



# West Michigan Woodworkers Guild

June 2024  
Newsletter

## Up Coming Event

**Tuesday June 11th, 2024**

**7:00 PM-9:30 PM**

**Ideal Park Christian Reformed Church**

**Activity Center**

**320 56th St SW**

**Wyoming, MI**

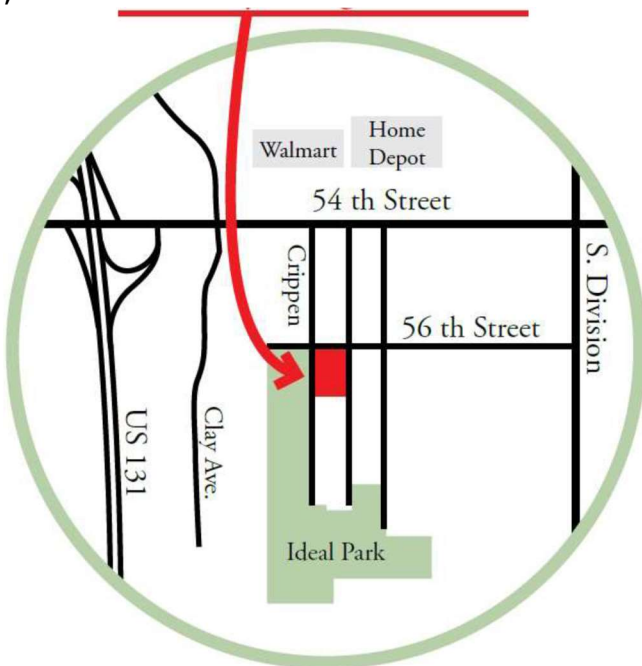
See a **LASER** machine under skilled control, live and in action. Be ready to ask, "How may I be able to use a laser in my shop? What does it take to do what I see Gina and Jim doing? Will buying one break my bank? And, do I need a Ph.D. in Geek to operate a laser well?" These questions and more will be answered by people who know what they are talking about. **LASER:** an opportunity to add an additional touch to our woodworking projects.

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

You may have noticed that we are not holding a Guild Picnic *this* year. We do plan on holding one next year. One of the highlights of our annual picnics has been a tool swap, a chance to get tools we no longer use out of our shops – and into the shop of another member who needs and will value them. In the interest of shop cleanliness, and of helping out one another, please bring what you are willing to part with to our June meeting. You may even gain justification for the tool upgrade you promised your significant other you wouldn't consider until you had gotten rid of something, or other.

### Breathing

When you look carefully near the ceiling of your shop do you notice any fine dust? If you don't, I'm guessing your shop isn't used much. Saws, routers, and sanders are the greatest generators of dust. But, just about any power tool, as well as hand sanders, creates fine



<<<<**LASER**>>>>

**What can a LASER do for your woodworking?** To find out, join us on June 11 for a presentation by **Gina Greenlee** from **Woodcraft**, our own **Jim Jakosh**, and others.

particles that I'm calling "dust." Your woodworking creates it. It hangs in the air within your shop, air that you breathe. What may dust do to you?

**COPD - Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease** is an umbrella term used to describe progressive lung diseases, including emphysema, chronic bronchitis, and refractory (non-reversible) asthma. COPD is characterized by increasing breathlessness – a condition often associated with coal miners. **News Flash!** woodworkers get it too! Dust settles in your lungs. Breathing problems begin – and get worse over time.

**Protect yourself** -- use a good quality mask when cutting and sanding, particularly on exotic woods and on wood products that contain resins, like MDF. Keep the mask on for a good while as you move on to other woodworking tasks. Also, just about any kind of spraying throws stuff into the air, stuff that shouldn't be in anyone's lungs.

**PROTECT YOURSELF.** Find a mask. Try it on. You want one that **you will wear**. If the mask is uncomfortable, bulky, or difficult to put on and take off, you probably won't use it. Find one you can live with **and use it**. Store it at a convenient and visible place in your shop. Replace it (or the filter) as specified by the manufacturer. Remember, you don't want to die wondering where your next breath is coming from.

### **STILL NEEDED FROM MEMBERS:**

First: articles by you. **One!** submitted so far. **Only one, (are you listening!)**

I can't believe you haven't seen **SOMETHING** on the internet that interested you! Second, almost all of us use the internet regularly and come across articles or websites that interest us as woodworkers. If an item interests you, my guess is that it will interest at least one of the

other 275 Guild members. Sharing it requires only a sentence and a link.

Please suggest links to tools (to buy, particularly good deals will be especially appreciated), to information about how to use a tool, or to anything else dealing with woodworking. Don't worry about how your entry looks. We can pretty it up for our **Newsletter**. Send a sentence (or two) description and a *link* that will enable all of us to access your great find.

## **Tips and Bits**

**Put the SQUEEZE on Glue! Have you (like me) been doing this wrong?**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HkfmU5xYRUE>

**If you want to jump into the deep end...**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pvVrVdqA90E>

**Have your router bits seen sharper days? For info on resharpener, paste the link below into your browser:**

<https://www.highlandwoodworking.com/careandsharpeningofrouterbits.aspx>

**Now it's *your* turn – soon -- very soon -- please!!!**

Send at least one sentence and a link to: [les@svideo.org](mailto:les@svideo.org), for next month's newsletter! **Thanks in advance!**

**REGRETS**, but we have no pictures of the show and tell from the May 14, meeting, our photographer was indisposed. Doug Scott had some nice shop built F-Clamps, some were sold for a donation and the rest found a home through the raffle. Thank You Doug Scott!

The other piece was a very nice veneer table by Sam Lacina. Sam went on to show us all some of the techniques he used to build it in his presentation on Veneering.

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<http://www.westmichiganwoodworkers.org>

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Two: Receive our Monthly Newsletter (September-June)

(See directions above)

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