

MAY 2025
Newsletter

West Michigan Woodworkers Guild

Up Coming Meeting:

PICNIC

Tuesday, May 13th, 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)

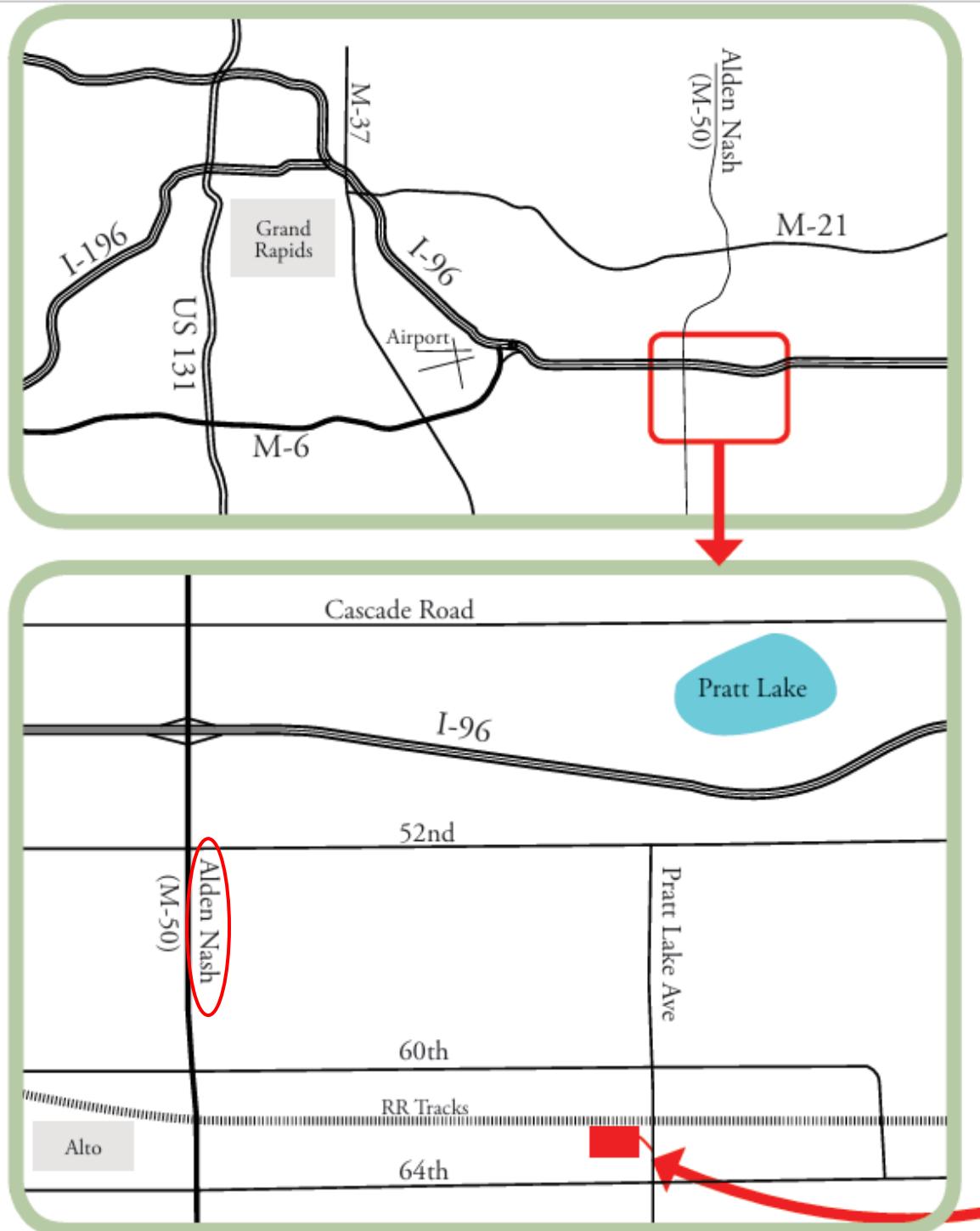


Lasagna provided !!

- 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.



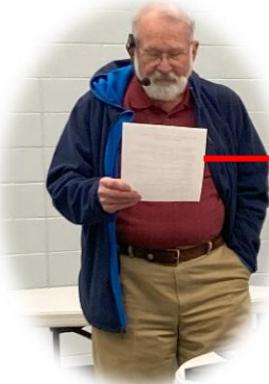
TIME TO STEP FORWARD. If you are interested, give me a call and we can talk about it. (616) 446-4008.

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 8th

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 **1st** 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 8th

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
(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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Sat. May 17th 9:30am



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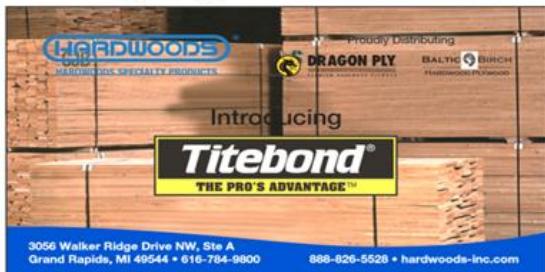
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