



West Michigan Woodworkers Guild

March 2023

Newsletter

President's Message

By Les Derusha



**Next meeting
Tuesday, March 14, 2023
7:00 PM to 9:30 PM**

Ideal Park Christian Reformed Church
Activity Center
320 56th Street SW,
Wyoming, MI

The West Michigan Woodworkers Guild will be meeting on Tuesday March 14th at 7:00PM. We will be meeting at Ideal Park Christian Reformed Church Activity Center, 320 56th St SW, Grand Rapids.

We will start our March meeting with Show and Tell, bring your latest project and show us how it's done.

For this month, our meeting topic will be Sherwin Williams Finishing with Josh Kooi, what they have to offer, how you might use it and best of all how you can get it at a discount by being a Guild Member.

We will also have a representative from Gayco to talk about their finishing sprayers.

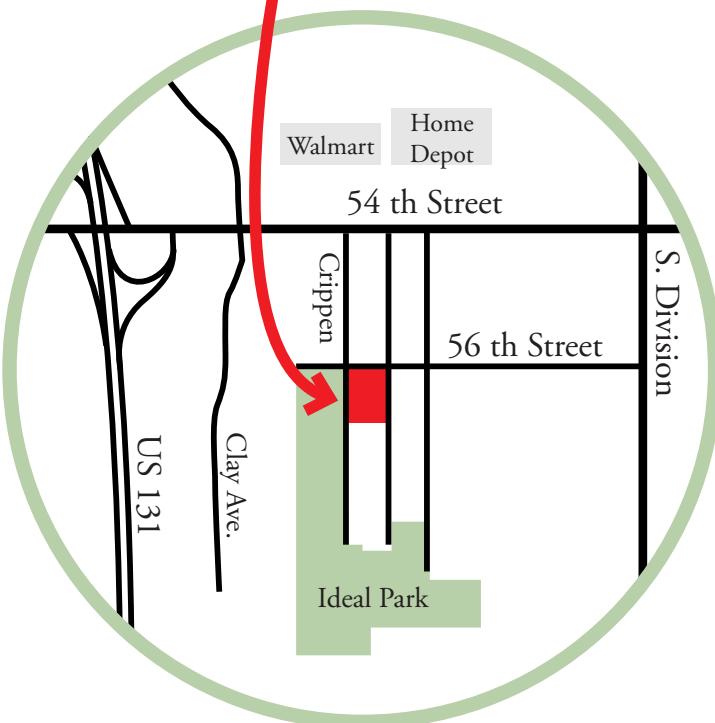
I include myself as a member who really likes making the project, BUT is lacking in confidence when it comes to finishing.

Hopefully you will walk away with new ideas, more confidence and a less expensive source for finishing materials. Plus Father's Day is not too far distant for gift ideas.

Happy Woodworking!

Even with all of today's technology, research consistently shows that the most effective marketing is still word-of-mouth.

Bring a friend to the next meeting!



March 14, 2023 Meeting agenda

Show and Tell – Bring something to impress your fellow woodworkers.

Raffle - We are asking each person (at your option) to bring in a no longer needed tool or piece of wood as a donation to the raffle. We will no longer have the 50/50 portion of the raffle. All proceeds will be earmarked for our TV/Projector video solution.

VOTE - Two More Final Tweaks to the Guild By-Laws. Who can Vote? ALL MEMBERS-In-Good-Standing (Members who have paid their 2023 dues). On Tuesday March 7th I sent out Ballots to all current Members-In-Good-Standing. If you did not get a ballot you can:

Make sure your dues are up to date. If needed send an email to Case VanderMaas case.vm@gmail.com for instructions on how to pay your dues and receive a Ballot, OR Come to the meeting on March 14th, pay your dues and Vote, easy-peasy. Any other questions, call me, Les Derusha 616 446-4008.

Oh, and did I mention, VOTE!

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Should I bring my project in for Show & Tell time?

By Steve Devries

I think we have all had this inner debate with ourselves at one point or another, and I daresay some of the following comments may have run through your head :

“I don’t feel comfortable since I am new to the guild.”

“That other person’s project is so amazing, my skill aren’t that good.”

“People won’t be interested in what I have to show.”

“My project has this huge mistake and other people will laugh at me.”

“No one will like what I made anyway.”

