



West Michigan Woodworkers Guild

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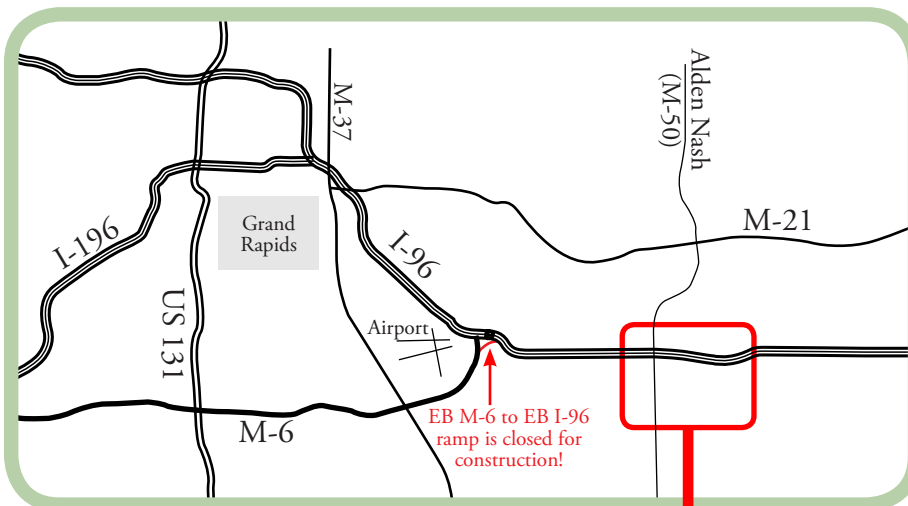
Newsletter

President's Message

By Les Derusha

Since it is June we will be having our annual picnic at the home of John Pflug (see maps below). After being canceled for two straight years it will be good to enjoy this annual outing again.

We will be getting back together as before in September. As a Guild we will be having elections for the guild board in October. We are looking for 2-3 new board members, they meet 3-4 times per year for 1-2 hours to plan meetings and discuss guild business. We are also looking for an A/V person to help run meetings. If you have any questions give me a call.

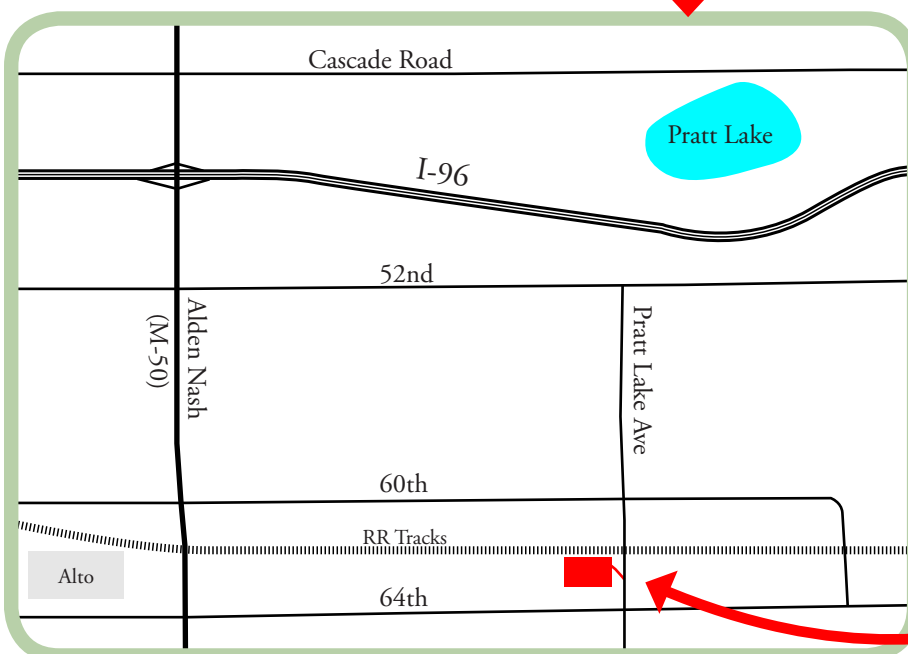


“What am I supposed to bring to this picnic?”

“Can I bring my significant other?”

“What are we eating?”

All this information and more on the next page!



Upcoming picnic

Tuesday, June 14, 2022

6:00 PM to 9:00 PM

**John Pflug Homestead
6301 Pratt Lake Ave SE
Alto, MI**

What's happening?

