



# West Michigan Woodworkers Guild

April 2023

Newsletter

## President's Message

By Les Derusha

### Special Event Invitation!

The West Michigan Woodworkers Guild is hosting a hand tool workshop learning experience for their Tuesday, April 11th, 7:00 in person meeting (see map). All members, non-members, and guests are welcome to this free event. These are complete hands-on, all-user interactive and shared activities. We especially welcome anyone who uses these tools to bring to the table your sharing to others usage, tips and techniques that work for you as well as to bringing in your tools for display or to show others how to use. April 11th will be highlighting three different learning tables :

#### Next meeting

Tuesday, April 11, 2023

7:00 PM to 9:30 PM

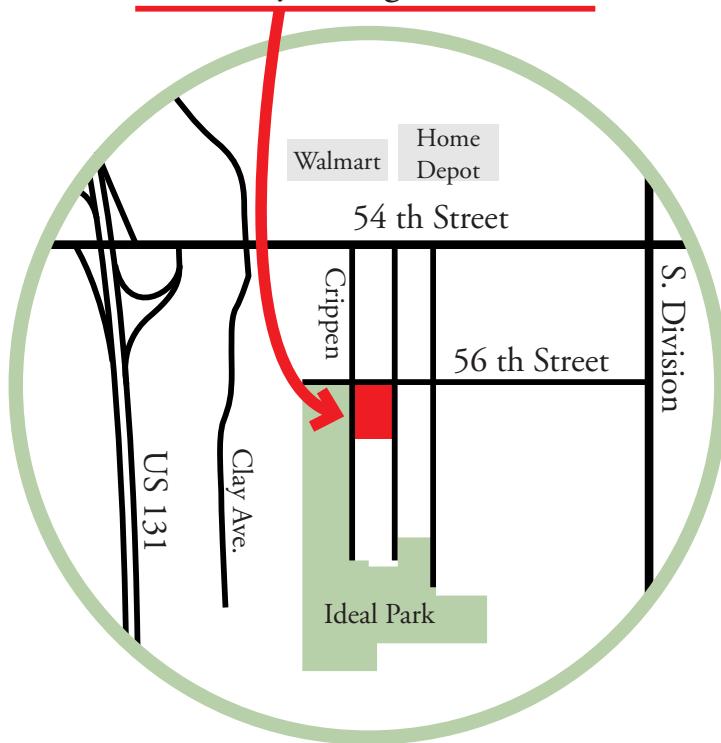
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320 56th Street SW,  
Wyoming, MI

**HAND PLANES** : using different types; block planes, bench planes, smoothing planes, jack planes etc. Also corner easing, spokeshaves, rabbit plane, shoulder planes as well as: How to use, (making curls), adjusting, sharpening can all be shared topics.

**CHISELS** : different types: bench chisels, butt chisels, mortising chisels, corner cutting chisel etc. as well as honing guides, angle checkers, mallet use. How to use: mortising smooth for a hinge or latch, timber framing, chopping out corners, scraping out glue can all be shared topics.

**CARVING TOOLS** : try out a variety (30+) of carving tools: Gouges, skewes, V groove, chip carving, palm grip, etc. Sharpening, stropping, types of wood can all be shared topics.

Come and Learn!



## April 11, 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.

**Learning Segment** – NEANDERTHAL it's some times called; working with Hand Tools. This month we will be getting exposed to the finer points of hand tools. Guild Vice President Dale Smith holds these workshops at Woodcraft and will share his expertise with the rest of us. We will have 3 tables.

1. Chisels with John Pflug and Phil Miclea
2. Hand Planes with Case Vander Maas (he says he has 32)
3. Carving Tools with Dale Smith

They will show the tools, their use and how to maintain them. You can spend as much time as you like at each table or cruise around as you like. AND IF you feel up to it, bring one of your favorite tools in these categories and share your experiences with your peers at that table. See you on the 11th!

## Shop Safety

By Les Derusha



How is your shop protected from FIRE? Think about it, lots of wood chips, sawdust and the addition of flammable liquids and you have the makin's of a Smokin' Hot Time!

Let's start with the obvious, do you have a working Smoke Detector? When did you last check the battery? How about a readily available working Fire Extinguisher? A metal covered trash can?

All these checks are to fix the problem that in almost all cases can be prevented.

