

EASTERN MICHIGAN WOODWORKERS

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The February 8th 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. This meeting is about sharpening and Gene said for you to bring something to sharpen.

Sadly we lost a member Robert Jones.

Our thoughts and prayers go out for you Joyce. Robert and his wife Joyce both just finished a Cartiagan Winsor Chair in Gene Munsells chair class. Both chairs where made out of Hickory and are pictured on the web site under 2009, December meeting.

Upcoming meetings:

Feb Election of Officers & Sharpening – grinding wheels

Next year Hardening and Tempering

It's your club, what would you like to see in a meeting?

Dues: As of September 1st you needed to renew your EMW dues. EMW dues are \$15 for one year (September to the next September) If you are not sure whether you have paid or not, check with Dennis.

If you have not paid your dues, please mail dues or pay at any meeting:

Dennis Ackerman, 4470 Branch Rd., Flint, MI 48506

I totally take back all those times I didn't want to nap when I was younger, but I think I will catch-up.

Sharpening and Grinding Wheels

This meeting is all about sharpening and sharpening systems. How to do it and what to use to do it. Even different kinds of Grinding Wheels will be discussed.

Bring something to sharpen such as: drills, knives, scissors, chisels, plane irons (blades), anything else you can think of with the possible exception of planner blades. Planner blades take longer because of their length.

How the heck are you supposed to fold a fitted sheet?

Newsletters: We now are very close to 50%, 50% of members signed up to receive the newsletters by email or snail mail. If you use email, and have not given the address to EMW, please give it to Dan Bare.

Nothing is worse than that moment during argument when you realize you're wrong.

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Web Site: There is a possibility of getting our own private web site with a simple name like www.emw.net or emw.org for about \$100 as year. We now have a web site: <http://emw.djwws.com> riding piggy-back on another site. (This is free, and will remain free), but many members have trouble reaching it. It would make accessing the site much easier. For our present site, **DO NOT TYPE WWW** in front of the site name. 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.

Map Quest really needs to start their directions on #5. I'm pretty sure I know how to get out of my neighborhood

Need an idea for your next project or how to do a special project. Have you checked out any of the links on the web site? If you don't have a computer ask your grandkids to show you some on them. Take some time and explore some of the links on the web site.

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.

Officers

EMW Officers		
President	Gene Munsell	686.2182
V-President	Arnold Wagner	659-5402
Treasurer	Dennis Ackerman	736.4726
Librarian	Larry Kleeman	653.2750
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Swartz Creek	Larry Sills	810.635.3784

Mentors: These are members who will help you with any project or problem. Please call them ahead of time, rather than showing up on their doorstep, only to find they are at work, or not home.

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 EMW logo on file.

DEMOTT TOOL AND SAW SHARPENING AND REPAIR: Eric Johnson is the owner and operator of 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

Remember if you have something to sell or something for the newsletter, contact Dan Bare dcbare@comcast.net or 6295 Flushing Rd., Flushing, MI 48433

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. 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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Meeting and Class Requests: Gene has requested that you suggest ideas for meetings and classes. This is a club for everyone your input is needed. Gene is your president and a good leader. You can't learn how to do that special thing you have been wanting to do, but don't know how, **unless you ask.** EMW is a club made up of many people and some members have special skills they can share. Give Gene or Arnold ideas that you would like to see at MEETINGS or classes. These can be Lectures, Demonstrations or Hands on.

INSTRUCTORS: Please send to me, the dates, for your classes.

Class	Instructor	Dates	Time	Bring Lunch
Stained Glass	Arnold Wagner	1/29, 2/5, 2/12	9 - 4	Yes
Double Box Joints	Jim Carsten	n/a	n/a	n/a
Dovetails	Dennie & Larry	n/a	n/a	n/a
Pen Making	Don & Dennie	n/a	n/a	n/a
Coppering		n/a	n/a	n/a

You never know when it will strike, but there comes a moment when you know that you just aren't going to do anything productive for the rest of the day.

Time to Clean the Shop

The sanding block project is something that all of us can use. I have already used mine and I am going to make some more. With the following article and your new sanding block you should be able to have the finest finish ever. Thanks to you who thought of this hands on project.

After the holiday season is a good time to clean and organize the shop. If you're like me, I work making the holiday things and don't always put things back where they belong. I do have a motto though "A place for everything and everything in its place". If you have ever been in my shop you can see that I may need more places. Another reason to organize is that you may find that tool that somehow slid behind a cabinet and you were about to buy a replacement. Now that you have the tool back you may be able to spend that money on a new tool. At this time you may want to look through some magazines and find a new way for storage and organization. Also ask fellow woodworkers to get ideas. One of my goals at this time is to get things off the floor. This makes it much easier to clean and it will give the shop a larger look and all of us would like a larger shop.

For the cleaning of the shop I try to wait for a warmer winter day so that I can open a window at each end of the shop and blow it out. You may be surprised how dusty it is and how the dust is able to get into every crook and cranny. Wear a good face mask and make sure there is air flowing through the shop. I brush the walls to get dust off and use a floor sweeping compound to keep the dust down when I sweep. The final step is to wipe the ceiling and walls and mop the floors. With less dust you will breathe better and when you put a finish on you will find you will get a much nicer finish with less work.

A clean shop is a safer shop.

Tip – I usually wax screws that I am going to use for wood. The problem is I will wax more screws than I need and they end up back with the screws that are not waxed. How do I tell which are waxed. When I make my wax mixture for the screws I use some colored wax. You can use some old colored candles, old crayons, or any wax of a good color like deep red, white, etc. This way you can tell which are waxed and you do not have to keep them in separate containers and you may reduce your need for more places.

Until next month let's clean the shop get organized find those lost (not stolen) items, but remember a clean shop never did anything, I must do a lot ha ha.

Next month – Is your shop secure?