

BCWG February 2024 Meeting Minutes

February meeting held at St. Joseph-Lincoln Senior Center Woodworking Shop
The next meeting will be on Tuesday, March 19 at 7 PM at
~~Kevin Sherbit's Shop on Paw Paw Avenue, Benton Harbor~~ – Details to follow

The meeting was called to order by President Dennis Szymanski.

Announcements

New Guild member Dennis Rasbach was welcomed by the Guild as were visitors Charles Hopper and Andy Archer.

Treasurer John DeLapa presented his financial report for 2023. The Guild remains fiscally sound under John's guidance.

This year's picnic will be held at Riverview Park, St. Joseph on Tuesday, August 27. This has been changed from August 20 due to another large party reserving at the same time.

Five member discounts remain in place with Klingspor, Johnson's Workbench, Ace Hardware (St. Joseph), Fresh Décor, and Scottsdale True Value for 2024. Members' names have been forwarded to these participating vendors.

President Dennis Szymanski put in a request that Guild members think about possible projects for the Readiness Center's Christmas Toy drive.

Guild member Louis Nordell mentioned that he will be driving by Klingspor in North Carolina this spring and can pick up member orders if so desired.

Presentation

Tom Hurst gave an update of the progress that has been made at the St. Joseph-Lincoln Senior Center Woodworking Shop. The shop now has approximately 45 volunteers and members. Tom also displayed various Saw Stop "Saves" which included expended arresting units and the associated saw blades. These were of great interest to the Guild members present.



Tom Hurst's Examples of Saw Stop "Saves"

Show & Tell

Dennis Szymanski

Dennis showed a cherry lamp, a spalted maple bowl, band saw boxes, and card holders.



Dennis Szymanski's Lamp and Maple Bowl

Lindsey Smith

Lindsey brought a carved table leg and a picture of a cherry slab table made for his daughter.



Lindsey Smith's Cherry Slab Table

Mark Blaser

Mark brought pictures of a CD case, a Panto Router stand, and other shop furniture.



Mark Blaser's Panto Router Stand and CD Case

John DeLapa

John brought a block and chasing hammer made from ash and osage orange which he uses for forming copper sheeting into copper flowers. He also had pictures of some of the flowers he has made from copper. John is currently teaching a class at Krasl Art Center on how this is done.



John DeLapa's Forming Block and Chasing Hammer and Copper Roses

Paul Donavin

Paul displayed various log furniture tools which he uses in combination with a robust electric drill.



Paul Donavin's Log Shaping Tools

Chris White

Chris brought a maple and cherry mirror frame finished with shellac.



Chris White's Cherry/Maple Mirror Frame

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

Regards, Lindsey Smith - Secretary