John and Debie Pflug have invited ALL West Michigan Woodworkers, our Suppliers and Supporters, family members, and guests to their home at **6301 Pratt Lake Ave SE** for the 6th Annual West Michigan Woodworkers Picnic. Anyone involved with working with wood is welcome to join us from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM. Setup for the picnic will begin at 5:00 PM, Picnic at 6:00 PM.

Do I need to bring anything?

The Pflug's will provide the burgers, hot dogs, soft drinks, the buns, and all the fixings.

Guests are encouraged to bring:

A favorite side dish or dessert to pass.

Folding chairs and tables for yourself and your guests (No Tables or chairs available)

A couple of large coolers & Ice for soft drinks (NO Alcohol)

Anything else special going on?

In addition to the food and socializing, we will have a demonstration of John's sawmill cutting a slab that will be auctioned off. John will also demo his 6'x12' 10HP CNC machine.

Debbie will provide a tour of her new garden/orchard along with therapy ponies and horses

There will be a 'Tool & Wood Swap & Sell' event at the picnic. Therefore, if you have a Tool and/or Wood you no longer need or would like to part company with, bring all of them to the picnic. The actual 'Tool/Wood Swap-Sell' event will be a 'First there, First Chance to Buy' Event!!

Debi and John Pflug operate a private charity to breed and raise therapy ponies to provide pony riding experiences for disabled children. We will be holding a Tool Auction at the picnic to support their efforts. Any TOOL you would like to donate will be greatly appreciated (this is in addition to the Tool swap).

Should I let someone know if I'm coming?

The WM Woodworkers Guild is inviting over 300 people to our Annual Picnic. Not everyone who is invited shows up, of course, however, we do need to know you and others are planning on attending so we can have enough food and refreshments on hand for everyone. Call or e-mail us (Les Derusha 616 455-5036 or Les@derusha.org) to let us know you plan on attending AND the number of people that will be in your party.

Show and tell

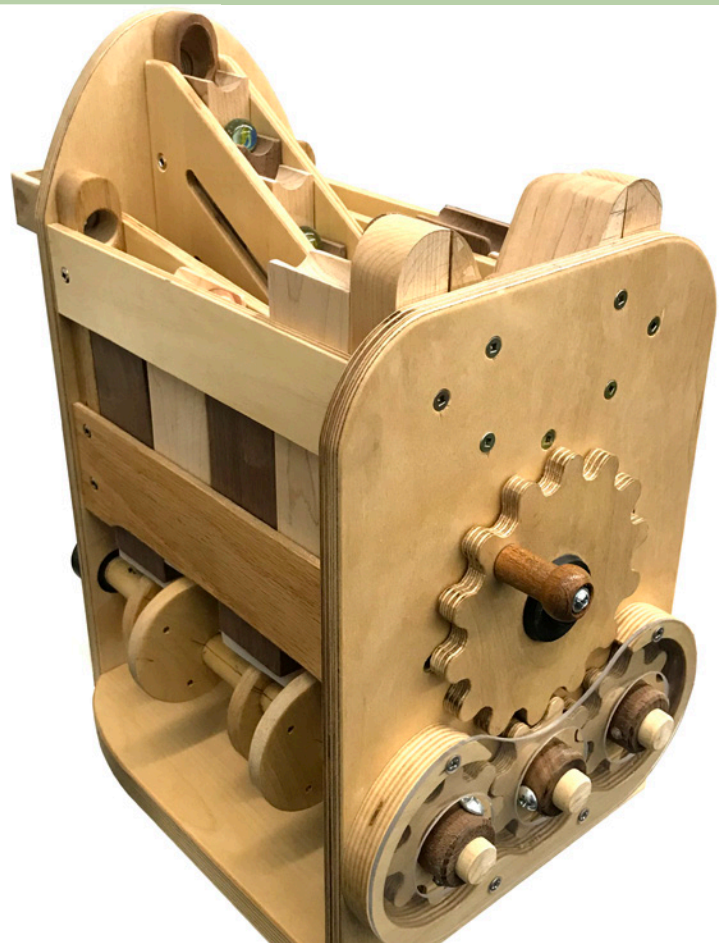
Please note : If you brought in a show-and-tell item and do not see it here, it will be in a future newsletter. I want to make sure they all get the attention they deserve.



Epoxy finish bowls - Sam Lacina
The upper bowl uses elevated stave work for the bowl body, similar to barrel staves. It was hard getting a good picture of that bowl because it was so reflective.



Marble machine - Jim Jakosh
Plywood, maple, and walnut. This marble machine has 16 working pistons that move the marbles in a never-ending cycle.



