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The **SEPTEMBER 14TH** meeting will be held at the Burgtorf Building beginning at 7:00PM. Building is located on the south side of Kearsley High School: 4160 Underhill Dr., Flint. You will take one of three roads off of Genesee Rd. They are Hillcrest Dr., Daly Rd., or Rossway. Go EAST to Underhill Dr. GO south (right) on Underhill Dr and it will take you into the Burgtorf parking lot.

Larry Sills will conduct a special election to fill position of Secretary/Editor, to fill the Secretary/Editor position for the remainder of the year.

The next two regular meetings will be hands finishing the small end table we started last meeting. Its not too late to start on your table (material list is on the second page)

Upcoming meetings:

Sept	Small End Table	Router work on legs – skirts – miter saw length
Oct	Small End Table	Pocket holes – Assembly
Nov	Box joint build box	
Dec	Toys	
Jan	?? Sanding Box	
Feb	Election of Officers – Sharpening – grinding wheels	

Next year Hardening and Tempering

Please come early to help carry in all the tools needed.

Dues: As of September 1st everyone needs to renew their EMW dues. EMW dues are \$15 for one year (September to the next September) You can mail dues to Dennis Ackerman at 4470 Branch Rd. Flint, MI 48506 or pay at any meeting.

If you are paying by check, make it out to EASTERN MICHIGAN WOODWORKERS. Membership dues support the newsletter.

Newsletters: We would like starting sending the newsletters out by Email to members who use email. Last year we spent about \$600 on mailing newsletters. If you use Email, please put that on the info sheet. Money we save can go toward paying special guest speakers, or toward special programs such as John Wilson's Shaker boxes classes . If only half of you receive the newsletter by email, we will save about \$300.

Membership: allows you to take any classes offered by members free. You are responsible for cost of materials. We need to update our records to print a new roster. Please fill out the "Membership Form" sheet provided to you. If there are any changes, please write them down on the sheet. For the best phone number to reach you, please enter it under "Primary Phone" For instance, I would rather you call me on my cell phone and then my house phone which I have listed under "Secondary Phone"

Web Site: We have a web site: <http://emw.djwws.com> Do NOT type www in front of the site name. I am putting the newsletters up on the site, along with pictures from meetings, members projects, wood suppliers, etc.. If you need to look at something in the newsletter and can't find your newsletter, check the site.

Remember if you have something to sell or something for the newsletter, contact Dan Bare dcbare@comcast.net or 810.240.4192

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Small End Table

It's not too late to start your small end table. The next two meeting we will still be working on them. (See Material List for Table and list of Mentors to help glue-up table top and cut legs (and tapers if you wish the legs tapered.) if you need help.

Bring all your pieces of wood to the next two meetings.

Mentors for End Table

Clio	Gene Munsell	810.686.2182
Clio	Ken Herriman	810.686.6613
Flint	Dennis Ackerman	810.736.4726
Flint-Mundy Twp	Jim Carsten	810.232.4685
Flushing	Bob Neumann	810.659.4717
Flushing	Arnold Wagner	810.659.5402
Goodrich	Gary McDaniel	810.636.2970
Lapeer	Mark Heard	810.793.4972
MT Morris	Del Jacob	810.845.0631
Swartz Creek	Larry Sills	810.635.3784

MATERIAL LIST FOR TABLE

4 PCS FOR LEGS 2X2 TO 1 ½ X 1 ½ X 26,

Pcs must be perfectly square and the length of the 4 must be the same. (if you want to taper 2 adjacent sides leave at least 5 in of untapered leg for the apron to butt against.)

2 PCS FOR APRON 1X4X15

ends must be square and the 2 must be the same length.

2 PCS FOR APRON 1X4X8

ends must be square and the 2 must be the same length.

1 PC FOR TOP: 14 x 21

glue up enough 1 in stock to finish up at 14 x 21, when you replane it leave it as thick as possible.

SPECIAL NOTE: If you have something special you made and would like to share with the group, you may bring it to any meeting.

Graphics Galore (the hat and t-shirt guy) is located at G-7275 N. Genesee Rd., Genesee, MI. If you are interested in getting a hat or t-shirt, you can stop by and pick the style of hat and shirt. They have the logo on file.

Eric Johnson is the owner and operator of DEMOTT TOOL AND SAW SHARPENING AND REPAIR located at 1919 N Lapeer Rd., Lapeer 48446. Phone 810.667.2005. (Located in the back of Lapeer Awning and Window.

