



West Michigan Woodworkers Guild

May 2022

Newsletter

President's Message

By Les Derusha

Upcoming meeting

Tuesday, May 10, 2022
7:00 PM to 9:30 PM
Ideal Park Christian Reformed
Church Activity Center
320 56th Street SW,
Wyoming, MI

Greetings fellow woodworkers, and welcome to spring (which may eventually show up). Thank you all for making our first meeting in over two years this past April such a rousing, and encouraging success! Well, we are going to try it again Tuesday, May 10, 2022, and this time, our meeting will be all about wood — imagine that, woodworkers talking about wood.

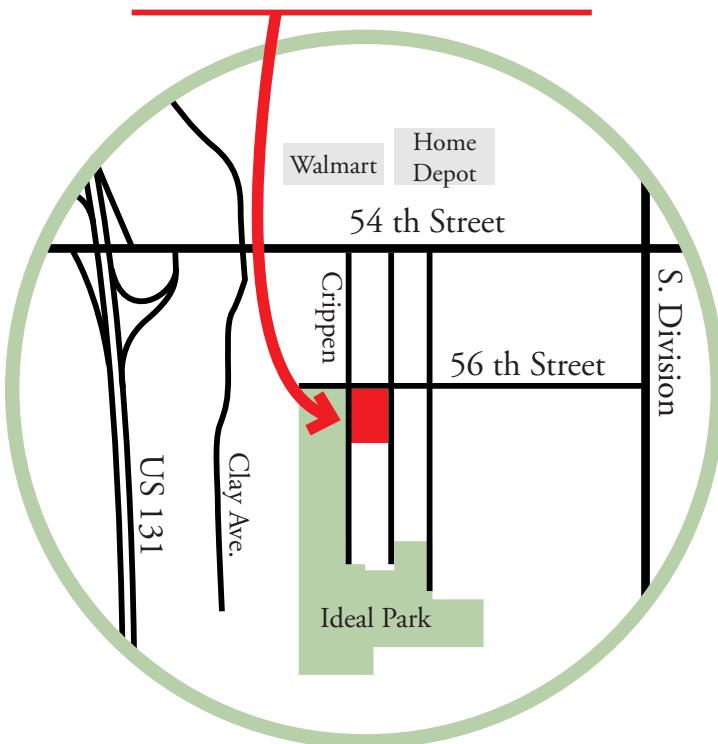
Dale Smith, otherwise known as the Teaching Staff of Woodcraft will join with Jim Jakosh and show samples of various species such as Red oak, Walnut, Purple Heart, Cherry, Padauk, Poplar, Cedars, Mahogany, Maple etc. They will discuss specific properties, uses and finishing commonly used with them. Some samples will be included in a raffle drawing.

GROUP PARTICIPATION — This is where you come in! We hope to get the collective wisdom of the group to offer their experiences with the various woods to the rest of us. We encourage you to bring in one or more pieces of your own favorite wood and share your knowledge and/or experience with the group. If you have a few pieces or types that you like to use, are more rare, or even if you don't know exactly what they are, bring them on in and share your knowledge. Even with woods you are familiar with, there are always new tricks and things you can learn from others.

Remember the Guild Picnic is coming up on Tuesday June 14th, at 6:00PM at the home of John Pflug. He will be demoing his sawmill and 6x12' 10HP CNC. The Guild would greatly appreciate some volunteers to help out with the grilling and food preparation. If you are interested, talk to John Pflug or Les Derusha.

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Stay Safe!



April Show and Tell

Please note : If you brought in a show-and-tell item to the April meeting and you do not see it in this newsletter, it will be in the next one. It was great to have so many things to show off and I want to make sure they all get the attention they deserve.

Jewelry box : Joe Knauf. Made from Purple Heart and Spalted Maple



Coasters : Tom Englishman



These are great things to make with scraps of wood too small for other projects. They make great gifts and do not take a lot of time.

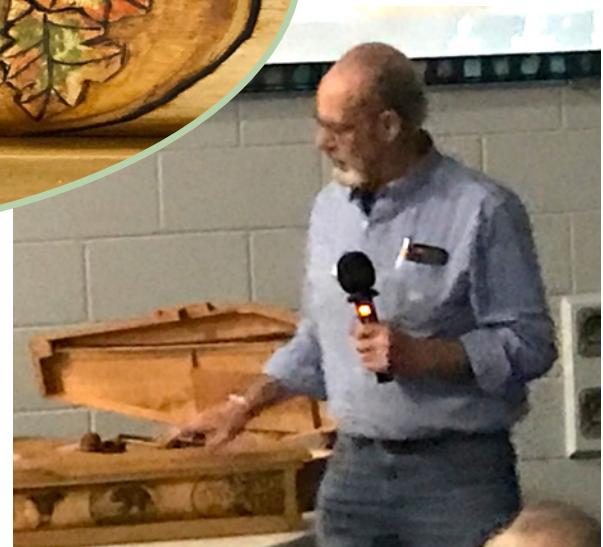
Intarsia art : Dale Smith

Every time Dale brings his work in it makes me wish I had more time to spend with my scroll saw. Well, someday the kids will move out and I will finally be able to indulge.

In the meantime, Dale, keep bringing these things in, they are wonderful.



Carved wooden box - Dave Spooner



Dave said he used wood burning to create the textures and a water wash for color. The casework is made of Poplar with an Ash core.

The smooth routing and edges contrast perfectly with the rustic carvings.



Sometimes my photos just don't turn out, and unfortunately all of my full-length photos of Dave Spooner's carved box were blurry. Still, it was a wonderful project and I hope you can get a good idea of what it looked liked.



Noel Cormier -
Longboard. Maple base
with a walnut top.

Loving the book-matched walnut on the top of this board. If I knew how to use one of these, I don't think I would want to put my dirty shoes onto it. It is almost like art.



Pete Kramer - Intarsia woman.
Walnut, basswood, butternut.

These parts are screwed onto a plywood base (on the back). From this perspective it looks like a carving, but this is actually intarsia.

Maybe it is just me but I think the grain of the basswood matches the figure perfectly here for subtle skin/muscle lines. Well done, Pete.

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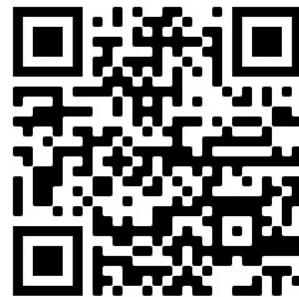
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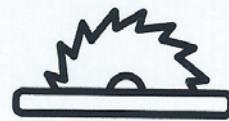


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