



# West Michigan Woodworkers Guild

June 2021  
Newsletter

## President's Corner

By Les Derusha

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Our final meeting of the 2020-2021 season will feature the Woodland Carvers giving us an intro into wood carving.

We will have:

Intro to Wood Carving and tools with Norm Merrow.  
Demonstration of carving on a gunstock by Dave Spooner.  
How to carve birds by Fidencio Paredez.  
A Power Carving Demo by Richard Frye.

We believe this will give you enough info to whet your appetite. We will have these people available live to answer any questions you may have.

It is looking more likely we will have our picnic in September (as in actual food with actual people — not on ZOOM!) AND start meeting LIVE at the church in October.

We are STILL looking for someone to share cameraman duties with Steve Babcock. This would include setup before the meeting, running the camera during the meeting and packing things up after. Contact me at [les@svideo.org](mailto:les@svideo.org).

Have a great summer in the shop, or shopping for the shop.  
Stay Safe!

### Next Meeting

Tuesday, June 8, 2021  
7:00 PM

Online meeting via ZOOM

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Facebook page :

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# The Guild is looking for some help

In the fall when we plan on going back to in-person meetings we plan on continuing to stream our meetings on ZOOM for those who either don't feel comfortable meeting in person, or those who don't even live in Michigan year round. Believe it or not, the Guild gets inquiries from all over the world, and even though we think of ourselves as a small, local group, we want to be available to anyone who can benefit from our meetings.

**We need people to help with technology.** Our main need at the moment is someone to help run the cameras for our meetings. This would involve :

- Charging batteries
- Showing up to meetings early to set up equipment
- Running the camera during meetings
- Taking down equipment after the meeting

I realize that everyone feels that their lives are busy and might not want to commit to something like this, but if you have the skills, we could really use your help.

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## Choosing the right blade

If you are like me, the blade I use is generally the one that is currently installed, regardless of what that happens to be. Tom MacDonald has been in contact with Kevin Nelson at TopWoodworkingAdvice.com and they passed on this handy chart.

Image provided  
by Kevin Nelson at  
TopWoodworkingAdvice.  
com

## Saw blade selection chart

### Band saw

Task	Width (in.)	Pitch	Style*	Set*
Scrollwork, joinery	1/8	14 tpi	ST	AB or R
Cutting light metal	1/8	14 tpi	ST	W
Tight curves	1/8	6 tpi	SK	AB
Smooth curves	3/16	10 tpi	ST	AB
General purpose	1/4	6-8 tpi	ST or SK	AB
Rip-cutting	1/4	4-6 tpi	H	AB or R
Gen. crosscutting	3/8	8-10 tpi	ST or SK	AB or R
Fast crosscutting	3/8	4 tpi	SK	AB
Resawing	1/2	4 tpi	H	AB

\*Key ST=standard, SK=skip-tooth, H=hook-tooth, AB=alternate-bevel, R=raker, W=wavy

### Jig Saw

Task	Material	Length	Pitch
Fast, rough carpentry	Wood	4 in.	6 tpi
General purpose	Wood	4 in.	8 tpi
Smooth finish	Wood	4 in.	10 tpi
Extra-smooth finish	Wood	3 in.	12-14 tpi
Light metal	Metal	3 in.	12-14 tpi
Thick metal	Metal	3 in.	24 tpi

### Circular Saw

Task	Type	TPI (8 1/4-in./10-in. dia.)
General purpose	Combination	16-36/18-50
Trim carpentry	Cross-cut	40-64/60-80
Rough carpentry	Cross-cut	34-40/40-60
Smooth cross-cutting	Cross-cut	50-64/60-80
Rip-cutting	Ripping	16-36/18-24
Plywood and particleboard	Plywood/panel	48-64/60-80
Light metal	Metal-cutting	58-64/60-72

### Scroll Saw

Task	Type	Gauge	Pitch
General cutting	Scrolling	#5	15 tpi
Cutting without tear-out	Reverse-tooth fret	#7	11.5 tpi
Fine scrollwork	Scrolling	#7	12 tpi
Very tight curves	Spiral-tooth	#2	41 tpi
Fast cuts	Fret	#9	11.5 tpi

## Treasurer's report

by Case Vander Maas

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The West Michigan Woodworkers Guild has a bank balance of \$2601.15 as of June 1st, 2021. As you know no membership dues have been paid since Feb. of 2020, and the board of directors has decided that none would be due until in-person meetings start again in the fall (hopefully in October). During the last year we have spent \$748.37. This covers the cost of the website, building rental for the meetings we did hold and the purchase of audio-visual equipment necessary for our zoom meetings.

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