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**A SAFETY NOTE:** For all hands on meetings and classes you will need to bring your own safety glasses and ear plugs.

**EMW Library:** Remember that the EMW Library has many books, plans, magazines, and VHS tapes. Check with Larry Keeman before you spend your hard earned money

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## WOOD SUPPLIERS:

Ken Taylor—5407 Flushing Rd., Flushing----phone – 810-732-8293

Max Shock-----810-736-5477

Gene Munsell – 810-686-2182. 2240 E. Francis Rd., Clio Gene has a lot of Ash

Bill Guith – 810-736-8937. 5477 Belsay Rd., Flint

E & L Hardwoods 5365 Gary Rd., Chesaning, MI 48616. For directions call 989-845-2457.

Nelson's Wood Products- 4375 Oregon Rd., Lapeer 810-664-6091

Ed Noll - 3931 Herd Rd., Metamora Ph. 810-797-5299.

Jack Edwards-3090 E. Wilson Rd., Clio Ph. 810-686-5202

**Gene Munsell can** weld band saw blades.

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Gary McDaniel has Watco products for sale. If you are interested in getting a bargain for any of these items please call Gary at 810-636-2970 for prices and what he has available. Gary will bring anything you want to the March meeting but you must call him.

Gene has requested that everyone be thinking about ideas for meetings and classes. Remember this is an important assignment and not to be taken lightly. Your cooperation is needed. Gene is your president and a good leader but EMW is a club made up of many people and it becomes everyone's job to participate. Come prepared with ideas that you would like to see at MEETINGS. These can be Lectures, Demonstrations or Hands on. Gene is also looking for people who may like to teach a class.

*Dear EMW,*

*On behalf of Sookie: thank you from my heart for all your hard work. Your gift from the heart.*

*Sookie loved the Eastern Michigan Woodworkers Club and all the members. It was the most important part of her life.*

*Thank you, and God bless you.*

*Most sincerely,*

*Jeri*

**Classes:** EMW classes are free to members. Make sure your dues are paid before you sign up for a class. Classes are not to be taken for granted. They are offered out of the kindness of the instructor's heart with a lot of planning and hard work and can be discontinued.

| Class                         | Instructor     | Date |
|-------------------------------|----------------|------|
| Windsor Chair Class           | Gene Munsell   | Sept |
| Build Box with thru Dovetails | Ken Herriman   |      |
| Stool Class                   | Arnold Wagner  |      |
| Box Joint Tray Class          | Arnold Wagner  |      |
| Double Box Joint              | Jim            |      |
| Hand Cut Dovetails            | Dennie & Larry |      |
| Pen Making                    | Don & Dennie   |      |
| Scrolling Class               | John           |      |
| Spalting Maple                | Ken Kitchen    |      |
| Stained Glass                 | Arnold Wagner  |      |

**This special class is not free: Shaker Boxes with John Wilson** (details will be announced at the meeting)

## What to do with the things you make

By Augie

Summer is closing fast and it is time to think about getting the shop in order-----well some kind of order. It's not too early to start thinking about what toys you would like to make this year. I plan on starting early this year because after the toy making I always say next year. This year I expect to make it happen since I have no reason not to.

This month's article is a little different take and does not just apply to woodworking. I feel it applies in these economic times

I'm sure some of you have a list of things to make and a list of who to make them for. At some time it may have crossed your mind that you could make a particular item and sell it. It is the mouse trap theory. Before you go out and buy a lot of material call me first, I may already have the material you need and you will be able get it at a very fare price. When I was doing the art fair circuit cigars were making a comeback and this was my chance by making humidors. Since I was making fancy boxes this would be a shoe in. I think I still have at least 90 board feet of Spanish cedar of the 100 feet I bought. If you are interested call me with plenty of lead time since it is at the bottom of the stack of other material that I have bought for other projects.

The first point is making sure there will be a market and that you will be able to get in on the ground floor early and be able to get out with a profit. Maybe you would make an item because it is fun and something to keep you occupied. This is OK; just make sure it doesn't cost you. There is always the chance that someone will want thousands, then what do you do? I've heard of it happening but it never happened to me which is another story.

If you have a unique item someone will surely try to copy it then what. Are you going to try to get a patent to protect yourself? Most items on the open market do not carry a patent. Why, because there is no protection guarantee and it can get very expensive for **you** to defend **your** patent. I developed a little item back in the 70's and got asked many times if I had a patent. My question to them was, "Have you ever applied for a patent?"