A good start is housekeeping, like sweeping the floor. It really doesn't take that much to walk out of a freshly swept shop, EVERY DAY you leave it. Dust collection can make this job less difficult.

A quick shot with compressed air can clean out power tools in a hurry.

How about applying finishes, those ones with VOC's attached? In an enclosed space (like a woodshop) the VOC's are generally highly combustible. Good ventilation is HIGHLY desirable. This applies to hand applied and sprayed finishes, more so the sprayed finish.

Those pesky rags you used to apply or clean up the finish should be placed in a metal trash can. Clean UP Your Act and your shop.

# Up Coming Events

## Atwood Forest Products Tour, April 28, 2023

If you are interested in touring the Atwood Forest Products facility, below is a copy of the e-mail invitation that Don Stump sent out recently. Please read it in detail if you are interested. Space is limited, and does require an RSVP to Don Stump no later than April 21, 2023.

**ATOOD FOREST PRODUCTS (AFP)**  
**1177 17 Mile Rd NE, Cedar Springs, MI 49319**

Dear Guild Member,

I have the date and time **set in stone** for the AFP sawmill tour. This will be very educational, informative and fun...and maybe a wee bit noisy as well. Might want to bring ear plugs? In talking with the General Foreman (tour guide), we will be treated like a log entering the mill, first the log yard, then the grading, then the de-barker, saw filing shop, head saw/rig, re-saw and so forth. The tour will end up in the dry storage where the finished product is stored and is for sale. This is where I buy all my hardwood lumber, milled but not planed. Atwood does **not** have a planer. AFP is a large-scale sawmill that ships internationally and has over 200 employees.

I cannot make the date and time accommodate everyone, so if you can make it great!

**Maximum of 30 people**, so only the first 30 RSVPs will be accepted. While everyone is welcome, **Paid Guild members will be given priority.**

**AFP will NOT be supplying hard hats.**  
**The AFP facilities are NOT wheel-chair or disability friendly!**

The tour will be as follows:

**Friday, April 28, 2023** (incidentally, this is Arbor day)

- **11:45 am**: Meet at the Park and Ride Car Pooling @ 4395 W River Dr NE, Walker, MI 49544 (close to the 5th3rd ball park) We will meet here and decide on carpooling. Trip approx. 25-30 minutes. If you can't make the Park and Ride, read on...
- **1:00 pm**: Tour begins at the AFP Office located at 1177 17 Mile Rd NE, Cedar Springs, MI 49319. The office is located on Hanna Ave. NE, 100 yards north off 17-mile road.
  - **REQUIRED for tour are:**
    - **Hard hats:** AFP will NOT be supplying hard hats. (Hardhats are available from Menards, Home Depot and Lowes for as little as \$6.60. ([Americana 4 Point Nylon Suspension Slide-Lock Cap Hard Hat in Yellow 19762 - The Home Depot](#))
    - **Safety glasses: All are required to wear at all times during the tour.**
    - **Closed toe shoes. (no sandals or open-toed shoes of any kind.)**
    - **Children min. 16 years old are WELCOME! (as long as they are kept in close supervision.) The hard-hats, safety glasses and open-toed shoes rules apply)**
    - **ANYONE WITH NO SAFETY GLASSES, NO HARDHAT OR WEARING OPEN TOED SHOES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED ON THE TOUR. (OSHA RULES!)**
- **End of tour will be in the dry storage and lumber is for sale if desired. AFP requires check or cash, no debit or credit cards.**
- **A sign-up "RSVP" will be sent as a separate attachment. Please RSVP no later than APRIL 21, 2023! I need to advise AFP as to how many on the tour, so please RSVP me!**

Cheers,  
Don Stump

**ATWOOD FOREST PRODUCTS TOUR SIGN-UP SHEET**

**April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023 @ 1:00 PM**

Guild Member's Name \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL** Number in your party: Including yourself, wife, children, friend(s), etc. \_\_\_\_\_

**Paid Guild members will be given priority.**

A conformation list will be sent out to all.

