

# EASTERN MICHIGAN WOODWORKERS

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The Oct 8th meeting will be held at the Buffey Elementary beginning at 7:00PM.

4235 Crosby Road Flint, MI 48506 If you arrive late and the doors are locked, walk around to the Gym in the back and knock on the doors, if they are not open.

*Directions: Buffey Elementary School is located off Genesee Road between Richfield and Carpenter roads. Turn west off of Genesee on Crosby Road. Buffey Elementary is on the north side of the road.*

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## Upcoming meetings

**Oct 8: Introduction to Sketchup 101, by Russ Generes**

**Nov 12: Bird house napkin holder by A Wagner**

**Dec 10: Toys**

**Jan 14: Large Compass Ken Herriman**

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**Oct 8th Meeting:** Russ Generes is going to give a good look at Sketchup. Sketchup was created by Google and sold to Trimble. There are two versions, free and \$590.00. We use the free version. You can draw a bookcase and then look at it from the front, side, top, bottom. Show its dimensions and print it and even print out a cut list. Woodworking Magazines are now offering some of their free plans in Sketchup. There is a list of free drawings at [www.sketchup.com](http://www.sketchup.com) called Sketchup 3D-warehouse.

**Clothing Donations:** Buffey School has 2 rooms of clothes to display and are need donations of all sizes and ages including adults.

**We have a problem:** We were hoping to use the December Craft show at Davison High School, because of the TV coverage, but found out there is a \$150.00 entry fee which the club can't afford. What you think about member donations of \$5 or \$10 to cover the expense. We will talk about it at this meeting.

**Dues:** If you missed paying your dues last month, please do so right away.

MAIL TO: **Dennis Ackerman, 4470 Branch Rd., Flint, MI 48506.**

**Email Address?:** If you have a new email address, or now can switch, from the mailed newsletter, to the email version, of the newsletter, to save the club money. Please email it to [dcbare@comcast.net](mailto:dcbare@comcast.net)

**Inserted chart:** (Email members will be given the chart at the meeting.) You should staple the 4 inter-sheets of the wood-allergies-and-toxicity chart together and put them in a safe place for future use. If you have access to the internet, check out the sources at following sites:

<http://www.wood-database.com/wood-articles/wood-allergies-and-toxicity/>

<http://www.ubeaut.com.au/badwood.htm>

Both of these sites are sources of lots of valuable things for woodworkers. You owe it to yourself to goto:

<http://www.wood-database.com> and <http://www.ubeaut.com.au>

and explore what they have to offer. If you don't use a computer, ask your wife, children, grandchildren to show you what is there.

**Our Librarians:** We are delighted to have Duane and Ann Whitman as our Librarians. The books are at Buffey, in cases, with attached wheels and brought into the meeting room to be viewed, or checked out each night.

**Did you know:** Drinking water after a meal reduces the acid in the mouth by 61%.

**Gene Munsell can weld band saw blades**

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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 Duane or Ann Whitman before you spend your hard earned money



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**Graphics Galore** (the hat and t-shirt guy) is located at 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.

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## What you need to know to use the wood-allergies-and-toxicity chart:

**2000 Years Ago:** *Nearly 2000 years ago, woodworkers were noting that some woods had bad effects on humans.*

*“Not to omit any one of them, the yew is similar to these other trees in general appearance . . . It is an ascertained fact that travellers’ vessels, made in Gaul of this wood, for the purpose of holding wine, have caused the death of those who used them.” – Pliny the Elder, from “Naturalis Historia,” ca. 77 AD*

Gaul was a region of Western Europe, encompassing present day France, Luxembourg and Belgium, most of Switzerland, Northern Italy, as well as the parts of the Netherlands and Germany.

