



West Michigan November 2023 Woodworkers Guild Newsletter

Up Coming Event

Tuesday November 14th, 2023

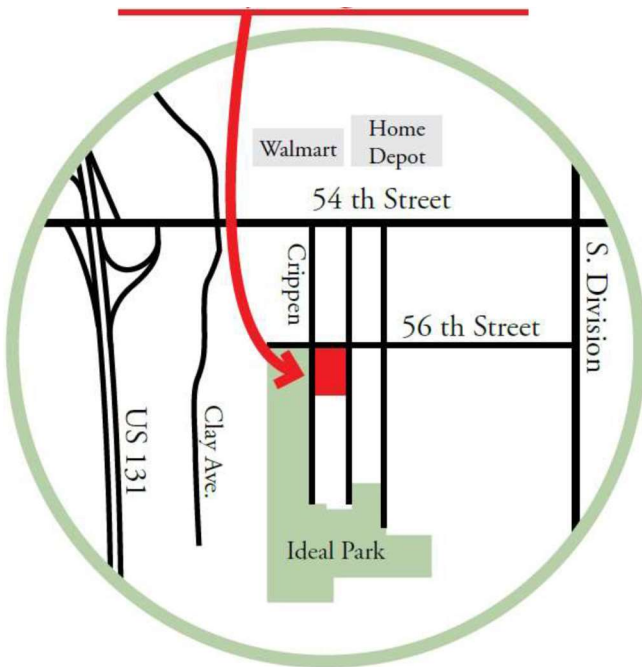
7:00 PM-9:30 PM

Ideal Park Christian Reformed Church

Activity Center

320 56th St SW

Wyoming, MI



For **All Other Matters**, we propose changing **Guild-By-Laws** to require the presence (*quorum*) of at **least 6 Members-In-Good-Standing**, with **2/3 approval vote required** for anything to pass.

So, to make this change happen:

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 **November 14th**, pay your dues and **Vote**, easy-peasy. Any other questions, call me, Les Derusha, at 616 446-4008.

This will make our voting process much less difficult!

At this month's meeting we have Greg Johnson from Carter Products. Greg will provide information on everything you need to use and maintain your bandsaw along with wood turning tools and accessories; Plus measuring tools.

We are still looking to fill two spots on our Guild Board. Our Member-At-Large resigned because he is moving out of our area. We also need a Public Relations Director. This position responds to inquiries from our Website with info on the Guild. This can be a canned response in most cases or specific info if requested.

We are quickly learning about the practical aspects of voting. **A majority of Members-In-Good-Standing** was chosen to make voting a little less difficult. Unfortunately it is still a high bar. We think that it makes sense **only for changes to the Guild-By-Laws**, not for **All Other Matters**.

If you have Any Interest in either of these positions please call me, Les Derusha, at 616 446-4008.

Bad Weather Meeting Alerts

It's Winter! We want our members, guests, and presenters to be safe by avoiding problems on Michigan's winter roads. Thus, bad weather may cause the West Michigan Woodworkers Guild to postpone or cancel a meeting or activity. Because note the following:

If an activity is cancelled or postponed, we post it on Facebook and will try to reach members and others via e-mail. Our Facebook address is: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/wmiwwguild/>

If an activity is postponed, we will include the most likely new date and time for the activity in our bad weather Facebook post. *New* dates and times for Guild activities are also subject to actual weather conditions on the announced rescheduled date.

ReStore -- Have You Been There?

If you haven't been to a ReStore Outlet, stop by sometime. What is a ReStore Outlet? Re-Store Outlet is a division of Habitat for Humanity selling building and construction items donated by companies, retailers, and private individuals.

At ReStore you can find just about anything used in building and remodeling, both new and used. They have unwanted retail store stock, including all types of cabinets, paints, electrical & plumbing supplies, tools, nails, lumber, counter tops, work surfaces, carpeting, shelving, etc. You name it and you may find it at a ReStore Outlet at great savings!

ReStore is not your standard store. ReStore operates on a 'First Come,' 'First Served,' basis with no reordering. They may have what you want one day, but not the next. They stock

donated items as they arrive. Buy what you want or need when you see it.

Stop by regularly to check for those special building supply items you have been seeking!

Where is there a Restore Outlet? Addresses:

ReStore South

5701 S. Division Ave., GR
616-531-4591

ReStore North

5920 Alpine Ave., Comstock, Park
616-647-9292

ReStore West

2460 Chicago Dr., Hudsonville
616-662-9175

www.restoregr.org

Dust Collection & Air Filtration System Maintenance

If you have a Dust Collection and/or Air Filtration System in your wood shop, does it operate at peak efficiency as when installed?

In just a few hours after installation, a new dust collection or air filtration system can begin to lose efficiency due to restricted airflow. Removable filters need cleaning or replacement regularly (monthly). Collection bags and canisters should never be more than half-full. Filter and collection bags or pleated filters need to be removed and cleaned or washed per manufacturer's instructions at least yearly to keep filter pores open so they work efficiently.

Other problems can also degrade your dust collection system's performance. Loose Piping joints can leak air into your supposedly sealed system. Make sure all piping joints are mechanically tight and secure. Then seal them with tape designed for ventilation system ducts. Unused and/or partially closed Blast Gates can leak air and cause vacuum loss. Make sure unused blast gates are completely closed. Blast Gate tracks and seats need to be clean, free of sawdust and debris so they fully open and close properly. Gates need to be mechanically and

physically sound. If not, clean, repair, or replace them.

