



West Michigan Woodworkers Guild

May 2020
Newsletter

The May meeting of the West Michigan Woodworkers Guild is cancelled due to the Coronavirus outbreak.

Future meetings to be determined

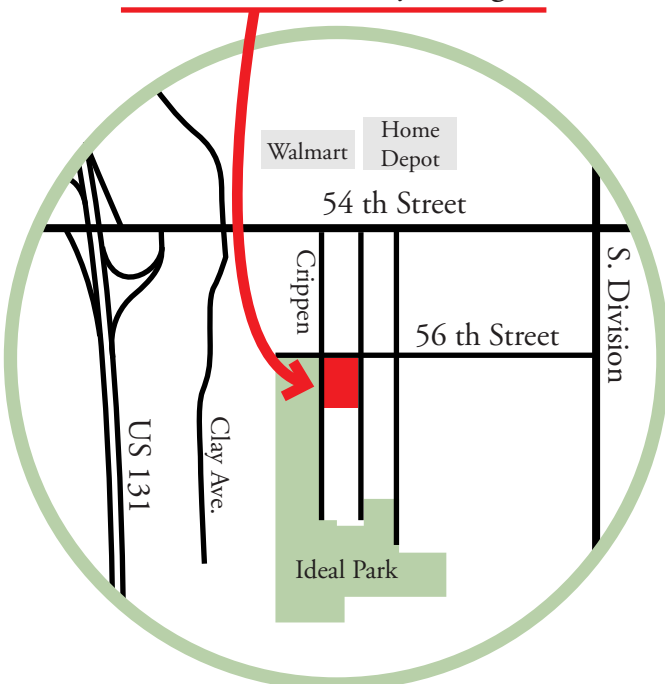
Second Tuesday of the month

7:00 PM to 9:30 PM

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President's Corner

By Les Derusha

Hello my fellow woodworkers. I hope that all of you remain safe, wherever you have been. Due to the Michigan Governor's emergency declaration and the current stay-at-home order, the May meeting of the West Michigan Wood Workers Guild is cancelled. At this point I think it is fair to say that the annual June picnic is questionable so we may not see each other until the fall.

Regardless of the guild schedule, we can remain in touch with each other through the guild's Facebook page. I know we talk about this at every meeting, so maybe you are tired of hearing about it, but woodworking can be a very solitary hobby, and the temptation is there to just bury ourselves in our own little world.

If you are looking for a bit of connection to others in the guild, have questions about a project, or just want to share something you have done, check out the Guild's page. You have to be a member of the guild to post, but anyone can look.

Stay safe!

The Guild's Facebook page :
www.facebook.com/groups/wmiwwguild

May 12, 2020 Meeting agenda

The regularly scheduled meeting for May 12, 2020 is cancelled.