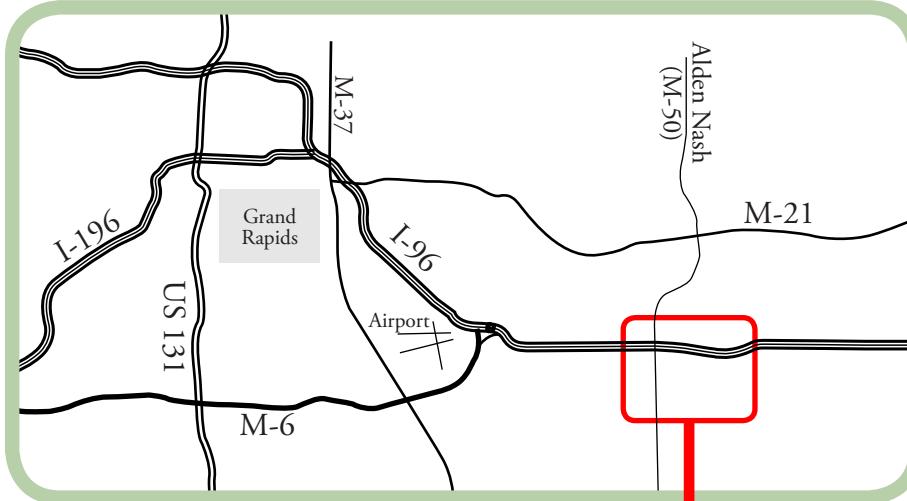
Please submit NO LATER THAN April 21, 2013 to:

[Donstump2000@yahoo.com](mailto:Donstump2000@yahoo.com)

# Up Coming Events

## Guild Picnic

Just a warning, The Annual Guild Picnic will be held on Tuesday May 9th this year (trying to avoid the hot weather of last year) It will be held at John Pflug's place, details below, and also to follow next month.