[Wikipedia](#)

**1. Just because any given wood is not listed on the chart, does not mean that it is completely safe to use.** It simply means that adverse reactions have not been reported as of yet. (The wood may be very obscure or unknown.) One helpful thing to do if you have confirmed that you’re allergic to a specific species of wood, is to check for related species (listed at the end of each wood profile page). Many times, a wood in a particular genus will share similar allergic compounds with other related woods, resulting in cross-reactions.) For example, [Cocobolo](#) is in the [Dalbergia genus](#), and is also closely related to other woods such as [Kingwood](#), [Tulipwood](#), [Honduran Rosewood](#), etc. Also, you may notice two wood types that *sound* like they’re related, such as [Black Cherry \(Prunus genus\)](#) and [Brazilian Cherry \(Hymenaea genus\)](#), but they are actually quite unrelated.

**2. All inhaled wood dust is hazardous to your long-term health.** This chart simply lists specific woods that can aggravate symptoms through allergic reactions, or woods that are outright toxic in and of themselves. However, *all* woods produce fine dust when worked, which in turn can damage

your lungs and cause a number of other adverse [health reactions](#). (This particular health issue—and the unhealthy buildup of such dusts in small woodworking or hobbyist shops—has been dealt with at length on [Bill Pentz’ website](#).)

**What is a Sensitizer?** Well, with some woods that have been classified as being a *sensitizer*, the more we are exposed to a wood’s sawdust or other fine particles, the more sensitive we get to its exposure, and the more severe and adverse the reactions become.

If you ever have an allergic reaction to any wood that has been identified as a sensitizer, use extreme caution in handling or using that species (and related species) in future instances. Some have reactions so severe that they simply have had to stop and discontinue using certain wood species altogether. ([Cocobolo](#) is notorious in this regard.)

**What is HP?** Hypersensitivity pneumonitis (also called **extrinsic allergic alveolitis, EAA**) is an **inflammation of the alveoli within the lung caused by hypersensitivity to inhaled organic dusts.** [HP on PubMedHealth](#).

**What is NPC?** Nasopharyngeal carcinoma, or sometimes called **nasopharyngeal cancer**. **Basically, it is a cancer of the upper area of the pharynx or “throat,” where the nasal passages and auditory tubes join the remainder of the upper respiratory tract.** [NPC on MayoClinic.com](#).

**The chart Potency numbers 1 – 4, 4 is the worse.**

If you are sensitive to any wood, either ban it from your shop or purchase a power respirator (\$400 - \$1500). Expensive, but much cheaper than a funeral! Remember item #1, check to see what other woods are related to the one you are sensitive to

**Did you Know:** The average person consumes 16,000 gallons of water in a lifetime. That 50% of the world’s population does not have an adequate supply of fresh water. 300 different chemicals can be found in U.S. drinking water.

**Value of Time:** This item comes from the January issue of Scotland's VESS Newsletter:

It begins: 'Imagine there is a bank that credits your account each morning \$86,400. It carries over no balance from day to day. Every evening deletes whatever part of the balance you have failed to use during the day. What would you do? Draw out every cent, of course!!

Each of us has such a bank. Its name is TIME.

Every morning, it credits you with 86,400 seconds. Every night it writes off, as lost, whatever of this you have failed to invest to good purpose. It carries over no balance. It allows no overdraft. Each day it opens a new account for you. Each night burns the remains of the day. If you fail to use the day's deposits, the loss is yours. There is no going back. There is no drawing, against, the 'tomorrow'. You must live in the present on today's deposits. Invest it so as to get from it the utmost in health, happiness, and success!

**The clock is running. Make the most of today.**

- To realize the value of ONE YEAR, ask a student who failed a grade.
- To realize the value of ONE MONTH, ask a mother who gave birth to a premature baby.
- To realize the value of ONE WEEK, ask the editor of a weekly newspaper.
- To realize the value of ONE HOUR, ask the lovers who are waiting to meet.
- To realize the value of ONE MINUTE, ask a person who missed the train.
- To realize the value of ONE SECOND, ask a person who just avoided an accident.
- To realize the value of ONE MILLISECOND, ask the person who won a silver medal in the Olympics.

Treasure every moment that you have! And treasure it more because you shared it with someone special, special enough to spend your time with. And remember that time waits for no one. Yesterday is history, tomorrow is mystery, **today is a gift. That's why it's called the present!**

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