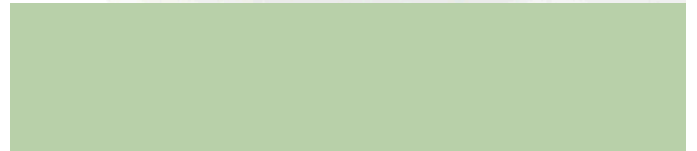
If you want to go down a strange rabbit hole in your spare time, just go on to YouTube and search for "Marble Machines." You'd be amazed the lengths some people go through to move these things in endless loops.



Violins - Mark Nickerson

Although Mark sent in some photos over our pandemic hiatus, he has continued his violin making to produce a second, and working on a third. I have a lot of patience when building my wood toys, but Mark takes it to the next level with these instruments.

25 coats of finish. Yes, 25. I am impatient with the 3rd.

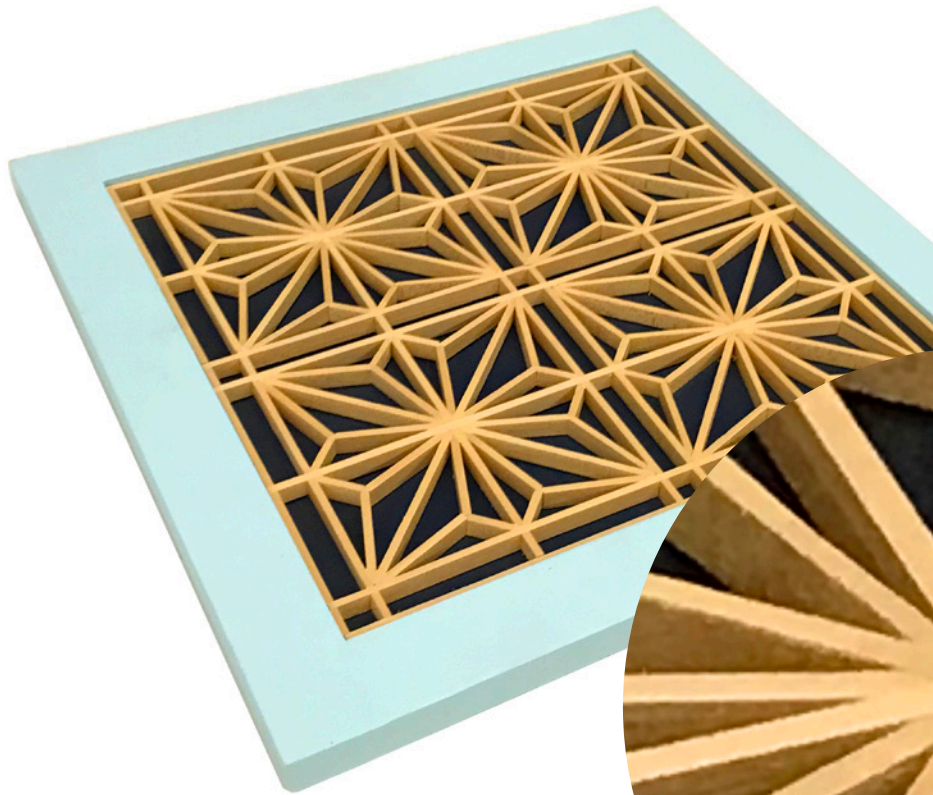


Skid Loader - Steve DeVries

This is the most recent model that I have designed and written plans for. All of my model plans can be found on Amazon.com.

This one is a bit easier than my others. I really like the interchangeable wheels and treads.





Kumiko panel - Tom Howorth
Kumiko is a Japanese style of woodworking that makes decorative panels such as these but without the use of glue or nails. All of the parts are tapered and wedged into place for a friction/tension fit.

Just look at the detail of those joints!



Tom made the pattern out of basswood and a cocobolo backer. The frame was finished with milk paint. As Tom stated during the meeting, "This type of woodworking is more about the craft than the art," and I would say I agree.

Tak board - Case VanderMaas. If I'm not mistaken I believe Case carved out this board with his CNC machine.



Fantasy author Patrick Rothfuss imagined up the game of 'Tak' for his book, "Wise Man's Fear," in which some of the characters play it. The game was made reality in 2016 by a friend of the author.

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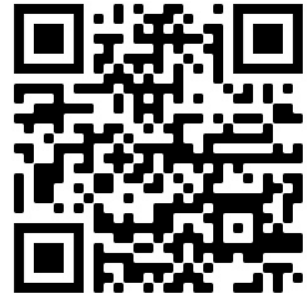
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