West Michigan Woodworkers Guild

April 2020
Newsletter

The April 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
Ideal Park Christian Reformed Church
Activity Center
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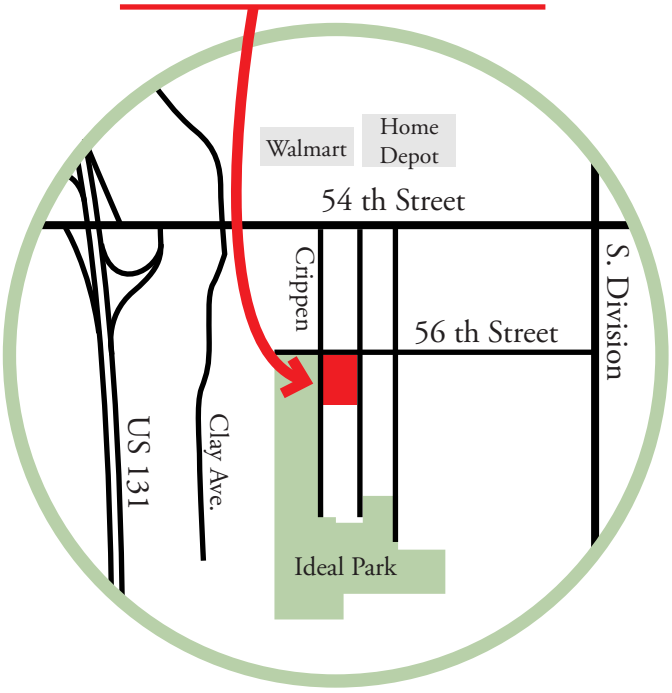

President's Corner

By Les Derusha

STATE OF THE GUILD

First off, the Board of Directors sincerely hope that all of our members and guests are staying safe throughout these extrordinary times. With so many things uncertain about future, the last thing people want to think about is a local club.

As of now, the April meeting is cancelled, and honestly we wouldn't be allowed to have it even if we wanted to. In all probability the May meeting will also be cancelled. With so many of our members being older, we are in no rush to try to hold a meeting if there is going to be any unneccesary risk to our members.

Stay healthy, stay safe.

This newsletter

By Steve Devries

This April newsletter is going to shorter than usual. With two kids home doing online learning as well as my wife teaching online, my free time has gotten extremely cramped.

If I missed something you were hoping to see, it will probably be in the May newsletter edition. Thanks for understanding!

April 14, 2020 Meeting agenda

The regularly scheduled meeting for April 14, 2020 is cancelled.

You probably already know why, but just in case you have been living in a cave for the past month, the meeting is cancelled due to the Coronavirus outbreak.

May 12, 2020 Meeting agenda

The May 12, 2020 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 :

Welcome to guests & returning members

Guild business discussion

Member Show & Tell
- Two minute limit per project.

Cool Tools with Dale Smith

15 minute break

Raffle Drawings

Presentation — Epoxy wood finishes by Sam Lacina

Staying connected

By Steve DeVries

I know that despite being trapped at home, I have little time for woodworking. Some of you may be getting lots of shop time. Either way, a great way to stay connected to others in the guild is to visit our Facebook page! We say this often during our meetings but now more than ever, it is essential to stay connected to others in your social circles. Come, read, ask questions, check it out!

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

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 April 28, 2020. This gives me time to get them into the newsletter.

