

MARCH 2025  
Newsletter



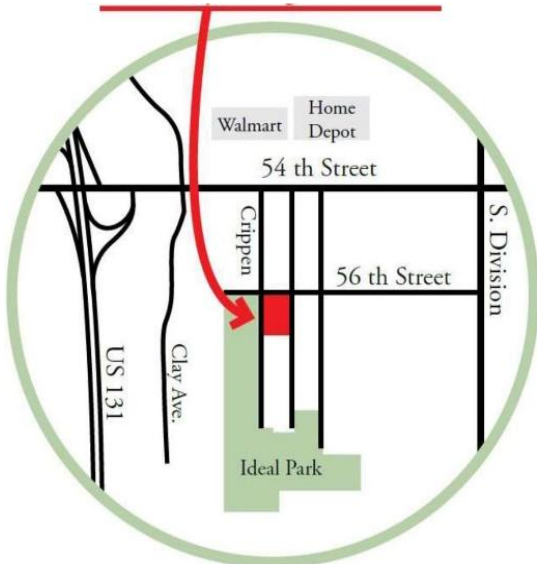
# West Michigan Woodworkers Guild

## Up Coming Meeting

**Tuesday, March 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**



### March 11<sup>th</sup> 'Raffle'

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

(enter and win a bargain as well)

### March 11<sup>th</sup> Meeting Presentation:

## Shellac

Mark Bates will be sharing his  
knowledge and information on this  
outstanding finish.

*Bring your experiences, samples or  
questions to share along !*



### March 11<sup>th</sup> '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



## President's Corner

Ladies and Gentlemen, **IT IS NOW TIME TO STEP FORWARD,**

In the fall of 2023, we had asked for a replacement of the President and Vice-President of the Guild. So far no one has stepped forward.



I got the President's job back in 2017 when at our fall meeting, Ruth Kurth nominated me, the members voted unanimously, and I became president in less than 30 seconds.



You, on the other hand, have had a year to think about this.

**TIME TO STEP FORWARD.** If you are interested, give me a call and we can talk about it. (616) 446-4008.

For our March meeting we will be talking about one of the oldest wood finishes, **Shellac. Mark Bates**, one of our Guild Members, will give a short presentation about Shellac and we are asking you, if you are interested, to share your experience with Shellac with your fellow Guild Members. All it takes is to stand up and talk about your experience with Shellac, where you bought it, how you prepared for using it, how you applied it, what were the results and would you recommend it to the rest of us.

It could be as simple as; "I tried it, it was easy and I recommend it", OR something a little longer.

Or just bring us a sample of your work and pass it around.

## February's Presentation



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

**12 Different sample boards were auctioned off to benefit the Guild. (\$100 )**



## February's *SHOW & TELL*

**Doug Scott**

***Childs Rocking Chair***

Walnut, Made the contoured seat with a flap sander



## February's *SHOW & TELL*

### Case VanderMaas

Ash

teaches kids to add

### Dice Game : “Shut the Box”

“everybody wanted one”

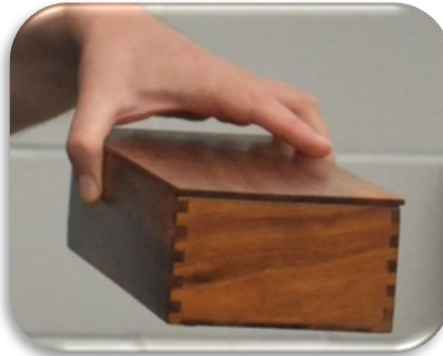
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### Brett Achorn

Hawaiian Koa Wood Box: Box joints, oiled treatment

Serving Board Slab made from a shrub



### Sam Lacina

Inlaid Fishing Nets Great epoxy coating

Peg / Dowel Maker: keep tapping into the next smallest hole





The Guild's Facebook page:

[www.facebook.com/groups/wmiwwguild](http://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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## MARCH Events at Woodcraft

### Laser Engraving

*free demonstration*  
Sat. March 8<sup>th</sup> 1pm



### Grand Rapids Wood Turners

*free monthly meeting*  
Sat. March 15<sup>th</sup> 9:30am

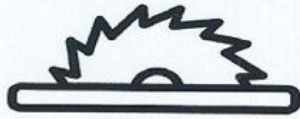


### Bandsaw Tune Up

*free demonstration*  
Sat. March 15<sup>th</sup> 1pm



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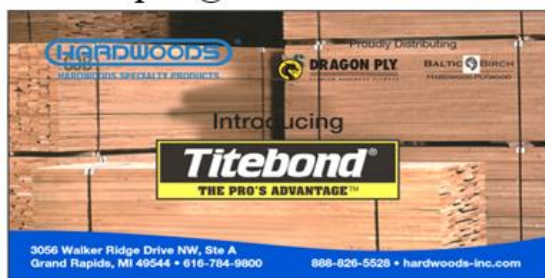
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