



# West Michigan Woodworkers Guild

September 2021  
Newsletter

## President's Corner

By Les Derusha

Fellow Members

I hope this newsletter finds you and your loved ones in good health. We had a meeting of the Board of West Michigan Woodworkers Guild and discussed the current pandemic situation and the current status of the Guild itself.

We have not met in person for the past 18 months and we are ALL interested in getting back together in person. I and the Board agree that a huge percentage of the value of meeting in person are the conversations we have with other members, before, during and after the meetings.



ZOOM meetings are better than a sharp stick in the eye, but many of our members are getting worn down from too much ZOOM and no face to face. The other factor is the pandemic is still looking for an end and appears to be as dangerous as ever.

So, this is what we are planning to do:

- The planned picnic for September is postponed. We hope to maybe have our December Pizza party in person (MAYBE).
- We will also take a break from the ZOOM meetings for the remainder of 2021.
- Show and Tell has always been an important part of our meetings, and we would like to continue this tradition in the monthly newsletter. Steve DeVries has put together a great overview of how to do this on the next page. Please consider taking the time to send in a project for the newsletter. Steve does great work on our newsletter, but the less content he has to work with, the harder it is. And also, for some of us the monthly newsletter is our only link to each other and people really want to see what you have been working on.

The Board will continually review our status and keep you abreast of our plans. Keep up the good work in the shop and stay safe.

-Les

# Newsletter Show-and-Tell

I get it. I really do. It is much easier and much more fun to take a project to an in-person meeting and talk about it with your friends than it is to take photos, write a couple of sentences, and send an e-mail. And no, I am not being sarcastic. Sometimes (especially lately) e-mail and any form of electronic contact *SEEMS* like a lot of work, and it is just so much easier to do nothing. I have been there (actually, I own an annual pass to that destination). After all, as my favorite DEMOTIVATOR says :

“Hard work often pays off after time, but laziness always pays off now.”

But here is the crux of the issue : I can't write this newsletter by myself. Not only would that be horribly boring, but trust me, I am well aware that you don't read this newsletter for my scintillating insights on modern workshop philosophy. The reason you check out this newsletter is for the pictures. So send me some!

All submissions should include :

1. Picture(s) of your projects. Send a bunch. I will pick and choose the best ones for the newsletter.
2. One to two sentences describing the project. Try to include what types of wood used, any special techniques, time it took, unique joints styles, finishes used, etc... the more information the better.
3. YOUR NAME. Do not assume that I know your real name based on your e-mail address. If you don't tell me your name, Bob Jenkins, I will assume it is 'googlyeyes18133@gmail@hotmail@yahoo.com

Send all submissions to :

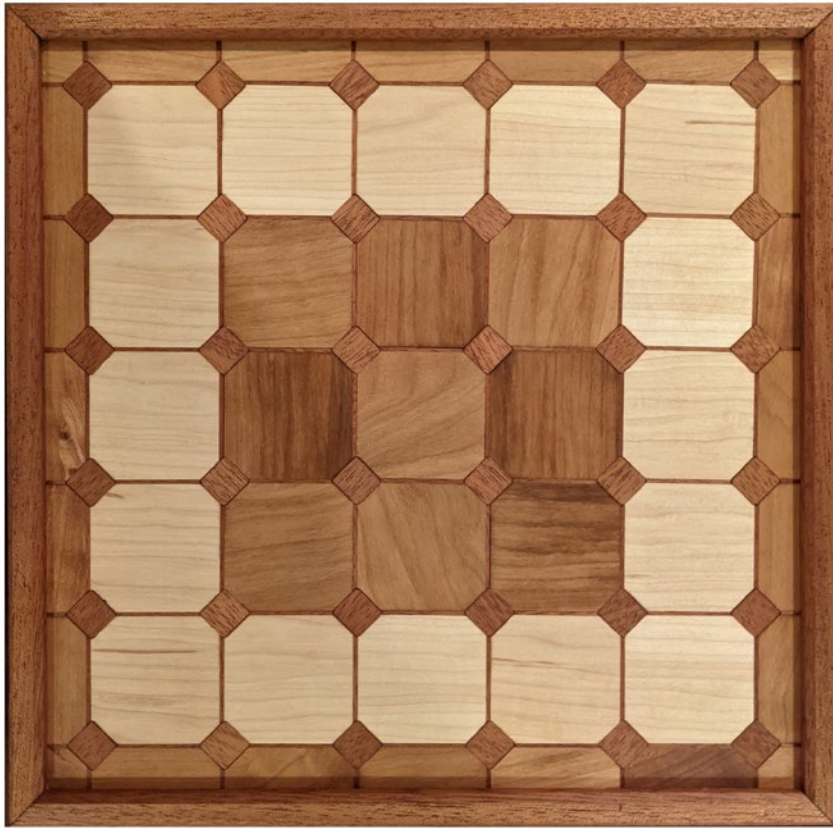
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There will be a \$25 gift card for the monthly best-submission. Winners will be determined by the Board.

This does not mean the “Fanciest” or “Most complicated” project.  
If you turn an awesome baseball bat, we want to see it!

