



# West Michigan Woodworkers Guild

September 2022

Newsletter

## President's Message

By Les Derusha

WELCOME BACK!

We will be having our season starting meeting of the West Michigan Woodworkers Guild on :

**Tuesday, September 13, 2022**

**7:00 PM to 9:30 PM**

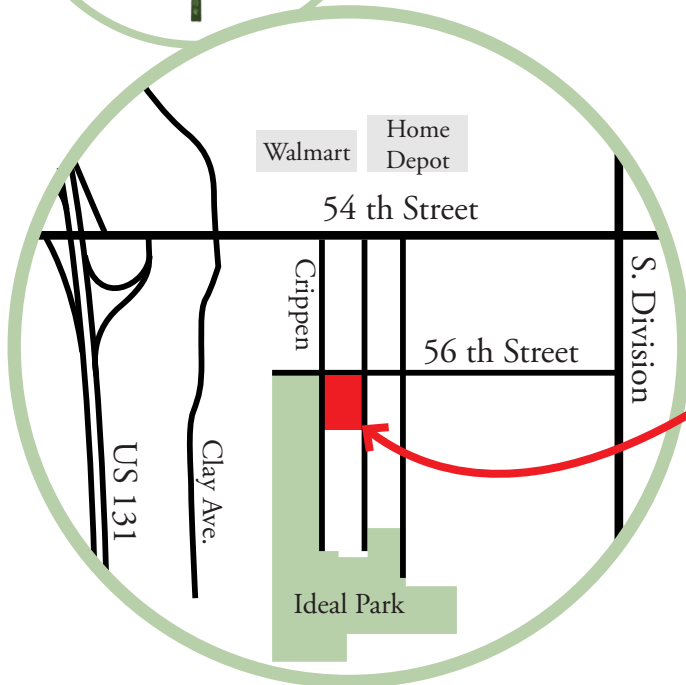
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Things will start with our Show & Tell which is always a highlight of our meetings. Bring the fruits of your craft to share with the rest your peers.



The new season also requires election of board members. We are currently in need of a Guild Secretary, mainly to keep minutes of our meetings. We also have a Member At Large position open. We will be open to nominations for any of these positions. The election will take place at our October meeting. We also need a cameraman, mainly push the camera around on the tripod (on wheels). See me at the meeting.

### Current Board Members :

Les Derusha - President

Case VanderMaas - Treasurer

Steve DeVries - Newsletter

**Open - Secretary**

**Open - Member at Large**

Steve Babcock - Member at Large

Jim Jakosh - Member at Large

Don Stump - Member at Large

Dale Smith - Vice President

John Pflug - Program Director

Tom McDonald - Guild Contact

As a reminder : "Member at Large" means member of the board with no specific duties.

Since we have not had Dues since the 2020 season we will be asking for \$10.00 for the remainder of 2022. Case, our Treasurer, will accept cash or checks made out to West Michigan Woodworkers Guild.

The Meeting Topic for September is Contributory Finishing. According to our Guild Database, we have 207 members who at one time or other have put a finish on something they have made. What we would like is for YOU (at our meeting) to share with us your favorite finish, which product you use, where do you get it and how you apply it. We're talking quick and dirty, it could take you 15 seconds start to finish. I'm sure you will hear about things you have never tried before and will have a face to remember to discuss it with.

This is one of the main values of the Guild, Exchange of useful information.

See you in September. WORK SAFE! Stay Safe!

## LEADERSHIP OPENINGS!

There are a number of Guild Leadership Openings within the West Michigan Woodworkers Guild due to changes in Career & Family demands, Relocations and Personal Health Issues for the 2022-2023 meeting period.

Below are the current Guild Board Members and possible Board Member openings:

President - Les Derusha

Vice-President - Dale Smith

Treasurer - Case Vander Maas

Program Director - John Pflug

Newsletter Editor - Steve DeVries

Guild Contact - Tom McDonald

Secretary 'Open'

Board Members at Large

Steve Babcock

Jim Jakosh

Don Stump

3 Possible Additional Openings

All positions are subject to October Elections.

The Guild needs Leaders who are woodworkers who are ready, willing and available to lead and grow the Guild as we move into the future. We need Leaders who understand the needs of both new woodworkers and those experienced and/or technically advanced woodworkers.

Our Leaders collectively need to have a knowledge of computer use, the Internet and have the ability and knowledge on how to use digital communications (ZOOM). Don't worry if you do not have all the skills.

This is an opportunity for you to share your woodworking, computer skills and management training and experience you have acquired during your career and doing your own woodworking.

If being a Leader in the Guild sounds interesting to you, please contact our President, Les Derusha at [les@derursha.org](mailto:les@derursha.org) or call 616-455-5036 for more information.

Call me if I help you in any way with the Newsletter or the revamping of the Guild's brochure.

Happy and Safe Woodworking!

