

December 2024
Newsletter



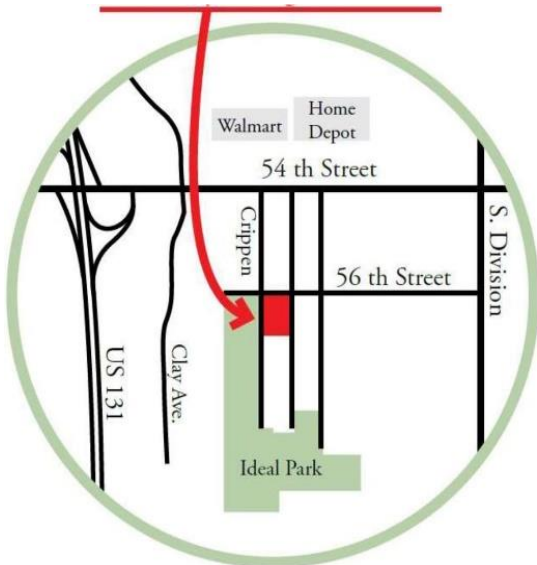
West Michigan Woodworkers Guild

Up Coming Meeting

Tuesday, December 10th, 7:00 pm (setup 6:30)



Ideal Park Christian
Reformed Church
Activity Center
320 56th Street SW
Wyoming, MI



December's Meeting Activities

Holiday Pizza Party



Chisel / Plane Workshop

Sharpening / Types / Stones/ Using
Bring your chisel or blade to sharpen



December 'Show and Tell'

All are invited to share your latest project or creation with us! Big or small, any condition.

(receive 3 free raffle tickets)

December 'Raffle'

Bring in an unwanted tool, wood, whatever to donate to our raffle to support the guild.

(enter and win a bargain as well)

President's Corner

by Les Derusha



The Topic for our December meeting is **Sharpening Chisels and Hand Planes** with **Dale Smith**, Types of sharpening stones wet, dry etc. Make it interesting for yourself, **bring a chisel that needs sharpening**.

The other Topic is **PIZZA**,
bring your appetite! need I say more



Things to think about, what do you want to see or hear for presentations:

- * **Woodburning**
- * **Glue-Ups**
- * **Wood Species**
- * **Epoxies**
- * **Whatever**

**Make a list,
bring it to our meeting.**

DRESS FOR SUCCESS

Or should I say **Survival**. Is your shop cool, like unheated in the winter? Or just uncomfortably cool where you dress to conditions.

What I'm getting at is baggy clothing, particularly your sleeves and waist.

The average individual's reaction time is .15 to .2 seconds. Taking into consideration the age of our Guild the number is a little higher than that.

Now for the numbers: A 1" router bit running at 30,000 RPM has a peripheral speed of 131ft per second and after engaging your sleeve it can move it 6" (**enough for body part engagement**) in .0038 seconds. Or a 3" bit at 12,000 RPM has a peripheral speed of 157ft per second and engagement time of .0032 seconds. Compared to reaction time you have not a chance in **h#%\$** to avoid it.

What about your table saw.

10" blade runs at about ,0029 seconds of snatch time.

So:

1. **No baggy clothing.**
2. **Sleeves either buttoned up or rolled above the elbows.**
3. **NEVER LEAN OVER A RUNNING EXPOSED TABLE SAW BLADE with the blade turning,**

Stay Safe

November's Meeting Highlights

November's Presentation

Joe Beam

furniture maker & designer

A former high school shop teacher who left teaching 25 years ago to pursue a career in furniture making. He shared how he runs his business making custom furniture for a nationwide network of interior designers. His presentation was full of visual examples of the furniture making process as well as photos of completed pieces and the story behind them. To view a sample of his work and videos, visit his website:

www.beamcustom.com



Often prefers veneers over using solid woods to select a more unique and decorative look



Makes what the customer wants rather than making what you like to make.



Has been leaning more toward water borne finishes rather than the traditional oil based



November *SHOW & TELL*

Jim Jakosh: Box for Pen Accessories

Made from Baltic Birch with engraving and cutouts for accessories



Tom Huizinga: Mallet / Boot Jig / Sharpening Stone Holder

Mallet: Purple Heart, Maple

Stone Holder: recessed for different grit stones w gripper underneath



Bryan Vaughn: Wood Table / Floor Crib

Table: Repurposed cedar wood, walnut banding, barrel stave legs





December's Special Event

Sharpening Workshop

Chisels and Plane Blades

Hands - On



Bring in your dull chisel or plane blade to the December Meeting and we will work at achieving a razor-sharp edge.

Stones, angle guides, methods, tips, grits etc.



(One Method)

To sharpen a wood chisel, you can follow these steps:

1. Remove the wire edge by rubbing the back of the chisel on 220 grit sandpaper.
2. Hone the bevel on 150 grit until you develop a new wire edge.
3. Remove the wire edge on 220 grit again.
4. Use an oilstone to sharpen your chisels and, having laid a small amount of oil on the stone, place your chisel on at the correct angle.
5. [A honing guide can be used for this but these guides do not allow you to sharpen the chisel in a figure of eight pattern very easily](#)



The Guild's Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/groups/wmiwwguild

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Notice: The Guild's original Website is being updated and should be available soon

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Laser Engraving Demo

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Sat. Dec. 7th 1pm



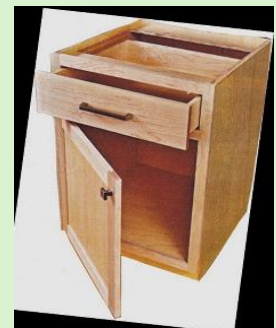
Grand Rapids Wood Turners

free monthly meeting
Sat. Dec. 21st 9:30am



Cabinet Workshop

"make & take" (\$250)
Sat. Dec. 21st 9:30-6pm



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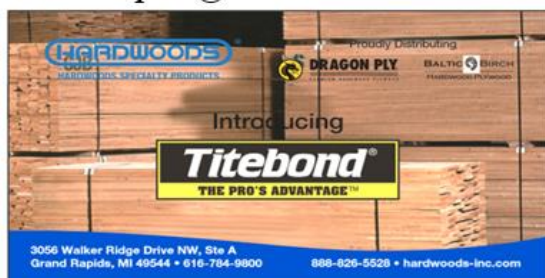
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