

MAY 2025  
Newsletter



# West Michigan Woodworkers Guild

Up Coming Meeting:

**PICNIC**

**Tuesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 pm** (setup and social time)  
**6:00 pm** (eating time)

**John & Debie Pflug Homestead: 6301 Pratt Lake Ave SE, Alto, MI**

**See map on the following page**



Bring a side dish or dessert (with serving utensil)

Bring folding chairs, (need a few coolers with ice)

Bring a significant other or friend !

(No tool swap, no grills needed, no alcohol)

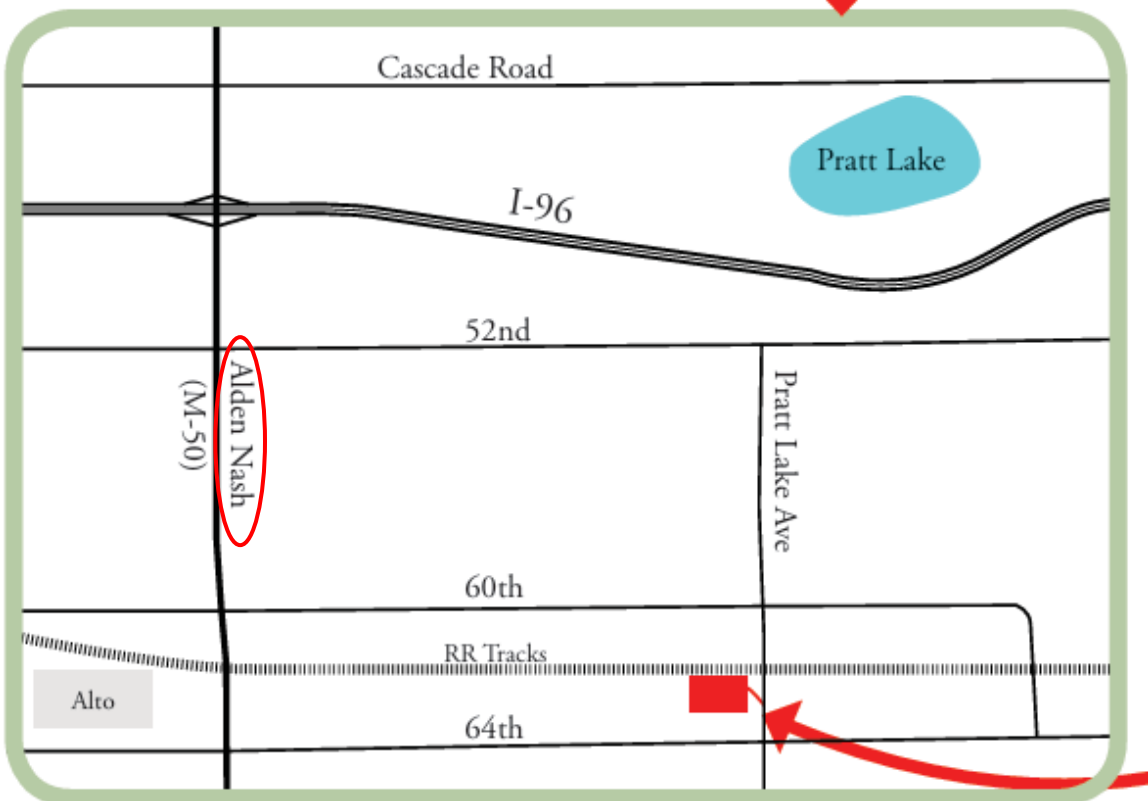
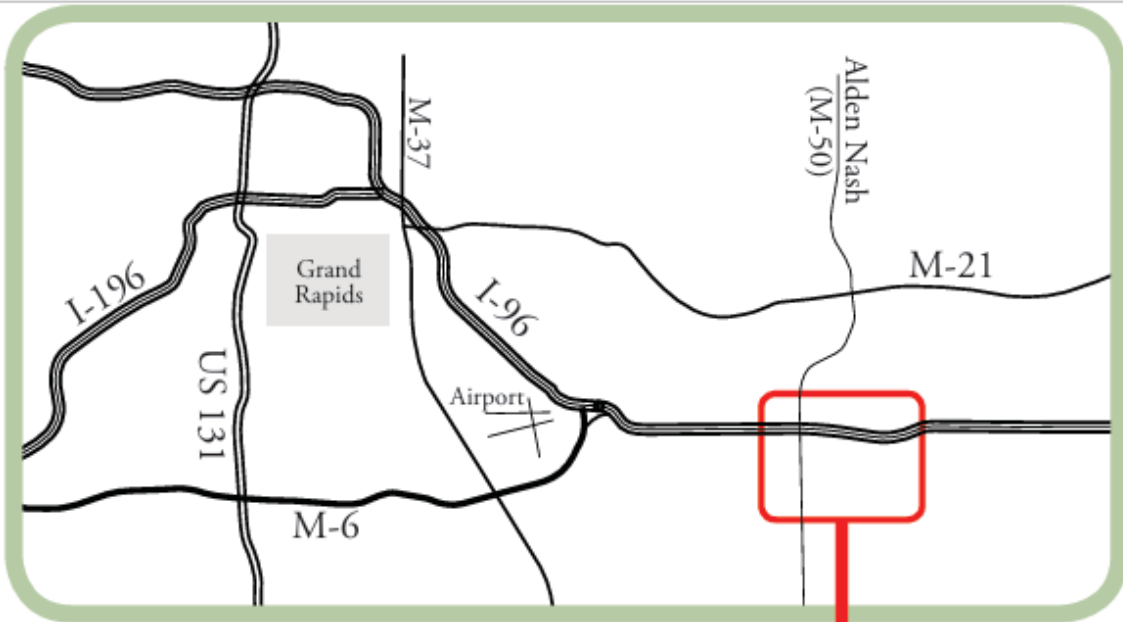


