



West Michigan Woodworkers Guild

March 2022

President's Message

By Les Derusha

Save the date :
Tuesday, March 8, 2022 at 7:00 pm

"Let's talk shop" ZOOM get together.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82286473234?pwd=eGVOL2oxc2k3N1I2dHI2VFRSUIZWZz09>

Meeting ID: 822 8647 3234
Passcode: 900524

If all goes well : In-person meeting

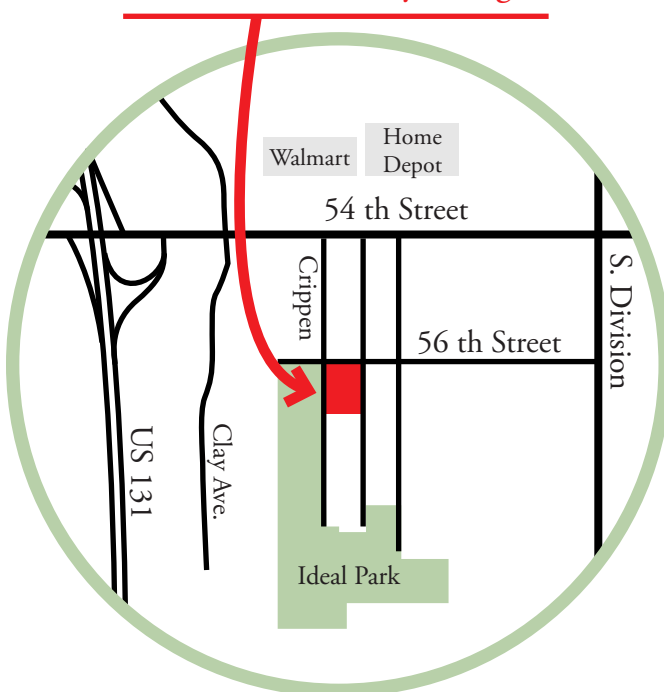
Tuesday, April 12, 2022

7:00 PM to 9:30 PM

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Some GOOD NEWS for a change! It looks like we will be meeting In-Person on Tuesday April 12th at 7:00PM EDT. The Guild Board will be meeting in March to firm this decision up based on the then current environment. We are hoping to do a Pizza Party AND a \$50.00 Show and Tell along with A LOT OF personal catching up with each other. Further details next month.



In the meantime for March we will be doing another "Let's Talk Shop" ZOOM session dedicated to Personal Shop Tours using your cell phone. This will take place on Tuesday March 8th at 7:00 PM EST. You can easily use your Smart Phone to do a shop tour while still connected to ZOOM on you PC or iPad (Sorry Flip phones won't get the job done). You can be connected to ZOOM with both devices simultaneously, or simply join the ZOOM meeting with your phone to begin with. The only real prep work required on your part is to install ZOOM on your phone. If you have any questions call me on my cell 616 446-4008.

See you then!

-Les

Wooden Mallet

By Steven DeVries

I patterned the handle off of my hammer, then used a band saw and belt sander to achieve an oval-ish shape.

The ends are angled at 6°. It is slightly too much so next time I will change to 4°-5°.



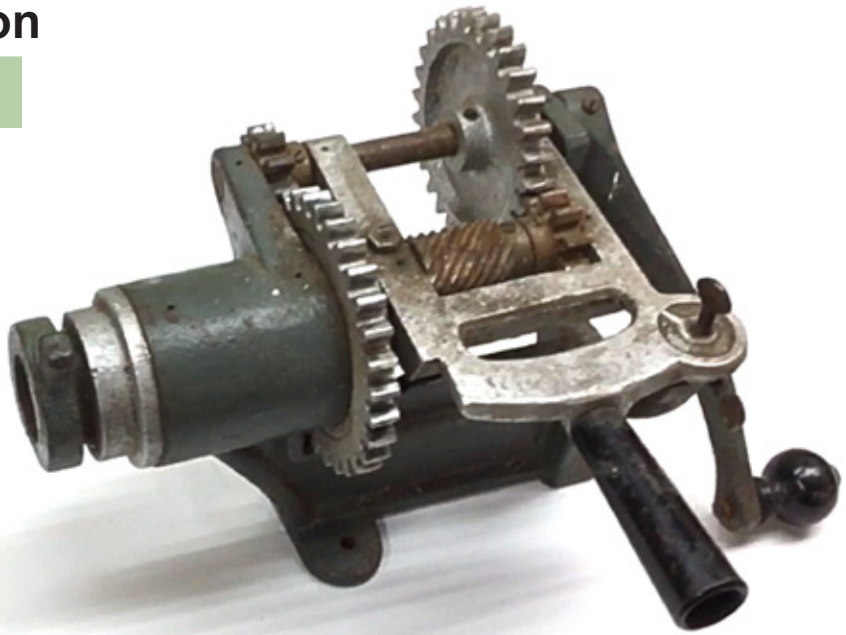
I have never built a wooden mallet before, but if people on YouTube can do it, so can I. I used the hardest wood that I had on hand - mostly cut-offs picked up from the scrap bin. It is a little heavy so I plan on building another, smaller one, but I really like it for making homemade dowels with a dowel plate.

