



# West Michigan Woodworkers Guild

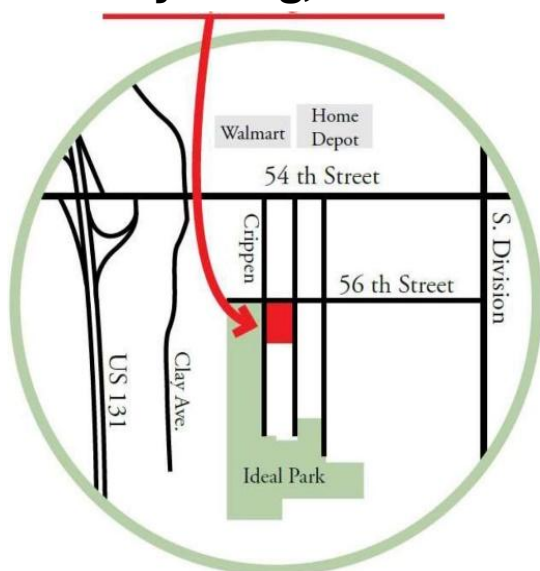
OCTOBER 2025  
Newsletter

## Up Coming Meeting

**Tuesday, OCTOBER 14<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**



**October 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Meeting Presentation:**

## Wood Flattening

Problem: Many large jigs, CNCs, and planers are expensive and space consuming.

New and inexpensive options are now available to level and flatten wood or slab surfaces. Home-made jigs can also offer a good possibility.

What's out there? Bring your jig, video, pictures or plans to share if you have one.



Demonstration on  
Woodpeckers Rout-N-Plane (\$179.99)

## October 14<sup>th</sup> 'Raffle or Sell'

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

## October 14<sup>th</sup> 'Show and Tell'

**All are encouraged to share your latest project or creation with us! Big or small, any condition.**

# President's Corner

by Les Derusha



## President's Corner

**When you work** near the ceiling of your shop do you notice any fine sawdust? If you don't, I'm guessing your shop isn't used much. The greatest generators of this sawdust are your saws, routers and sanders, any tool that creates fine sawdust. How does it get there, through the air, the same stuff you breathe? What will it do to you?

COPD - Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease is an umbrella term used to describe progressive lung diseases including emphysema, chronic bronchitis, and refractory (non-reversible) asthma. This disease is characterized by increasing breathlessness. This is something usually associated with Coal miners. News Flash!, it also happens to woodworkers! This dust settles in your lungs, and the problems begin.

How to protect yourself, use a dust mask while cutting and sanding, particularly on exotic woods and wood products that contain resins, like MDF. Also spraying creates stuff that shouldn't be in your lungs.

Find a mask you will wear, if it's uncomfortable or bulky or difficult you probably won't use it. Find one you can live with and use it. Store it in your shop where it's convenient and visible. Remember, you don't want to die wondering where your next breath is coming from.

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## How to Clear Your Lungs After Inhaling Dust

1. Move to a clean, dust-free environment
2. Cough to expel dust particles
3. Blow your nose
4. Use a humidifier
5. Stay well-hydrated
6. Rest your body
7. Deep breathing exercises
8. Steam inhalation
9. Use an air purifier at home



10. Avoid further exposure to dust or other irritants
11. Over-the-counter expectorants
12. Use a peak flow meter to monitor your lung function
13. Seek medical advice if symptoms persist

## September's *SHOW & TELL*

### **Don Stump** *Small Guitar, Card holder, Pick holder. (CNC / Laser)*



### **Tom Howorth**

#### **Wall Cabinet**

Maple  
Sapele Veneer  
Hand cut dovetails  
Osmo finish



From a class at  
Marc Adams School of Woodworking

### **Case Vandermaas** *Hand Plane reconditioning*



Stanley Bailey No. 3 hand plane 1919-1924

### **Denny Beard** *Clocks*

*Harley Davidson  
Hickory end grain*



*Cherry  
Violin shape*

### **Richard Koll** *Wood Slab Table*

Richard Koll

(No pictures) *shown on screen*

*Box Elder ?*



*(similar table ?)*

### **Don Kosbar** *Fishing Rod Holder*

*Using the Band Saw & Forstner bits*





## September's *SHOW & TELL*

**Richard Frye** *Northern Hawk Owl*



*Hand crafted - power carved from Tupelo  
52 feathers / 350 hours*

**Brett Achron** *Cabinet & Bookshelves*



*(Shown on photos & big screen)*

**Joe Knauf**  
*Scroll Saw Doll Furniture & Tractor*



**Tom Huizenga** *Dog Dumbbells*  
*(used for scent training)*



**Doug Scott** *Unique Small Table*  
*Cherry with drop leaves*



**Dale Smith** *Cedar Patio Furniture*  
*4'X9' Table, Bench seat, 5 Cubicles*





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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## OCTOBER Events at Woodcraft

### Grand Rapids Wood Turners

*free monthly meeting*

Sat. Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> 9:30 am



### \*\* JessEm Demo Days \*\*

*free demonstrations all day*

Friday Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> 11:00am

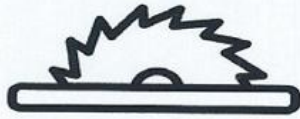
Saturday Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> 1:00pm

*Sale Prices*





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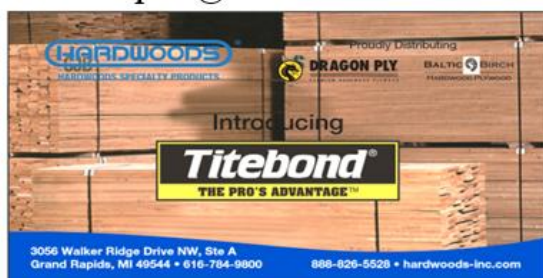
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