Tom Hurst's "Creepie" Stool

### Scott Hollet

Scott brought some toy spines which he fashioned from discarded construction lumber.



Scott Hollett's Pine Toy Spines

**Dennis Szymanski**

Dennis brought an apricot wood cookie stand, a maple lidded platter, cherry salt and pepper shakers and finally a salt cellar made from olive wood. The olive wood was particularly attractive and likely represented a wood seen by many members for the first time.



**Various Turned Items Brought by Dennis Szymanski**

**Ed Laber**

Ed displayed an oak apple-shaped Lazy Susan which he designed and constructed with assistance from his wife.



**Ed Laber's Apple Shaped Lazy Susan**



**John DeLapa**

John brought a model of a proposed emergency building which he made out of catalpa.



**John DeLapa's Catalpa Emergency Building Model**

**John Harsh**

John brought a kayak paddle made out of white cedar, hard maple and epoxy. The finish was water based varnish.



**John Harsh's Kayak Paddle**

**Caleb Bowman**

Caleb showed a walnut and maple speaker box finished with polyurethane.



**Caleb Bowman's Speaker Box**

John DeLapa won the "Sawdust in the Hat" drawing for a \$25 Lowes gift certificate.

Regards, Lindsey Smith - Secretary