



# West Michigan Woodworkers Guild

June 2023

Newsletter

## President's Message

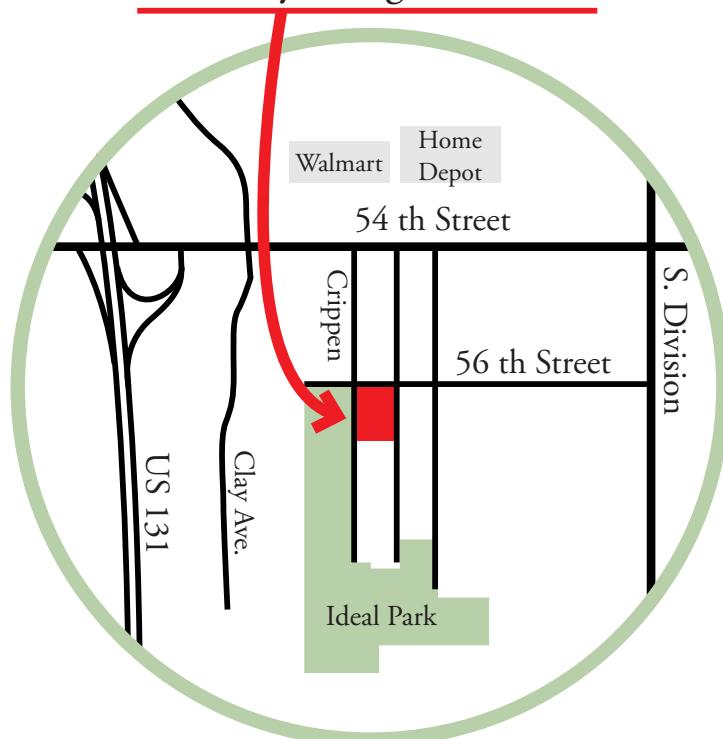
By Les Derusha



**Next meeting  
Tuesday, June 13, 2023  
7:00 PM to 9:30 PM**

Ideal Park Christian Reformed Church

Activity Center  
320 56th Street SW,  
Wyoming, MI



We are now Officially "West Michigan Woodworkers Guild, INC" To complete the process we would like to include insurance for the Guild itself.

This insurance will protect the Guild from incidents that may happen at one of our meetings. It also protects the church from these incidents. Since we have a rock bottom rental arrangement we REALLY owe this to the church. The annual cost of the insurance from The Hartford will be \$392.00 per year.

Per our Guild By-Laws we require the yes vote of at least 32 Members In Good Standing (Members who have paid their 2023 dues) For Any Purchase of Over \$300.00. 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 June 13th, pay your dues and Vote, easy-peasy. Any other questions, call me, Les Derusha 616 446-4008.

# Meeting Agenda for June 13, 2023

The West Michigan Woodworkers Guild will be meeting :

**Tuesday June 13th at 7:00PM.**

We will be meeting at Ideal Park Christian Reformed Church Activity Center, 320 56th St SW, Grand Rapids.

First up is **Show and Tell** – Bring something to impress your fellow woodworkers.

For the **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.

For our June Meeting topic we will have another “Hands On” session with **Hands Saws, Files & Rasps**, along with **Scrapers**. This will be at three separate tables and we encourage you to check out all three, maybe get out of your comfort zone. AND if you are so inclined, bring in your above mentioned tool and share your experience with us.

We are still seeking a **Newsletter Editor and a new Guild Contact**; to start this fall. If interested give me a call (616) 455-5036 or email at [les@derusha.org](mailto:les@derusha.org).

# Show and Tell 2022-2023 in review

By Steve DeVries

In this final issue of the newsletter for the 2022-2023 meeting year, it is time for me to say goodbye to the newsletter.

Pre-internet, newsletters were the primary vehicle for dispensing information about the specific group, as well as information about the trade or hobby in general.

Since the dawn of YouTube and Google searches, one no longer needed a newsletter to give information about the craft : all of that information was just a click away and in far more depth and abundance than a newsletter could ever cover. To me, a traditional newsletter felt out-of-touch with the guild's desire to encourage new generations of people into our craft.



