



West Michigan Woodworkers Guild

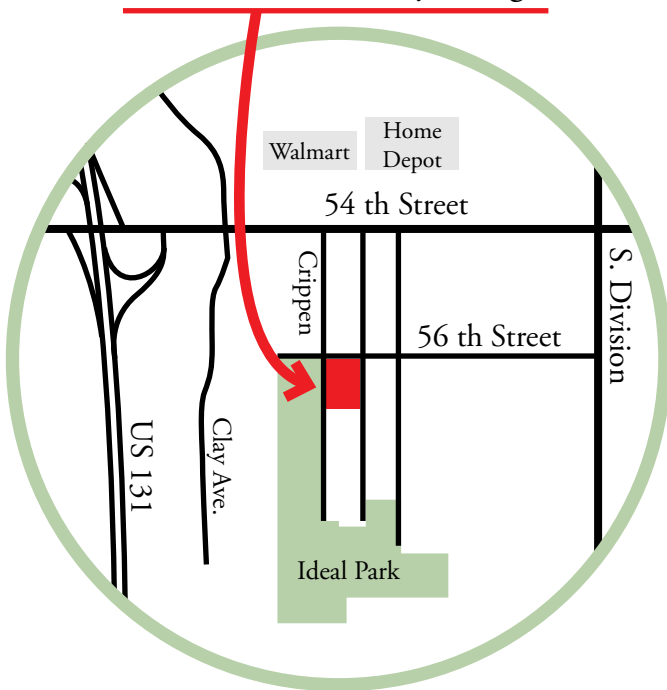
October 2019
Newsletter

President's Corner

By Les Derusha

Next Meeting

Tuesday, October 8, 2019
7:00 PM to 9:30 PM
Ideal Park Christian Reformed
Church Activity Center
320 56th Street SW, Wyoming MI



Welcome to Fall! This month we elect officers of which we have the following slate of candidates:

Les Derusha	<i>President</i>
Dale Smith	<i>Vice President</i>
Chris Taylor	<i>Secretary</i>
Case Vander Maas	<i>Treasurer</i>
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Wayne Veneklasen	<i>Member-at-Large</i>
Patti Dooley	<i>Member-at-Large</i>
Greg Quist	<i>Member-at-Large</i>
Jim Jakosh	<i>Member-at-Large</i>

We still have time for more nominations at our October meeting. The Guild Board meets ~4 times per year and meetings last 1.5-2 hours. All board positions are for one year and your participation is appreciated.

On another subject, we are all potential recruiters of new members. It may be a casual social contact with someone who appears to be interested in woodworking. It may be at a craft show where you may notice someone's woodworking product, you can simply introduce yourself, mention our website, our Facebook Group and invite them to our next meeting.

Go make some sawdust!

Even with all of today's technology, research consistently shows that the most effective marketing is still word-of-mouth.

Bring a friend to the next meeting!

October 8, 2019 Meeting agenda

Welcome to guests & returning members

Guild business discussion

- New board member elections
- Membership dues reminder \$20 now or \$25 after January 1, 2020.
- Survey results
- Guild shirts update

Member Show & Tell time — two-minute time limit per project (we aren't timing you).

Cool Tools by Dale Smith et. al.

Open discussion time

15 Minute Break

Raffle Drawings

Demonstrations — Spray Finishing by Case Vander Maas

Upcoming presentations

November 12, 2019 — Titebond 2 Hour Seminar!

On November 12, 2019 Bob Behnke, Technical Service Mgr. of Franklin International, will present a two hour application seminar on the use of Titebond Adhesive Products as the main presentation at our Guild meeting. Spread the word!

This is a FREE event and everyone is welcome. In order to make appropriate accommodations we need to know how many are planning to attend.

**RSVP to John Pflug,
Program Director of the West Michigan Woodworkers Guild :**

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Copies of this Newsletter are sent out to key members of every Woodworking, Wood Turning, and Wood Carving Guild or Group we know of in the lower peninsula of Michigan. ALL members of these Guilds and Groups are Invited to attend this Great Seminar as our Guests.

December 10, 2019

Guild Christmas Party (in addition to the regular meeting)

Should I bring my project in for Show & Tell time?

By Steve Devries

I think we have all had this inner debate with ourselves at one point or another, and I daresay some of the following comments may have run through your head :

"I don't feel comfortable since I am new to the guild."

"That other person's project is so amazing, my skill aren't that good."

"People won't be interested in what I have to show."

"My project has this huge mistake and other people will laugh at me."

"No one will like what I made anyway."

Are any of these familiar? Whether you think you are the most skilled woodworker east of the Mississippi, or a novice who just picked up their first board, the Guild wants to see what you do! Every one of us started at the beginning and is at a different skill level in different areas. We all have something to share and something to learn. Projects to show don't have to be polished or even finished. You don't have to wait until you have produced your 'Magnum Opus'. If all of us waited until we had produced perfect work, no one would ever show anything.

So the next time you look around your shop and wonder *"Should I bring that in to show?"* The answer is YES. The Guild is a safe place to appreciate what others have done, and also a safe place where your own work is appreciated.

Need a Nametag?

If you have been to a Guild meeting and seen the fancy wooden nametags some people have, you may have wondered : Where can I get one of those?

Talk to Les Derusha and he will set you up. He can be contacted at a meeting or at :

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September meeting Show & Tell



Dale Smith is in the process of building 16 cedar mailboxes. With a mailbox that nice, no one would dare put junk mail in it.



Patti Dooley brought in a casserole carrier with a removable shelf that she had built. Now if only she had also brought the casserole with it



Jim Jakosh showed off his Dremel box made from Box Elder (Box Elder — good for more than just making boxes). Notice how the fitting between the top and the bottom is curved. Nicely done.



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Ed Fry shows off his teacart made from walnut and finished with Deft(?) oil. Besides being just a marvelous piece of work, Ed says he got the wood in exchange for fixing some chairs. The wheels even have rubber rings on them for stability, and the handle raises and lowers.

Fit for the Queen, I'd say.



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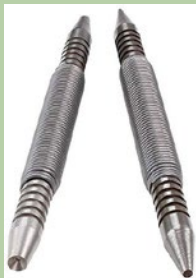


Image from Spring Tools

Dale Smith showed us a spring loaded nail set and screw setter. This is a great device for sinking the heads of finish nails below the wood surface without marring the wood.

Don Veld showed a bunch of star shapes he made for his church's Vacation Bible School. He made 250 of them which is quite an accomplishment.

Tom McDonald brought his angle setter for sharpening chisels along with his rule of thumb : "If you have to hit a chisel, it is dull."



Image from Veritas

The highlight of the evening, although probably missed by most, was when Richard Koll's phone rang. A cell phone ringing isn't much of a thing to comment on, except that Richard's ring tone was *Play that Funky Music* by Wild Cherry. Awesome.



Image from Steelex



Image from WorkSharp

Les Derusha demonstrated his WorkSharp. If you have difficulty sharpening your chisels (like I do) a WorkSharp is a great option. It isn't the cheapest method out there, but it is pretty user friendly.

None of the products listed above 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.

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