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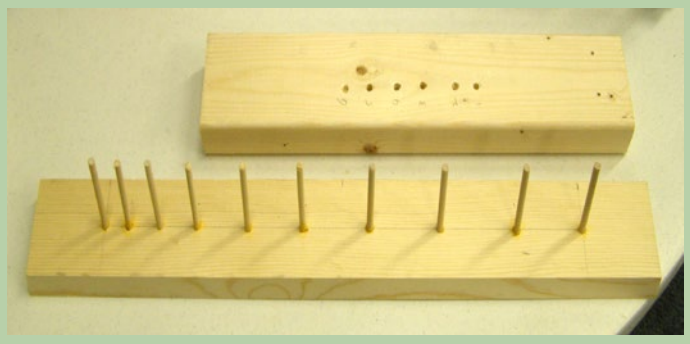
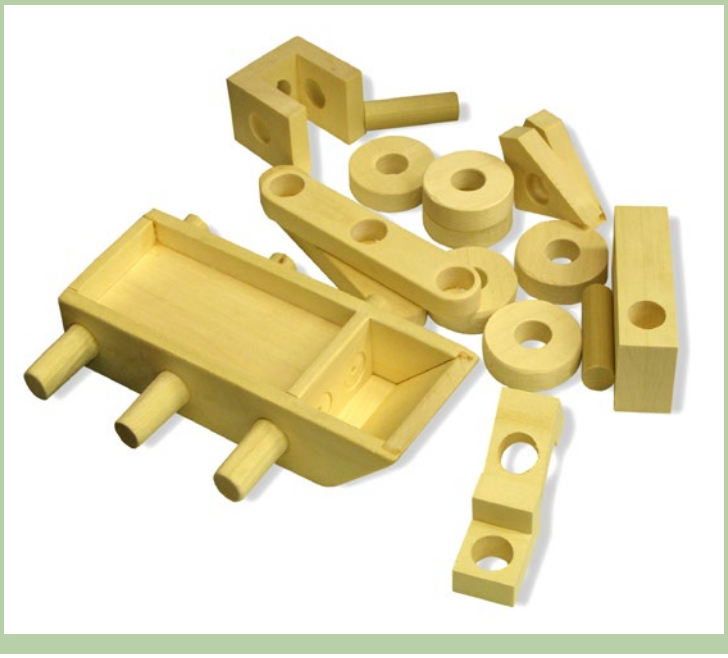
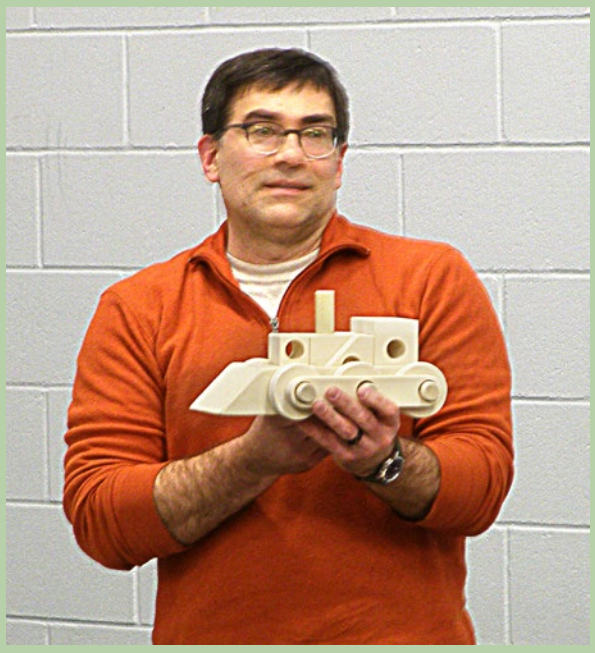
March show and tell

