

APRIL 2025  
Newsletter



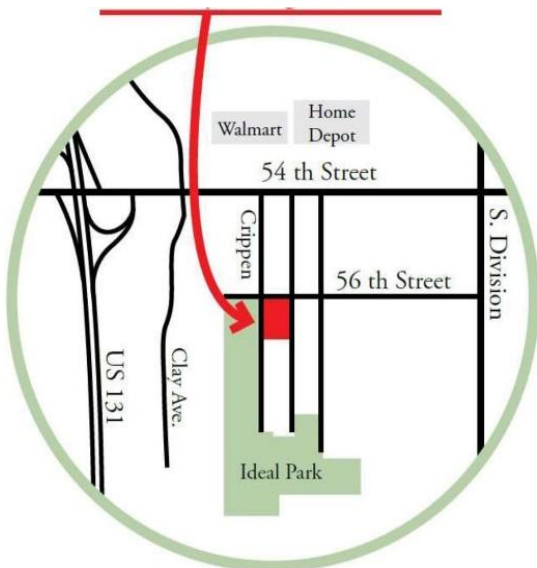
# West Michigan Woodworkers Guild

## Up Coming Meeting

**Tuesday, April 8<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**



**April 8<sup>th</sup>**

**Meeting Presentation:**

### **Workshop Safety**

EMT'S, Medical Specialist, Members:

Sharing various experiences, tips,  
advice, and recommendations.

Cuts, Breathing, Hearing, Soreness, Bruising etc.



#### PERSONNEL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT



### **April 8<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)

### **April 8<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

My phone has not been ringing.

Lest I Repeat Myself:

**IT IS NOW TIME TO STEP FORWARD.**

If you haven't noticed



Ladies and Gentlemen, the current Guild Board Members are not young sprouts and are not getting younger.

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.**

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For our April Meeting we will be talking about one of the most important things to think of while in the shop, **SAFETY!**

We invite you to bring in some of your favorite shop safety items and share how you use them with your fellow guild members. We will also have medical professionals discuss what may be needed when these safety items are not used or when the brain is not totally engaged.

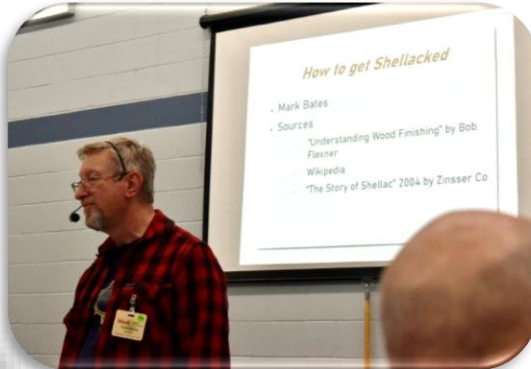
Maybe something you have to say could prevent someone's trip to the ER.

*We are also planning our annual Guild Picnic at the home of John Pflug on May 13th, details to follow.*

## March's Presentation: Recap

### Shellac

Mark Bates shared his knowledge and information on this outstanding finish.



#### A CUT FOR EVERY JOB

CUT	USES	SHELLAC*
1/2-LB	LIGHT WASH COAT TO MITIGATE STAIN BLOTCHING	1 OZ
3/4-LB	MEDIUM WASH COAT, AIRBRUSH SPRAYER	1 1/2 OZ
1-LB	FRENCH POLISHING, HVLP SPRAYER	2 OZ
1 1/2-LB	WIPING, PADDING	3 OZ
2-LB	GENERAL FINISHING, BRUSHING ON	4 OZ
3-LB	SEALING KNOTS, SAP, BRUSHING FOR EXPERIENCED USERS	6 OZ

\*Mix this amount of shellac (by weight) to one pint (16 oz) of alcohol. Reduce the amounts proportionally to make a smaller batch.

Note: Need a small amount of shellac? Mix 1, 2, or 3 oz of flakes with 8 oz (1 cup) of denatured alcohol to make a 1-, 2-, or 3-lb cut.

Pros	Cons
<b>Eco-Friendly and Safe:</b> Natural, non-toxic, and safe for various surfaces.	<b>Sensitivity to Heat and Chemicals:</b> Can be marred by high temperatures and certain substances.
<b>Aesthetic Appeal:</b> Enhances wood's natural beauty; ideal for antiques and fine furniture.	<b>Moisture Resistance:</b> Not waterproof; prolonged water contact can cause damage.
<b>Ease of Application and Repair:</b> Dries quickly, easy to fix with new coats.	<b>Durability Issues:</b> Less scratch-resistant than some modern finishes.
<b>Versatility:</b> Works as a sealer, finish, or barrier coat; compatible with most other finishes.	<b>Application Challenges:</b> Requires skill for a smooth finish; may show brush strokes if not applied correctly.
<b>Durability:</b> Resists dust and dirt when maintained well.	<b>Repair and Maintenance:</b> Easy to repair but may need frequent touch-ups.
<b>Resistance to Moisture and UV Rays:</b> Performs well in humid environments; doesn't yellow over time.	



#### CUSTOMIZE CANNED SHELLAC

CHANGE IN CUT	ADD THIS ALCOHOL	TO THIS SHELLAC
3-LB TO 2-LB	2 PARTS	5 PARTS
3-LB TO 1-LB	3 PARTS	2 PARTS
2-LB TO 1-LB	1 PART	1 PART

**NOTE:** Zinsser premixed shellac equals a 3-pound cut while the sealer equals a 2-pound cut.



## March's *SHOW & TELL*

**Richard Frye** Broad-Winged Hawk: Made from Tupelo wood / 400 hrs.



**Steve Hicks** Boom Box



Dovetail corners, Sliding Top, English Walnut

**Doug Scott** Step Ladder



Panto router joints on step

**Bryan Vaughn** Tissue Box



Built in chop stick / pencil holder

**Denny Beard** Lid for jewelry box



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The Guild's Facebook page:

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## ***APRIL Events at Woodcraft***

### **Table Saw Tune Up**

*free demonstration*  
Sat. April 12<sup>th</sup> 1pm



### **Grand Rapids Wood Turners**

*free monthly meeting*  
Sat. April 19<sup>th</sup> 9:30am



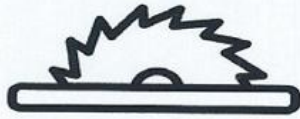
### **Chip Carving**

*free demonstration*  
Sat. April 26<sup>th</sup> 1pm





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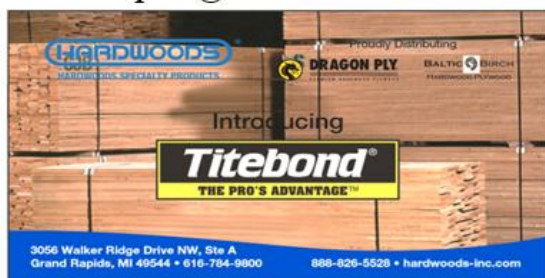
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