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West Michigan Woodworkers Guild

Newsletter

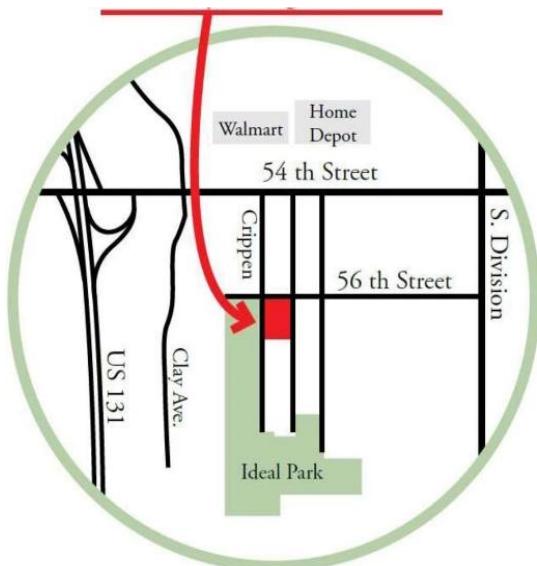


Up Coming Meeting

Tuesday, April 8th, 7:00 pm (setup 6:30)



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



April 8th '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 8th

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 8th '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.

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 BLOTTING	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.



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.

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

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

Built in chap stick / pencil holder



Built in chap stick / pencil holder

Denny Beard Lid for jewelry box



Initials & design
created on the
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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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Table Saw Tune Up

free demonstration
Sat. April 12th 1pm



Grand Rapids Wood Turners

free monthly meeting
Sat. April 19th 9:30am



Chip Carving

free demonstration
Sat. April 26th 1pm



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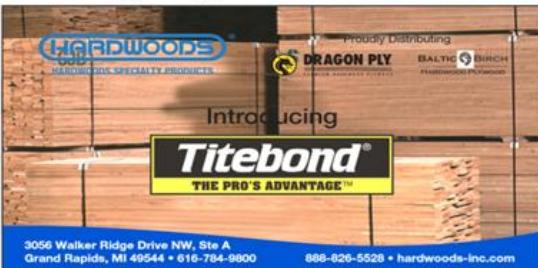
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