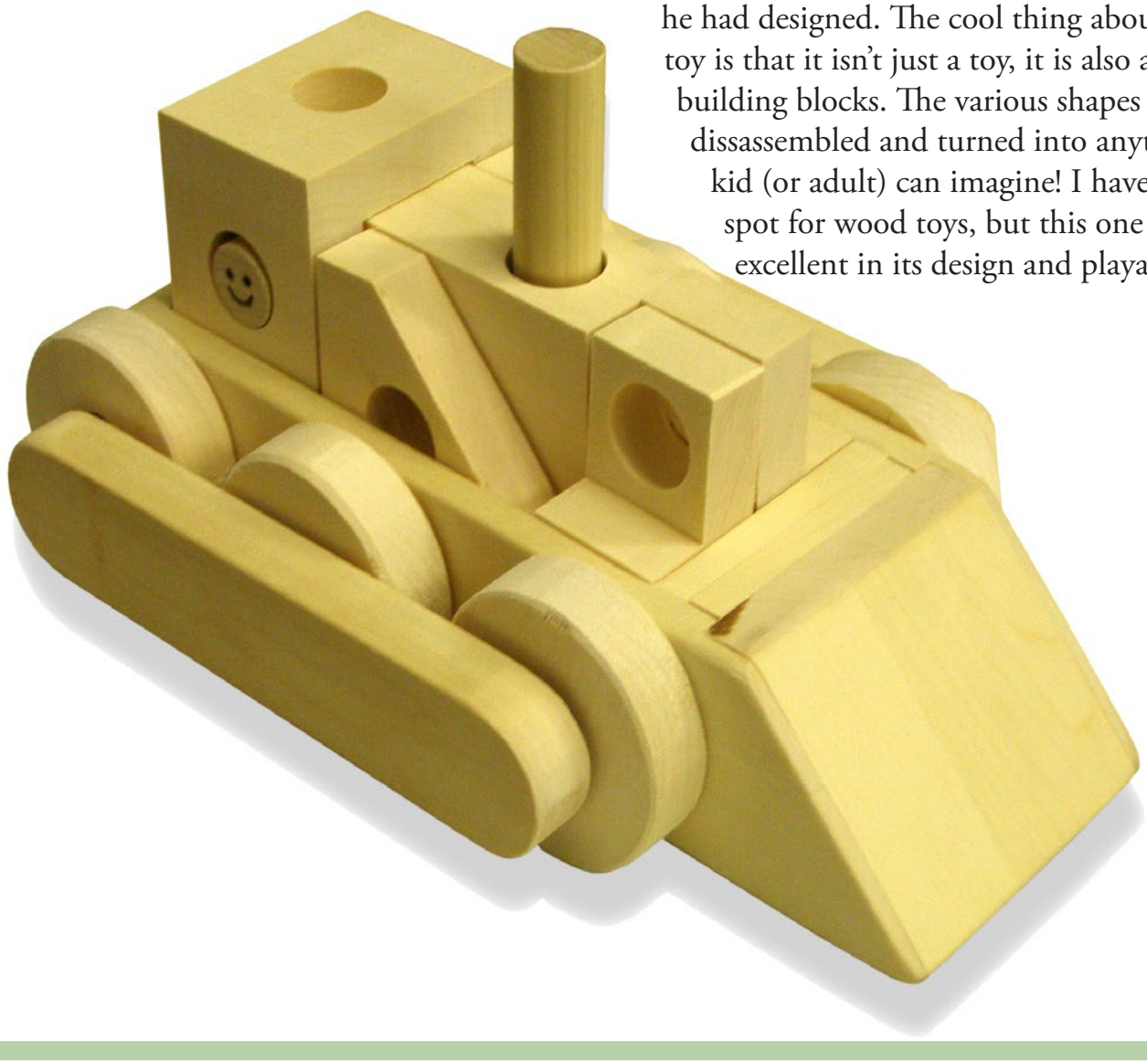
The hand drill is capable of a high degree of precision, especially when used with a hand drill-press jig. Charlie Pinneo brought in his to show how a hand drill can be used to drill perfectly straight holes.



Don Veld brought in a couple of wooden ducks that he had worked on. By buying one he was able to trace the other one and turn it into a coat hanger.







Scott Moehring brought in a wooden toy that he had designed. The cool thing about this toy is that it isn't just a toy, it is also a set of building blocks. The various shapes can be dissassembled and turned into anything a kid (or adult) can imagine! I have a soft spot for wood toys, but this one is just excellent in its design and playablility.

Dave Postma got his hands on a bunch of spalted maple and you can see the results. Dave said he used epoxy on the edges and an Osmos finish. The legs are made from solid maple and he used castle joints to attach them.

Check out the figuring on that wood!

That is a castle joint (in case you were wondering)

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