June picnic

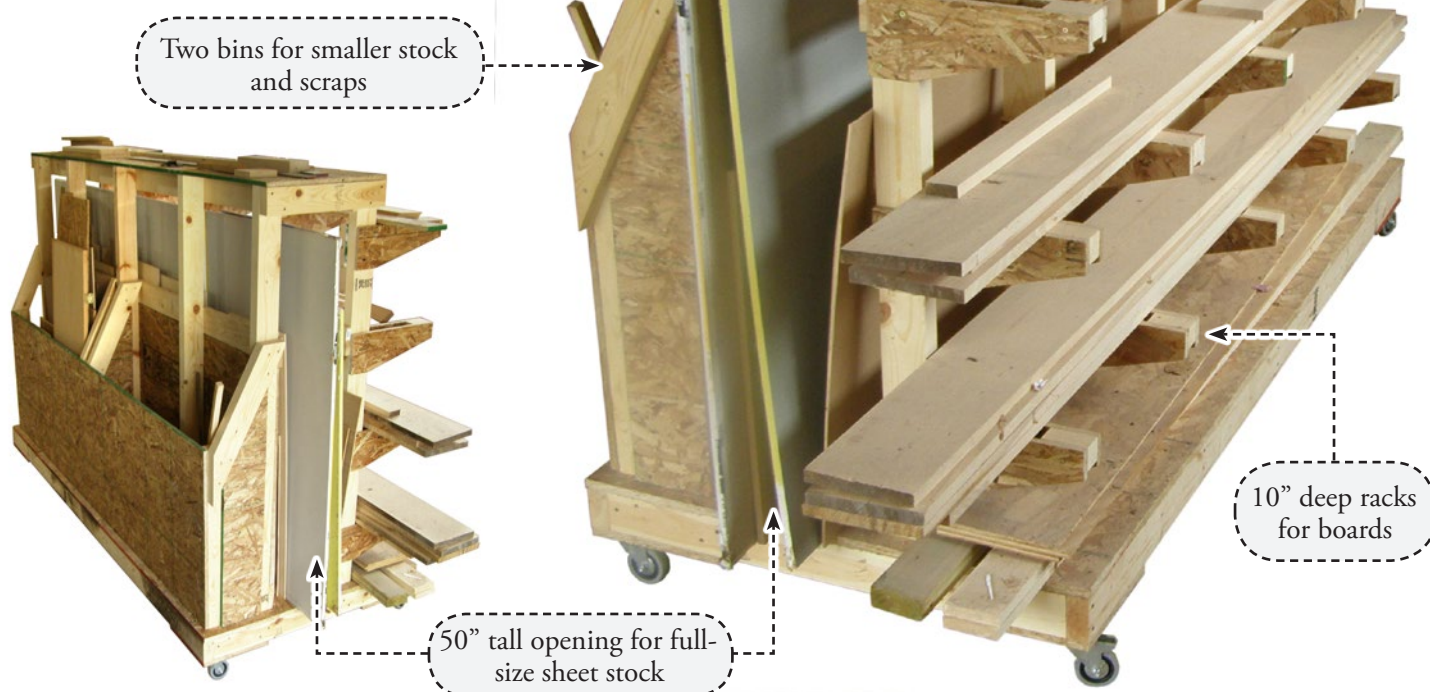
The annual June picnic meeting will be contingent on Federal and State guidelines regarding social distancing, and the status of the ongoing Coronavirus outbreak. If we do have it, it will contain :

Food
More food
Desserts
Awe at John Pflug's timber framing
Perhaps an auction
Guild swap meet — a great way to clear out unused tools and pick up a few bargains!
And yes. . . still more food

Coming in the June newsletter . . .

By Steve DeVries

In the June issue I will be giving a run down of the construction of this wood rack as well as free drawings so you can build your own!



Call for photos!

By Steve DeVries

If you have any projects that you've done that you haven't brought in because they are too big, or you have forgotten about them, take photos!

I am asking for photos of your projects to include in the next newsletter! Big projects. Small projects. Projects from two decades ago. . . we want to see them!

Photos can be in any format.

Include your first and last name in the e-mail.

Please type a short description of the project and if there are any interesting things about it such as joint style, wood type, finish, completion time, etc... anything people would ask about.

Send to:

sgdevriesmodels@gmail.com

no later than May 31, 2020. This gives me time to get them into the newsletter.



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Show and tell



A few months ago, Case VanderMaas showed us some pictures of a mobile router station that he had built. Now, I don't do a huge amount of router work, but the quality of this build makes me want to do more. So Case, if you ever want to make some plans for this table, I am sure you would have a few interested people





Devin Shea built these two fantastic chairs. They were both built using green wood, starting from a log. Some of the tools he used were a drawknife, a spokeshave, a sloyd knife, and a hatchet.

On a personal side note here : this type of construction would make a fascinating presentation. I know many of us are used to working with dried lumber, already cut into boards, but to take a raw log and turn it into useable furniture is just a wonderful skill. Thanks for sharing these, Devin!

Cool Tools with Dale Smith

By Steve DeVries

Dale Smith highlighted a number of tools over the past couple of months that have missed the newsletter. I wanted to make sure they got mentioned because they are really useful.



MicroJig makes a number of tools for use on the table saw that can really aid in safety and accuracy. The Gripper (upper left photo) is versatile enough to push almost any shape piece of wood through a saw while keeping hands safe.

The ZeroPlay sled and clamps (right two photos) offer an easy to use setup for cutting accurate parts, time after time.



Once you use an oscillating multi-tool, you will wonder how you ever got along without one. These tools are so versatile that they can be used for heavy duty remodeling work all the way down to small wood model building. They can do jobs no other tool will do.



None of the products listed represent an official endorsement of the West Michigan Woodworkers Guild. They are merely items that different Guild members use and thought might be useful for others.
The WMWWG has not solicited or recieved any compensation for any of the mentioned products.

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