Are any of these familiar? Whether you think you are the most skilled woodworker east of the Mississippi, or a novice who just picked up their first board, the Guild wants to see what you do! Every one of us started at the beginning and is at a different skill level in different areas. We all have something to share and something to learn. Projects to show don’t have to be polished or even finished. You don’t have to wait until you have produced your ‘Magnum Opus’. If all of us waited until we had produced perfect work, no one would ever show anything.

So the next time you look around your shop and wonder “*Should I bring that in to show?*” The answer is YES. The Guild is a safe place to appreciate what others have done, and also a safe place where your own work is appreciated.

Show and Tell



CNC carved U.S. Flag by Dennis Beard.

To make this flag first Dennis cut the waves into a flat board. Second was painting, and then finally cut additional grooves to offset the red and white stripes. The Army logo was then done with a laser. Nice job.



Purple Heart Box, by Dennis Beard.

Dennis made this with his CNC and then used a laser to engrave the butterfly. Well done.



Butterfly bowls, by Steve Payne.

These bowls are made from bamboo and walnut, then finished with lacquer and wipe on polyurethane (at least I think that was what he said).

I don't remember if the butterfly patterns were made with a CNC or a laser, but either way, they turned out very nice.



Chest of Drawers by Doug Scott. According to Doug, the drawers came from a dumpster dive then he built the case to go around them by using tenons.

I think this is pretty slick, and I like the upcycling.



Euchre box by Stephen Blann. This box was made with maple and walnut, and uses hidden magnets to keep it closed. I particularly like the box hinge!



Hawk Owl, by
Richard Fry.

Richard carved this using photos as a reference which is pretty amazing. In addition to carving, Richard also uses a wood burner to add detail and texture. Richard said this took him 300 hours.

Shameless self-promotion

Steve DeVries (aka S.G. DeVries)

I finally finished the 2nd edition revisions of my BIG Dozer book! About half of the photos are new (which required me to build the model again so I could take process photos), there are a few design changes, some corrections, and the book's instructions are upgraded to my current standards.

Most importantly, it is now available in both an IMPERIAL and a METRIC units version.

I've been wanting to do this for a while since most of the world uses metric.

Metric

Imperial

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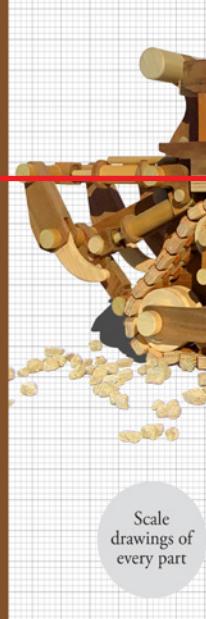
The BIG™ Dozer

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for building the wooden model

Second Edition
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by
S.G. DeVries

Difficulty
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every part

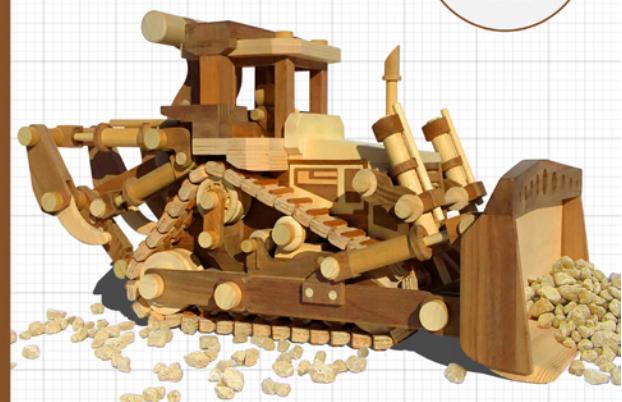
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Over 350
photographs

Logical, clear
instructions

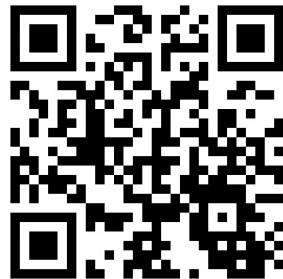


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Times.

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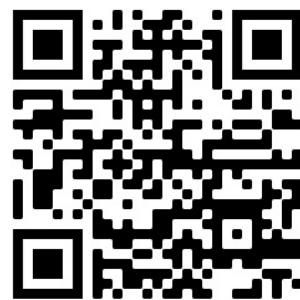
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The Guild's website :
www.westmichiganwoodworkers.org

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

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)

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

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