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The **OCTOBER 12TH** 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.

The next regular meeting 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 with a list of Mentors to help you.)

Upcoming meetings:

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.

Email Addresses: Email addresses are like unlisted phone numbers. Never give out a email address of a member to a non-member. It is a communication tool. It is “OK” to send emails to other club members about meetings, EMW business, classes, projects etc.. Don’t get in the habit of sending them everything you might think is sort of interesting or put them on a Joke list, unless you ask permission first.

Dues: As of September 1st you needed to renew your 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 now have 36 of 99 members signed up to receive the newsletters by email. If you use email, and have not given the address to EMW, please give it to Dan Bare. 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.

If you have not returned your form, please return it. If there are any changes, please write them down on the sheet and send to Dan Bare. Address below

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.

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dcbare@comcast.net or 6295 Flushing Rd., Flushing, MI 48433

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Small End Table

You can still make a small end table at the next meeting. The next meeting we will still be working on them. EMW members acting as Mentors can help you glue-up the top, and taper the legs (if you wish them tapered)

(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 meeting.

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.

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

Special Thanks to Bob Vale: Thanks Bob for sending Links to be posted on the web site. If you have a computer, check them out.

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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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Bandsaw for sale: Curtis Moore has a Sears 12"/with stand Bandsaw for sale. Make an offer, (810) 743-9955.

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.

Membership: allows you to take any classes offered by EMW members for free. You are responsible for cost of materials.

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. Did you know, that it would cost, over \$2,000, to take a class, to learn to build a Windsor Chair, like the one our own Gene Munsell, Windsor Chair Maker, teaches us for free?

Class	Instructor	Date
Windsor Chair Class	Gene Munsell	Oct
Roll Top Class	Jim Carsten	Oct 13th
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	

Special Class (not free): Shaker Boxes with John Wilson (Date and details will be announced at the meeting)

NOTE TO INSTRUCTORS: Please send to me, the dates, for your classes so I can put them in the newsletter.

How to get the Item out there

By Augie

Expanding on last month's article. How to get your item out there without a lot of expense.

Selling through a major retailer. If you think you may want to find a store to market through let me forewarn you. It will most likely take a lot of time and money. Large chains have buyers who go to big shows that take place early in the year for the following Christmas season. Usually at these events you sell nothing but hope you get orders or some solid leads. If there is an interest in your product you better be prepared to answer a lot of questions. The more time a buyer spends with you indicates that there may be a real interest.

Renting space in an outlet mall. Know what questions to ask and if the rentee can back it up. The important thing here is the amount of buyer traffic. If one percent of people passing by your area buy you will need a lot of traffic to sell any amount of goods. If only a hundred people come through a day, you kind of get the picture. Many of these places have a short life span and you may show up one day and find the place locked and you have just lost your inventory.

Art and Craft fair circuit. There are good shows and bad shows and a good show does not guarantee a good show for all. Most fairs take place in the summer time and on weekends. Do you want to spend your summer weekends doing this? It can work out fine. I meet a couple that did shows up and down the east coast. They would start in the southern states in the spring and work their way up to their place in Maine. Toward fall they would start working their way down to their place in the south. They had the right item, could make it while on the road and could have some free time during the week. Before deciding to do shows check it out. Michigan has one of the finest shows in the country, the Ann Arbor Art Fair. Just keep in mind that there may be a long wait to get into that show. When I was doing the art fair circuit the waiting time for this show was a minimum of ten years. This meant that I was paying dues for ten years before I could even get a review. Of course once you're in you should have it made. There are people who do that show, it is the only show they do and it generates an entire year's work.

Selling on the internet. Just go out on eBay and look what is being sold. For many it is a full time job and I think some are doing quite well. I know of some that sell on eBay and at times have done well. There are companies that have seminars about selling on eBay. Beware, they want you to sign a contract that will cost you unnecessary money and it will not guarantee you any sales. The USPS was holding seminars about selling on the internet which was informative.

One final note - Advertising – One of the most inexpensive forms of advertising is to have a business card. They don't cost much; you can even print cards off the computer. You never know who may look at that card and give you a call and want thousands of your items, I know.

This is just a few ideas and there are more. Remember not to start out big unless you have some big backers.