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# West Michigan Woodworkers Guild

Newsletter

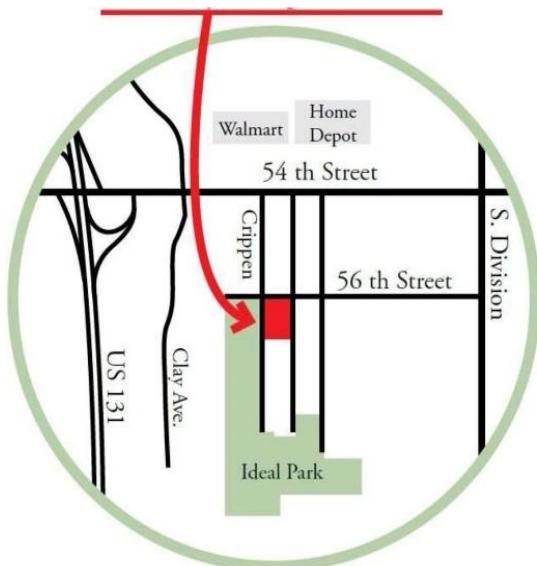


## Up Coming Meeting

**Tuesday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm (setup 6:30)**



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



### February's Meeting Presentation:

All about

# WOOD



**A presentation, display, and discussion  
on the popular types of wood. Including:  
Identification / uses / pros and cons / exteriors  
/ finishes / hardness / favorites / / choices  
(Live samples)**



### February 'Raffle'

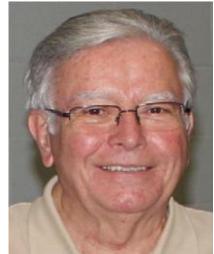
Bring in an unwanted tool, wood, whatever  
to donate to our raffle to support the guild.  
(enter and win a bargain as well)

### February 'Show and Tell'

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

# President's Corner

by Les Derusha



This month I would like to talk **shop safety**. Now just to let you know, I've made my trips to the Med Shed proving "Stupid" does catch up to you.

Make your safety devices **Easy to Access and Obvious**. I have a MagSwitch feather board hanging on the wall next to my table saw. Makes it easy to use and the saw much safer. Same is true for my push sticks.



A clean shop is a step toward a safe shop. Clutter can cause you to do things you wouldn't normally do. We're all guilty of doing a quick cut on the table saw with some scrap laying on it. At the end of the day a quick pass with a push broom can eliminate the floor obstacles.

And my best advice, if you're tired and/or feeling something stupid coming on, shut the tools down and leave the shop.

**Happy Woodworking!**

## December's SHOW & TELL

**Jim Frye** Carved Owl



Made from Tupelo  
Great detail ! Each feather line is wood  
burned (40 per inch) 250-300 hours

**Bryan Vaughn** Shadow Box  
& Blade holder



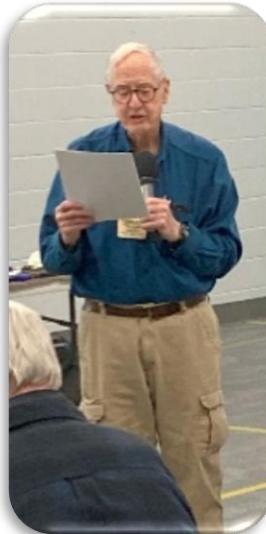
Display to show friend's daughter's  
cross-country running shoes.  
Walnut & Maple

**Doug Scott** Rocking chair



Made from cherry  
*Donated several chairs to St.  
Jude's Hospital !*

**Charles Pinneo**



Introduced “ChatGPT”  
an easy-to-use computer  
app that can help with  
writing, learning,  
brainstorming and more. You  
can type or talk to ChatGPT  
and get answers, inspiration,  
and productivity tips. Ask it a  
woodworking question or  
introduce any idea and see  
the potentials and  
capabilities.

**Tom Howorth** Lasering

Purchased a  
new laser to  
create this  
display. Walnut  
frame.



**Dale Smith**

Christmas themed  
Lamp Post. A good  
exercise in cutting  
with the table saw,  
router, glueing etc.  
A flicker light  
enhances the detail.



## Jim Jakosh **SHOW & TELL**



"This is my second 3D end grain cutting board."



"I made thee 3 **seam rippers** and **bolt action pens** from some Pistachio wood from the saw mill here in Casa Stacey Grande."



"I built this **cabinet** in Grand Rapids and brought it down knocked down and assembled it for out shop here in Arizona"



"I made this **charcuterie board** from Mesquite here in Casa Grande, Az."

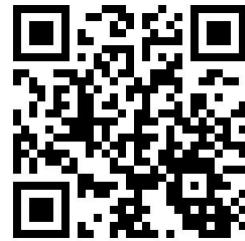


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**The Guild's Facebook page:**

[www.facebook.com/groups/wmiwwguild](http://www.facebook.com/groups/wmiwwguild)  
(Capture this QR code with your cell phone camera)



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### **February Events at Woodcraft**

#### **ROUTER MANIA**

*free demonstrations*

Sat. Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> 10:00-1:00

10:00am  
Butterfly  
Inlays



11:00am  
Router  
Tables



12:00pm  
Box Joint  
Jigs



1:00pm  
Router  
Bits



#### **Grand Rapids Wood Turners**

*free monthly meeting*

Sat. Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> 9:30am



#### **Sharpening Tools**

*free demonstration*

Sat. Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> 1:00pm



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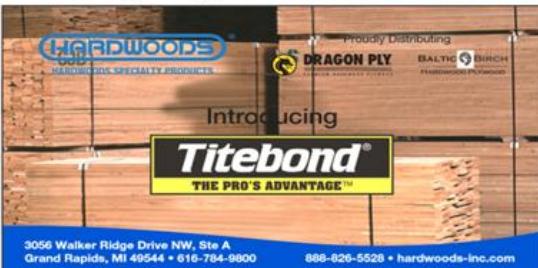
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