# Tak Board

by Case VanderMaas



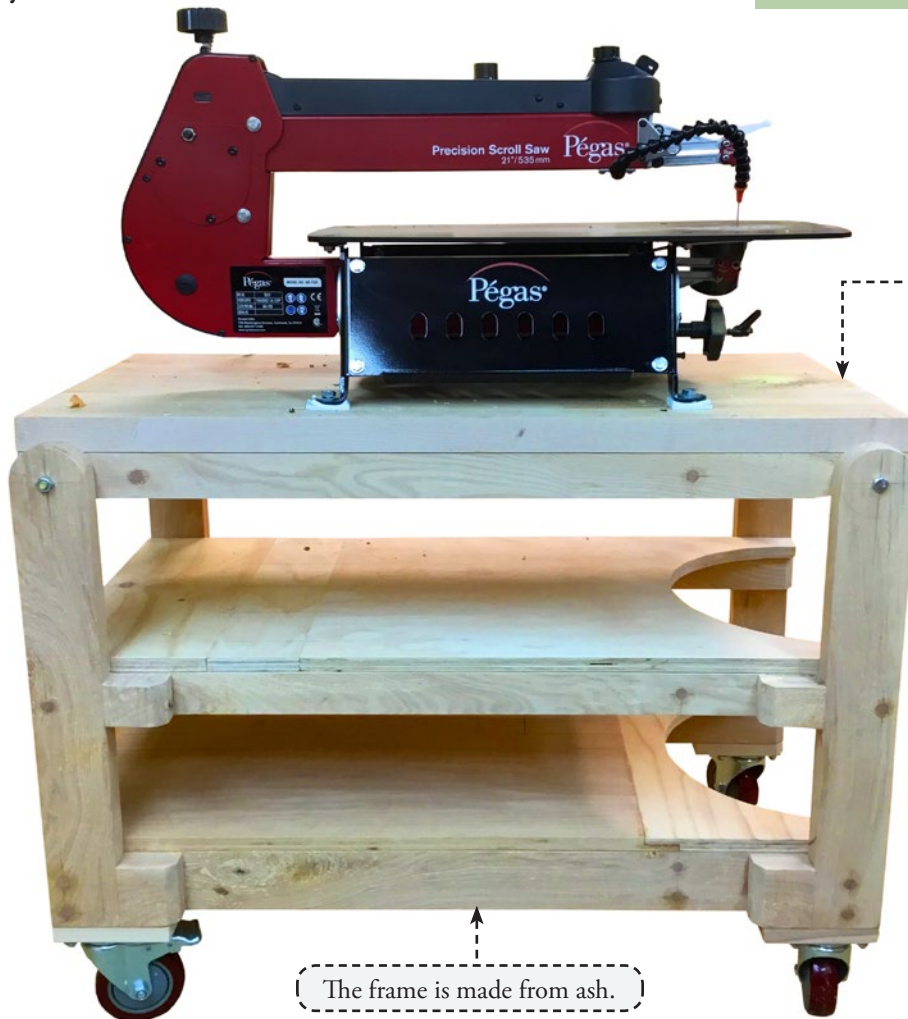
Tak Board. Each square is 2" including the thin strip between them. The center is cherry, next is maple, then cherry again. The outer frame and the thin strips are sipo. There are 60 game pieces plus the two king pieces. The small inserted pieces are also sipo. The pockets for these pieces were cut on my CNC machine. It was all finished with Tung oil.





# Scroll Saw Cart

by Steve DeVries



The tabletop is an old re-purposed butcher block counter top



This is the first time I have built something from dried slab wood. I found it to be a very enjoyable process, even if it did take more time.

The frame is made from ash.

I wanted to be able to sit in a normal chair with a back while using the saw, so I designed the top to tilt down. This also means that I don't have to lean over the saw as much to use it, which greatly reduces back strain.



# Notes from Tom McDonald

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## TOOL Garage Sale

Thanks You to Norm and his fellow Cravers for putting on an excellent presentation on Wood Carving at our June 2021 Zoom General Guild Meeting.

Norm Merrow  
3255 Essex NE  
Grand Rapids, MI 49525

The Guild's

Facebook page :

[www.facebook.com/groups/wmiwwguild](http://www.facebook.com/groups/wmiwwguild)

'TOOLS' (ALL TYPES) Garage Sale usually Thursday, Friday & Saturday 8:30 AM to 6:00 PM  
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Watch West Michigan Woodworkers Guild Facebook Page for Dates and Times.  
<http://www.facebook.com/groups/wmiwwguild>

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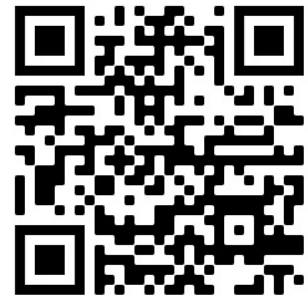
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## How Woodworkers Keep in Touch.

There are three ways Woodworkers can keep in touch with one another during this time of pandemic meeting restrictions:

One: Join the West Michigan Woodworkers Guild (Join Free until 12-31-21)

Two: Receive our Monthly Newsletter (FREE from September through June, annually)  
(Send us your contact information, Name, e-mail address, mailing address and phone number to: [information@westmichiganwoodworkers.org](mailto:information@westmichiganwoodworkers.org))

Three: View and post questions, projects, items for sale or desired or general woodworking information to our Facebook Page regularly.  
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