It is said there is gold at the end of the rainbow and this can be true, you just have to get to that end. Chasing rainbows can be expensive and sometimes when you do get to the end there is a troll waiting to collect for the gold. When I was in business I chased a few, did not find much gold. The ventures make for some more good stories.

How are you going to advertise? There are many options today including the inter net. What is the ROI? This is very obvious today that the investment did not pay by the number of business ventures on the auction block. In bad times many feel now that they are out of a job it is a good time to start that business they have always wanted. Men seem to have this problem more. It's the freedom, being my own boss, don't have to work all the time, and ten more reasons why they should have their own business. Remember when times are good almost anyone can make money and when times are bad very few make it.

Next month I will expound on this and give a few inexpensive ways to start selling in the market place.

**Links:** Bob Vale has sent us some very interesting woodworking links for the computer. I have added them to the website under "Links". Check them out and then thank Bob.

Name of links on p5

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**If Kearsley is closed for any reason, there will be no meeting**

The Village Carpenter

Peter Follansbee, joiner's notes

Lost Art Press Blog

Popular Woodworking Editors Blog

For a special challenge check out the link "One old exercise for growing skills"

## Very important to toy makers!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

### Ask WOOD

#### Does anti-lead mean anti-toy?

**Q:** What ever happened to that lead-in-toys law? My woodworking club wants to start making toys for Christmas charities soon, but we're worried we'll run afoul of the law.

—Robert Shultz, South Point, Ohio

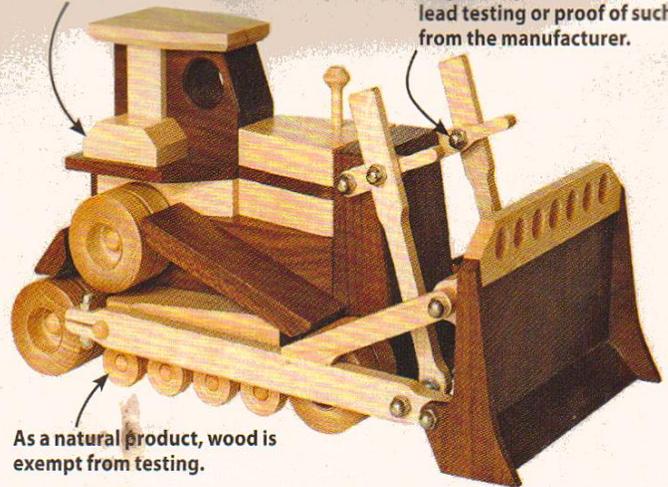
**A:** Recent updates to the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act (CPSIA) could affect your plans, Robert. A quick refresher: In 2007, several toy companies' imported products were found to contain illegal amounts of lead. In response, Congress enacted the CPSIA, which requires manufacturers to provide documentation from third-party labs certifying that their childrens' products meet minimal lead and phthalate (plastic softeners) limits.

Following outcries concerning the high cost of testing, the Consumer Products Safety Commission (CPSC), charged with CPSIA enforcement, twice pushed back the compliance deadline in order to interpret the broadly-worded law. The deadline is now February 10, 2011. Unfortunately for woodworkers, finishes are not covered by this deadline extension. So, adding a finish to your project invokes the third-party testing requirement today.

However, the CPSC has adopted an interim policy of "component testing," meaning if woodworkers can provide documentation from all of their suppliers that hardware, glue, finish, etc. have been tested and certified by third-party labs to meet the lead requirements, then the complete

A finish immediately invokes the testing rule, necessitating a certificate of conformity from a third-party lab or the manufacturer.

After February 10, 2011, every piece of hardware and all glue require third-party lead testing or proof of such from the manufacturer.



As a natural product, wood is exempt from testing.

Planning on making the bulldozer on page 56 for charitable donation? Here's how the CPSIA might affect your plans.

product is in compliance. This has the potential to shift the burden of expensive third-party testing from the woodworker to the component manufacturers. Contact the manufacturers to see if they have such documentation.

The fact that your club is creating the items for charity, rather than for sale, doesn't let you off the hook. According to Patty Davis, CPSC spokesperson, "Regardless of whether you're selling it or giving it away, if it's for a child, it needs to be in compliance with the law." 🌲