## Show and tell

Some of these you may have seen before, but my files got a little messed up and I would rather accidentally show someone's project twice than miss it entirely.



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.

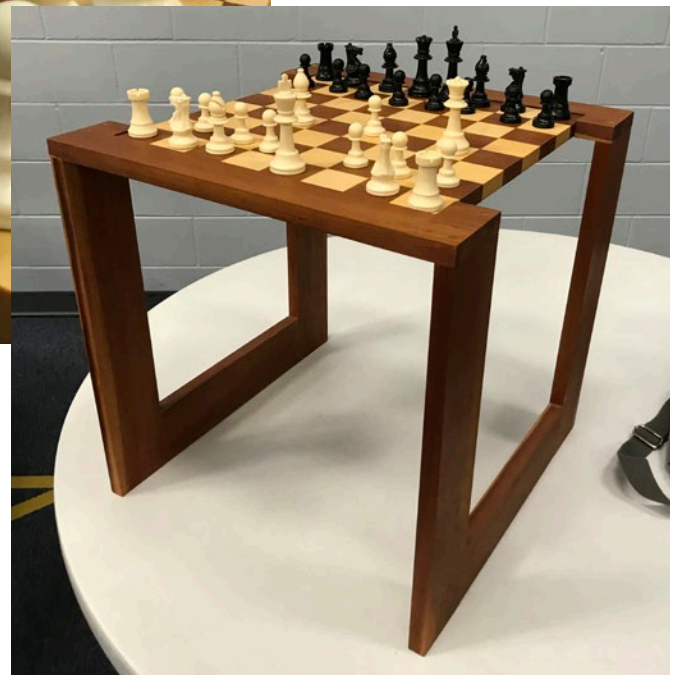




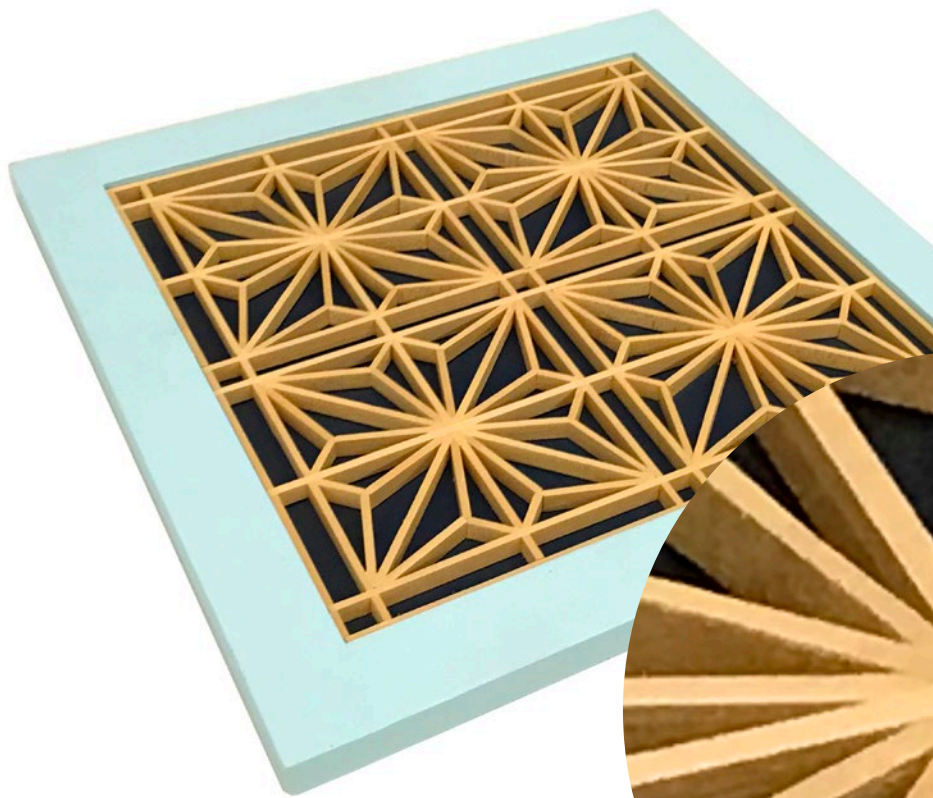
Floating top table - Doug Scott



Chess board - Charlie Pineo







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.



Salt and Pepper shakers  
- Peter Cross



Display case - Curt  
Hammond

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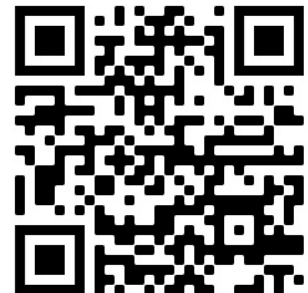
Join the West Michigan Woodworkers Guild for FREE!.

To join the WM Woodworkers Guild for FREE until July 1, 2022 and to receive our monthly Newsletters and to post to our Facebook Page, all you have to do is send us the following information:

Your Full Name  
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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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