

BCWG November 2023 Meeting Minutes

**The November meeting was held at Jim Woodfin's shop
The next meeting will be on Tuesday, January 16 at 7 PM at
Andrews University Architecture Lab, Berrien Springs, MI
Attendance of 22 Members and Guests**

The meeting was called to order by President Dennis Szymanski.

Announcements

Guest Robert Davidson (member Lee Davidson's son) was welcomed by the Guild.

Guild Elections

All current Guild officers were unanimously reelected to their positions. They include:

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

Presentation

Guild member Jim Woodfin gave a very interesting presentation on how he constructs staircases with particular emphasis on the design and installation of custom balusters and railings. Jim detailed an incredible round staircase he is building for a customer's lakefront house in St. Joseph.



Jim Woodfin's Railing Types and Round Staircase Construction Form

Show & Tell

Barry Young

Barry brought several sets of bowls he turned from walnut, oak, and spalted maple.



Barry Young's Turned Bowls

Dennis Szymanski

Dennis showed a turned walnut box with finial and base. The finish was OSMO.



Dennis Szymanski's Turned Walnut Box

Lee Davidson

Lee displayed an adjustable book rack which he believes is made from pecan wood.



Lee Davidson's Adjustable Book Rack

Ed Laber

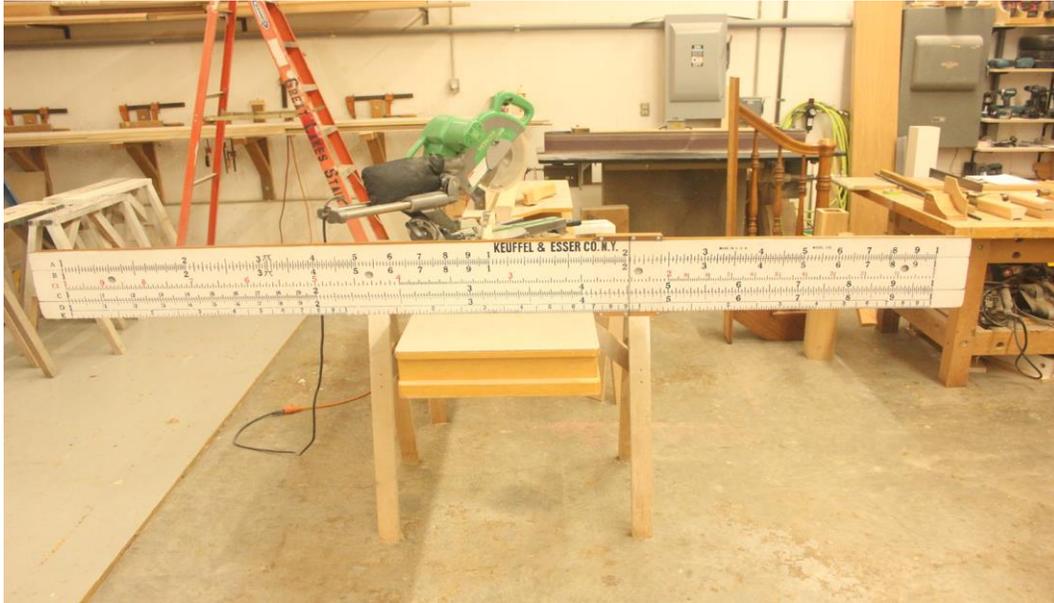
Ed showed a number of toys he made for the “Toys for Tots” program for this Christmas. These were generally made from pine and maple and included several very clever designs.



Ed Laber's Toys for Tots Creations

Lindsey Smith

Lindsey brought a vintage classroom demonstration slide rule which he repaired and refinished. Included in the work was the creation of a working cursor.



Lindsey Smith's Restored Demonstration Classroom Slide Rule

Mark Blaser

Mark brought pictures of a bookcase and shop cart he made from cherry and white oak.

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

Regards, Lindsey Smith - Secretary