



# West Michigan Woodworkers Guild

September 2024

Newsletter

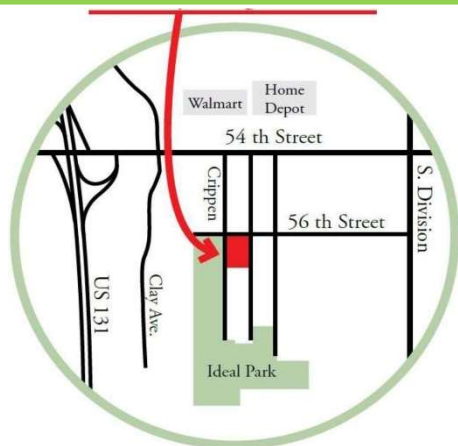
## Up Coming Meeting

**Tuesday, September 10, 2024**

**7:00 PM**

(Set up 6:30)

**Ideal Park Christian Reformed Church  
Activity Center  
320 56<sup>th</sup> Street SW  
Wyoming, MI**



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### SEPTEMBER MEETING PROGRAM

#### ***SHOW & TELL EXTRAORDINAIRE***

WE INVITE EVERYONE TO SHARE YOUR LATEST CREATION, PROJECT OR HONEST TRY WITH US. TELL US WHAT WOOD, METHOD, DESIGN, FINISH YOU USED?

**TWO \$50 CASH PRIZES AWARDED**

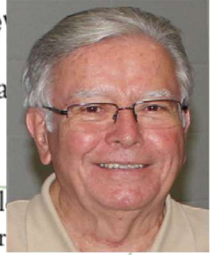
**THREE FREE RAFFLE TICKETS TO ALL PRESENTERS**

#### ***RAFFLE EVENT***

BENEFIT THE GUILD BY DONATING AN UNWANTED TOOL, PIECE OF WOOD, MAGAZINE, OR WHATEVER TO OUR RAFFLE. (AND WIN A BARGAIN AS WELL). GIVE, WIN AND BENEFIT OUR GUILD!

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

By Steve



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.

PRESIDENT'S JOB.

The Guild Board will look like this:

President – Les Derusha

Vice President - ?

Secretary - ? (or Don Stump)

Treasurer- Tom Huizinga

Newsletter Creator – Dale Smith

Newsletter Editor – Gary Bekker

Member-At-Large – Bryan Vaughn

Member-At-Large – Phil Miclea

Member-At-Large – Sam Lacina

At our September meeting will firm up a slate of candidates for the actual election in October.

A second item on our agenda will be a discussion of the possibility of some mentoring between Guild members. I want this to be a very open-ended discussion of what "Could Be".

We are all potential recruiters of new members. It may be a casual social contact with someone who appears to be interested in woodworking. It may be at a craft show where you notice someone's woodworking product, you can simply introduce yourself, mention our website, our Facebook Group and invite them to our next meeting.

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

**Bring a friend to the next meeting!**

## June show and tell

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### Jim Jakosh

Small Round Commemorative Button

Wooden Canes



**Ken Postema**  
Lasered Tumbler in Case 2 Coasters







Box for kitchen slicer

By **Don Kosbar**

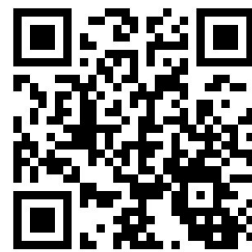
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## Tom Holworth

Wooden Hygrometer



The Guild's Facebook page:



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Notice:



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