Dowel maker restoration

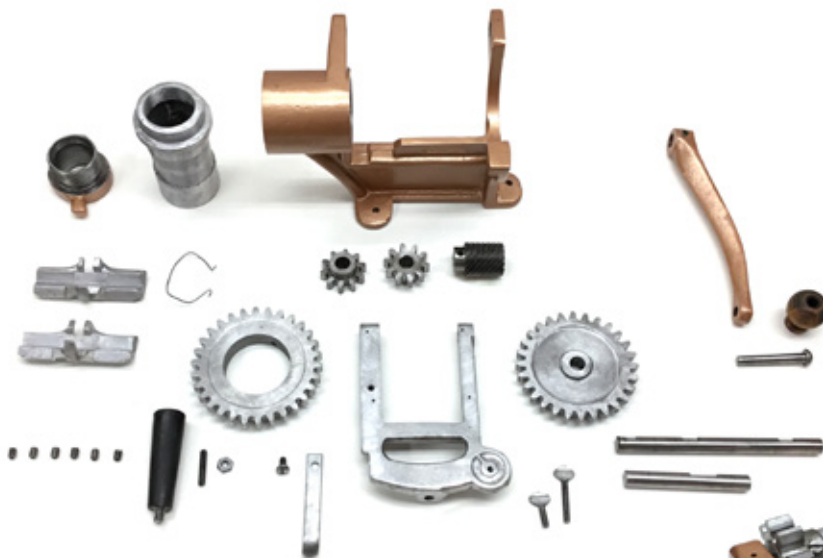
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Some time ago I bought an old dowel maker off of Ebay, more because it looked interesting than anything else.

I printed out photos and numbered every part as I took it off so that I could remember how it went back together. The parts were cleaned with a mix of wire brushes, nylon brushes, mineral spirits, and Simply Orange paint remover. I chose a metallic copper color for repainting.

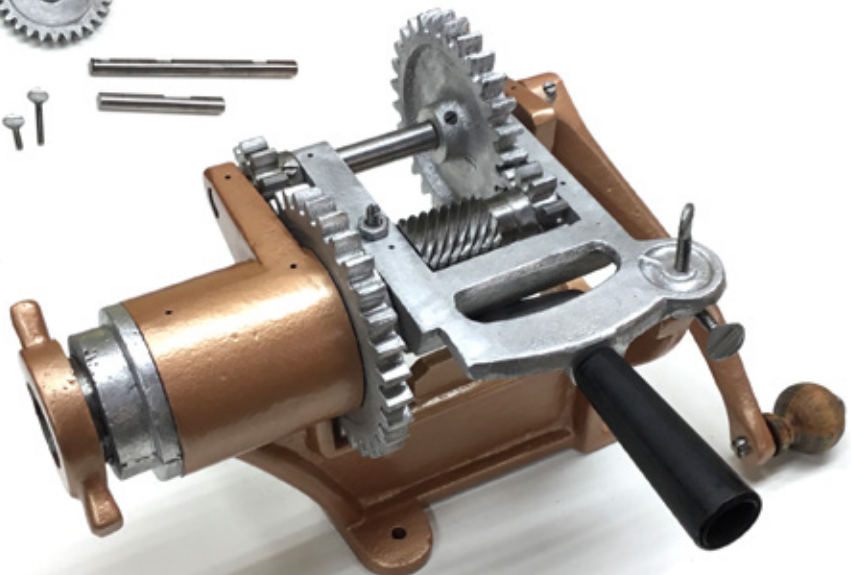


Before



After

The spiral blade was difficult to de-rust, but I managed. Now if only I could figure out a good way to sharpen it...



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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)

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