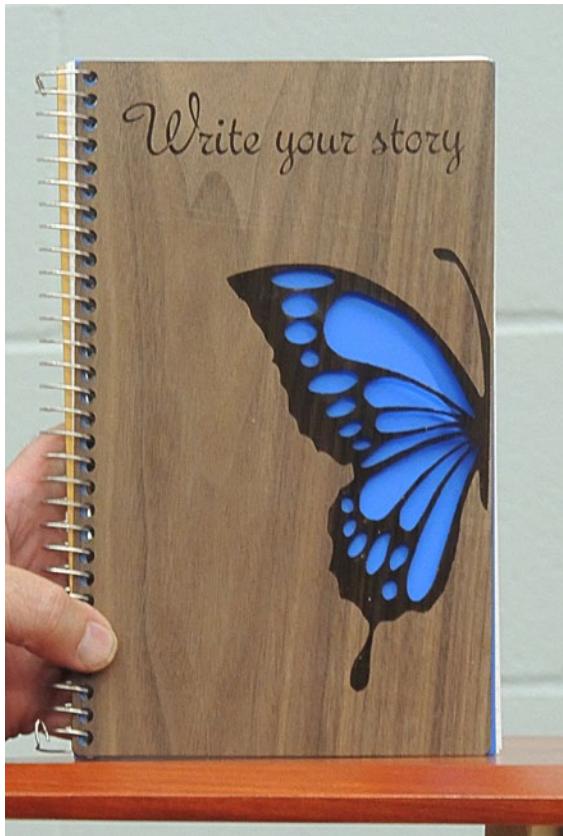
There is, however, one facet of the craft that is rarely found online, and this is people's individual artistry. Sure, some people have Instagram, but by-in-large, most projects will never be seen. That is why my focus for the newsletter has been on showing off projects that people brought in. Using vivid photographs, enlargements, and page design, I hope that I have done justice to the amazing work that people have done.

Whether I succeeded or not, and whether you agree with my philosophy or not is irrelevant at this point, the past four years of newsletters are in the history books, for good or ill.

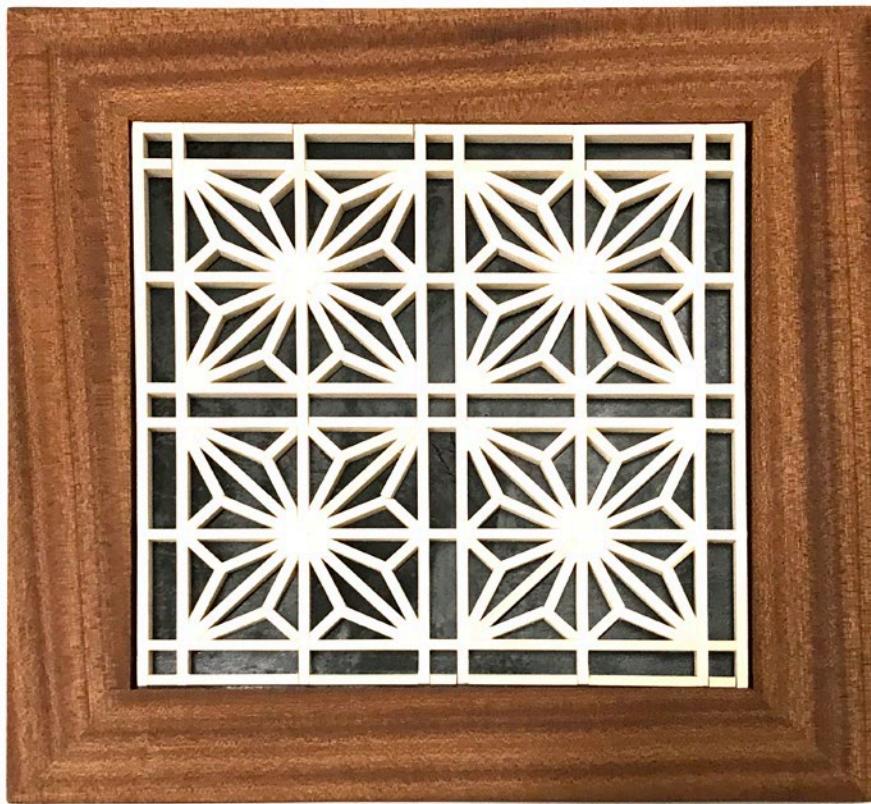
I leave it now to a new person. On the next few pages are a season-in-review of the projects from 2022-2023.

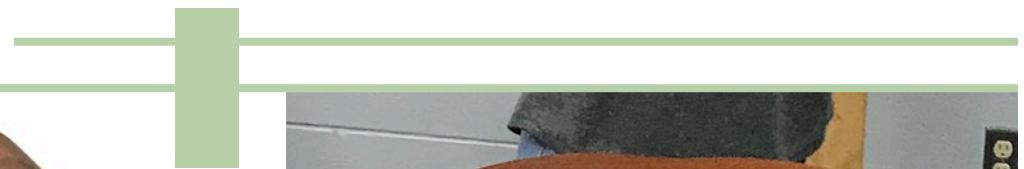
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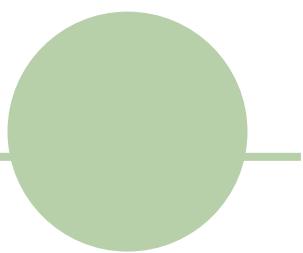












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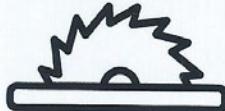
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