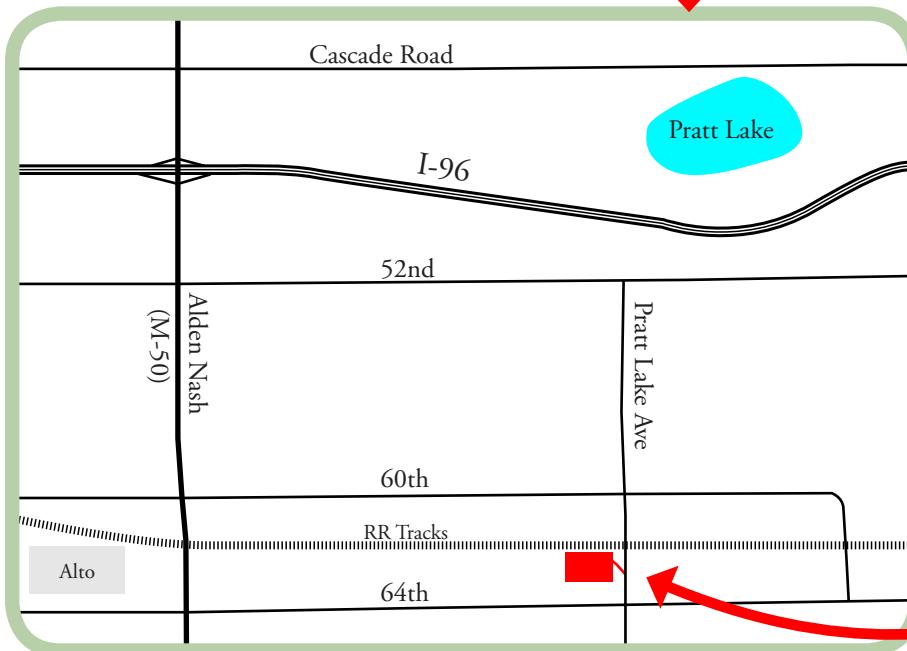


**“What am I supposed to bring to this picnic?”**

**“Can I bring my significant other?”**

**“What are we eating?”**

**All this information and more next month!**



## Upcoming picnic

**Tuesday, May 9, 2023  
6:00 PM to 9:00 PM  
John Pflug Homestead  
6301 Pratt Lake Ave SE  
Alto, MI**

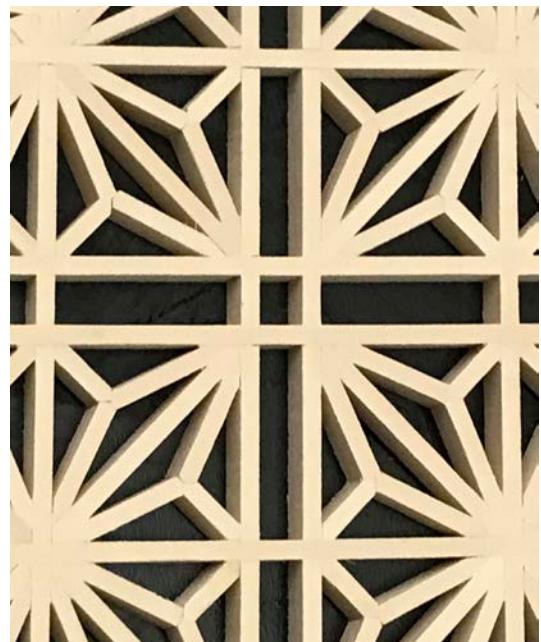
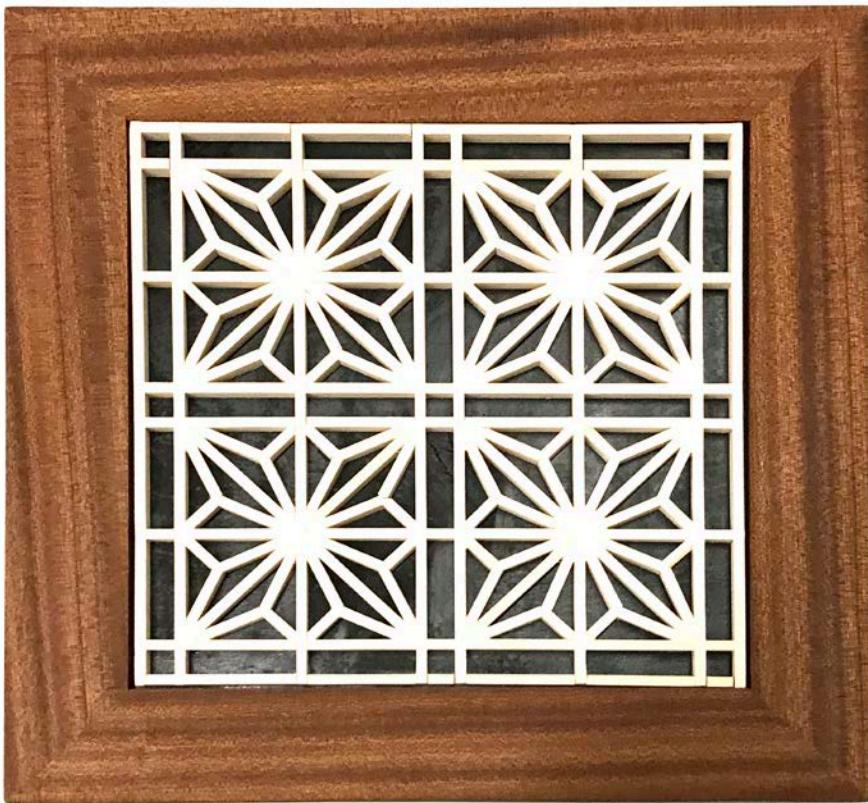
## June Meeting

The June 13th meeting/event will be highlighting a FILES & RASP table, a SCRAPER usage and burnishing table, and HAND SAWS activity table.

## Show and Tell

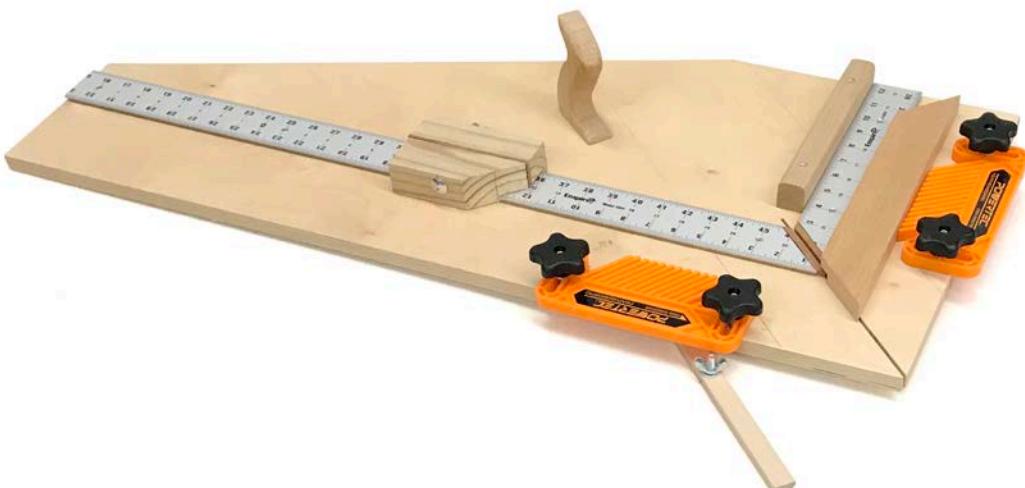
Drop-leaf table by Doug Scott. Doug made this table from walnut and used pre-catalyzed lacquer to finish it.