**Lasagna provided !!**

- Tour of the design, construction, and timber framing, of the new shop and other buildings!
- Sawmill demonstration!



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## President's Corner

by Les Derusha



Ladies and Gentlemen,

**My phone has not been ringing off the wall. 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 would hope you all have the desire for the Guild to continue in existence. If you haven't noticed I'm not that young anymore and would like to be a simple member again with less **(Not Les)** responsibility.



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

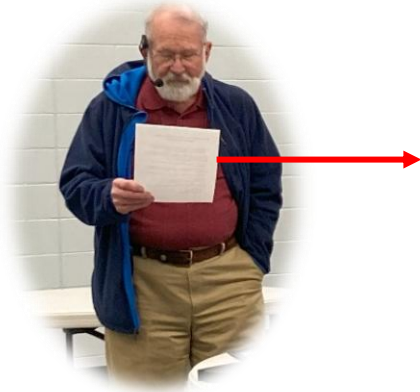
We also need someone to step up and support our Guild Website. Please call me.

**See you at the Guild Picnic!**



## Main Presentation Recap from April 8<sup>th</sup>

### Workshop Safety



**Sam Lacina**



**Don Stump**

Respirator filtration system

#### Five things to think about before you have a Workshop emergency.

1. Make sure someone knows you are in the workshop. Have your phone in the workshop. Have a dedicated charging cord for the workshop. Know how would you contact emergency services.

Apple I-phone: Rapidly press the side button five times to start a countdown to call emergency services. (Look under settings: Emergency SOS, you may select the call option you want.)

Smart watch: fall detection and emergency contact.

2. Pressure is your friend. The 1<sup>st</sup> thing to do for a serious bleeding injury is to apply pressure.

3. Don't fall down lay down! Don't compound your injury by fainting and sustaining a head injury. Apply pressure and sit down, lay down if you are still light headed.

4. Clutter kills. Tips, falls, reaching over clutter to use a tool compounds the risk of injury.

Hip fractures:

**1-year mortality:** Studies suggest a 1-year mortality rate ranging from 15% to 36%.

**30-day mortality:** 30-day mortality can be as high as 8.3%

5. Practice the 4 Hows, when faced with a task ask 4 questions, before starting.

How do I do it.

How do I do it safely

How do I do it better

How do I do it more efficiently



**Be Prepared!**

#### **Use safety devices**



#### **Use your equipment**

##### PERSONNEL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT



## ***SHOW & TELL from April 8<sup>th</sup>***

**JIM JAKOSH:**      French rolling pin from Mesquite  
Cribbage Board from Pistachio      Gouge Handle from Box Elder



**TOM HOWORTH:**

"Crayon" Clock      Lasered Bevel Gauge      Shut the Box Game  
Cherry & Aspen



**DALE SMITH:**      Magic Money Changer: game /toy







The Guild's Facebook page:

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



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

The guild needs help to start a new website. Know anyone?

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## ***MAY Events at Woodcraft***

### **CNC DEMO**

*free demonstration*  
Sat. May 10<sup>th</sup> 1pm



### **Grand Rapids Wood Turners**

*free monthly meeting*  
Sat. May 17<sup>th</sup> 9:30am



### **NEW LASER CLASS**

*CLASSROOM \$60*  
Tue. May 13<sup>th</sup> 12-2pm



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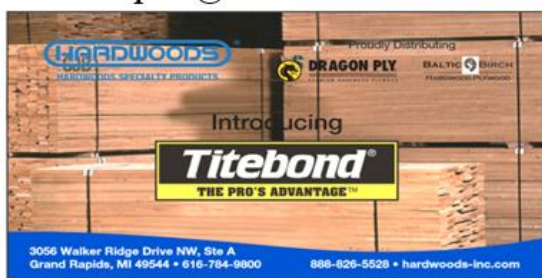
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