Debris in the piping system or at the main inlet port of the dust collection system can degrade your system greatly. Check for blockages at the port guard where the piping system enters the central collector system fan or cyclone separator. Check where the piping system has bends, low spots, or elbows (long curved elbows are best), and at the base of any vertical risers where debris can collect.

Many times, unintentionally, you vacuum up items the system cannot move completely through the piping to the collection bag. Turn off the collection system, take a flashlight and actually look into your piping system in different locations to see if debris stuck in the piping or elsewhere is restricting air flow. If you find such a location, clean the debris out and repair the location so the blockage will not reoccur.

Good Maintenance of your wood shop systems and tools takes time, but it is time well spent. Well maintained Dust Collection and Air Filtration Systems will surely make your shop time more enjoyable and healthier.

Happy & Safe Woodworking!

OCTOBER 10, 2023 SHOW AND TELL (most pictures thanks to Dennis Beard)

Brian Vaughn's Commemorative Bench



Mark Nickerson Violin – Coffee Finish



Jim Jakosh holding a fire piston



Jim Jakosh Cigar Box Guitar

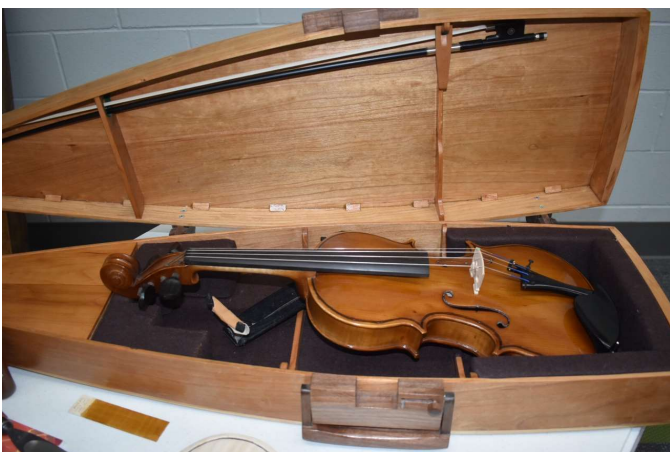


Dale Smith – Scroll Saw Work

Dale's Fake Food



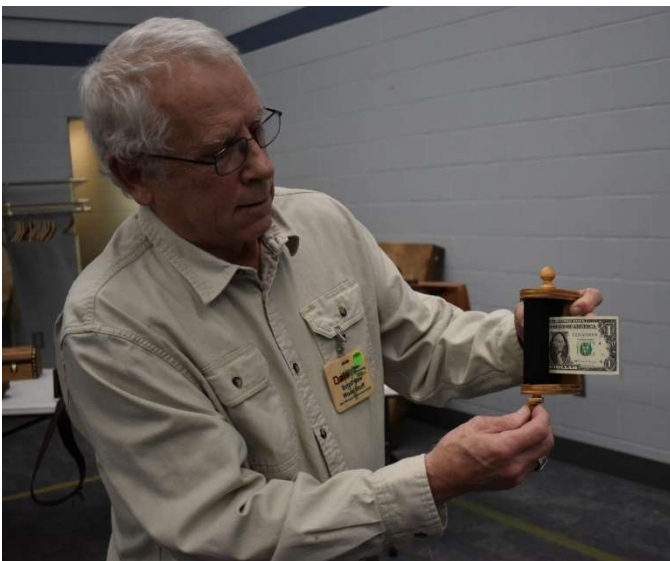
Mark Nickerson Violin – Not Finished



Dale's Money Storage Box

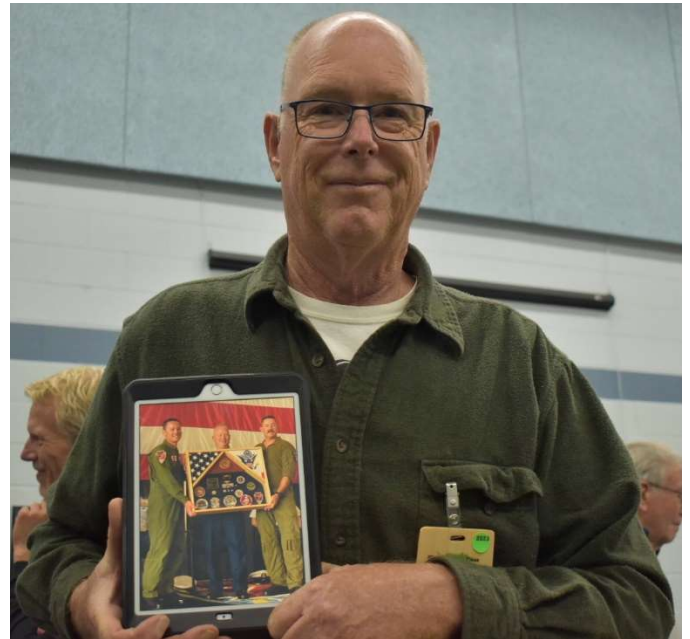


Dale's Money Maker



**Peter Cross – Atwood Forest Products
wood**

**Badge Commemorating His Son's 20 years
of service in the U.S. Coast Guard**



**Denny Beard - Corn Hole Game With CNC
inlay**



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To join the WM Woodworkers Guild 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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Your Mailing Address
Your Phone Number
Your Favorite Type of Woodworking

Send your contact information to:
Information@westmichiganwoodworkers.org



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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