Tom Howorth brought in a piece of Kumiko. This pattern is called the Asanoha patterning and just wow. If you have never looked up Kumiko, do yourself a favor and Google it.

Below is a picture frame jig also brought in by Tom.



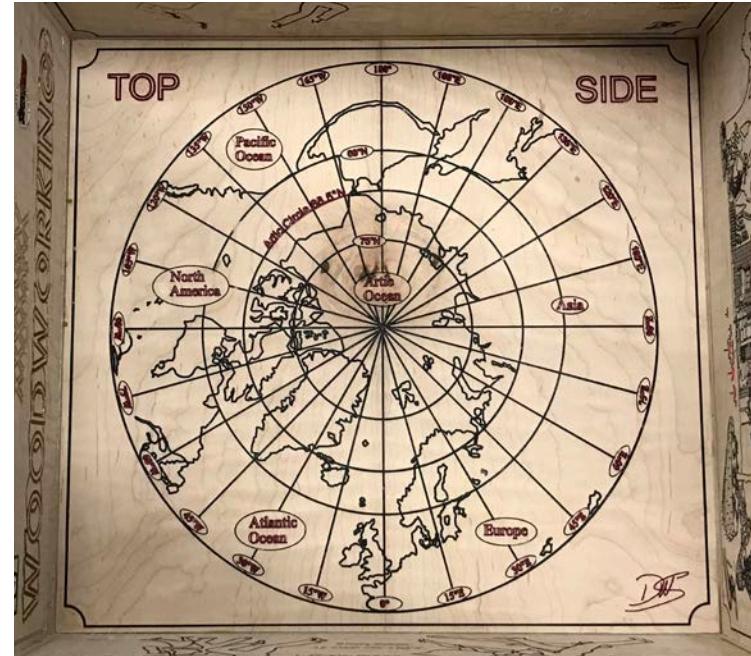
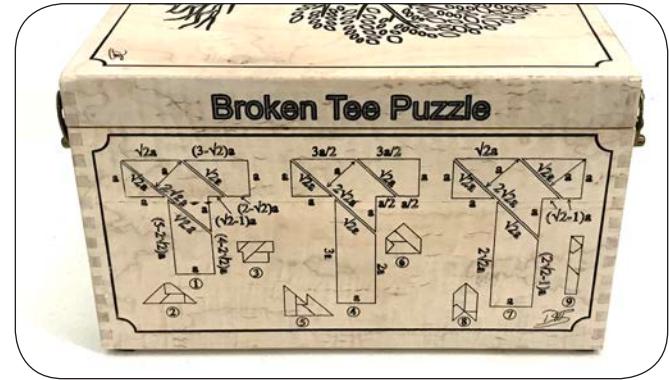


Ok, let's be honest here. This is hardly the first time that Sam Lacina has brought in something unusual.

This staff had a wire wrap at the wood/bone joint and is coated with medium viscosity epoxy.



Band-saw box by Bob Whitmore. Bob said he used a 3/16" 4tpi blade for this box. Looking good!



Don Stump brought in what he calls a Michigan Box. And honestly, I don't remember whether this was done with a CNC or a laser, but either way it is spectacular!

There are pictures covering every side, inside and out and I don't have enough space to show them all.

Current Board Members :

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Dale Smith - Vice President  
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John Pflug - Program Director  
Steve DeVries - Newsletter  
Tom McDonald - Guild Contact  
**Open - Secretary**

Phil Miclea - Member at Large  
Don Stump - Member at Large  
Zach Danzer - Member at Large

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The Guild's website :  
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One: Join the West Michigan Woodworkers Guild

Two: Receive our Monthly Newsletter (FREE from September through June, annually)  
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