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JON BULLER

MASTER HAND BOOKBINDER,

Ann Arbor, Michigan

Founder / Former Owner, Bessenberg Bindery

Longstanding Member, Guild of Book Workers

Member, Book Club of Detroit

Jon Buller on Bookbinding < <http://www.bessenberg.com/> >



A Presentation with Images and Q&A

Sunday, May 1st, 2022. Ferndale District Library

222 East 9 Mile Road. Ferndale, Michigan 48220

2:00 pm – 4:00 PM EDT

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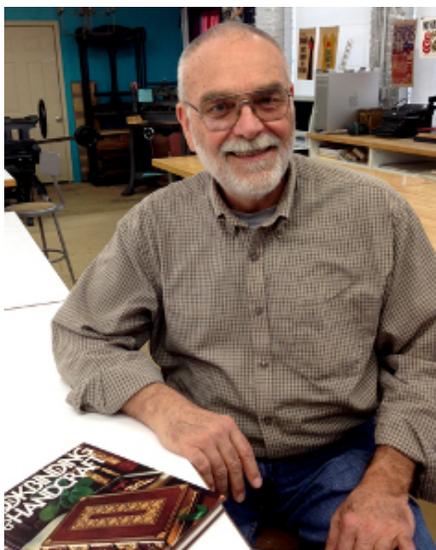
JON BULLER will focus on the evolution of binding in the European tradition. He will also show examples of different types of sewing; some of his own bindings; images from selected volumes of Librairie Sourget's *Livres Precieux*; several auction house publications; selected catalogues from the Miniature Book Society; and, if the venue's AV equipment can manage it, slides from the work of premier 20thC binders. "I expect the Q&A to be lively!" Binding as craft & as book arts is his subject. Drawing upon a successful career of nearly 50 years, Jon Buller has much to share with us. All welcome!

Mr Buller is a graduate of Oakland University, Rochester, Michigan, where he studied political science and economics, and later engineering. He began his bookbinding career in 1974 with **Ellen Ruth McCrady**, American Book Bindery, near Ann Arbor, Michigan. In 1978 he opened The Brown Bess Bindery in Rochester, Michigan, renaming it **The Bessenberg Bindery** when it was incorporated and relocated to Ann Arbor in 1981.

Buller's Bessenberg Bindery served the university, medical, legal, publishing, advertising, and book collecting communities in southern Michigan. It was a specialty book bindery, offering a full range of

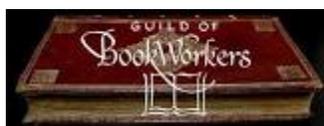
sewn, hardcover book binding, custom boxes, book repair, prototype objects, custom photo albums and scrap books, portfolios, and desk accessories. Bessenberg quoted jobs as small as one book, or as large as 500. Bessenberg was a craft shop, whose work was customized to meet clients' particular requirements. In both original binding and in book repair, it valued attractiveness, proper fit, and durability. In 2010, Bessenberg Bindery was sold to the book manufacturer, Thomson-Shore, Inc. For the past 3 1/2 years, Jon managed their hand binding operations, teaching younger hands the craft of hand binding. Bessenberg is now owned by Bohemio Bookbindery, Ann Arbor. Prior to his recent return to Michigan, Jon contributed special expertise to a variety of classes at Asheville BookWorks, North Carolina, and at the John C. Campbell Folk School in Brasstown, North Carolina, to which he returns this June.

Jon Buller retired in July 2014, and has re-established a private studio. For more than 25 years, he has been a member of the **Guild of Book Workers** (founded, 1906, NYC). Significant contributors to his knowledge of binding technique are George Hebb, Walter Hahn, Jan Sabota, Monique Lalier, Sylvia Rennie, Don Etherington, and others. **Career Profile** < <https://ashevillebookworks.com/jon-buller/> >.



**Jon Buller, Instructor of Quarter Leather Binding, and other classes,
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< <https://mailchi.mp/4c17606492a0/last-chance-final-classes-at-asheville-bookworks> >
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< <https://guildofbookworkers.org/> >

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