



West Michigan Woodworkers Guild

April 2026
Newsletter

Next Meeting

Tuesday, April 14th, 7:00 pm (setup 6:30)

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



'Show and Tell'

Share your latest project
or creation with us!
Big or small, any condition.



April Presentation by:
Sam Beauford Woodworking
Institute in Adrian, Michigan



In case you missed it
March 9th Presentation:
Card Scrapers with Mark Bates

Card Scrapers (Why and How)

- Fast way to get a smooth surface
- Can work better on hard-to-work grain
- No dust, no noise, cheaper than sandpaper

How to Sharpen

- Need file, (or diamond stone 300/1000), block of wood with 90 degree edge, burnisher, card holder (recommended), vise
- Remove existing burr on the sides
- Sharpen the edge
- Take a few swipes on the edges again to remove any burr that might have formed
- If using diamond stones, do this on 300 and 1000 sides
- Going higher than 1000 grit is ????
- Place scraper on its side and run the burnisher along the sides about 4 times
- How much pressure? About elevator button pressing pressure
- Place card scraper in vise and swipe back and forth about 4 times with an angle around 5 or 10 degrees (it's too easy to do too much)
- If you feel a nice big burr, you probably did too much
- If you have to lean the scraper over more than 60 degrees to get a shaving you might have made too big a burr
- If all you get is dust, start over and use LESS pressure first to see if that works better
- If you are lucky, you can reform the burr a time or two before the edge gets work hardened



March 9th
SHOW & TELL

Phil Miclea showed off some book matched veneered boxes he's been working on since he took a class on the topic.



WEST MICHIGAN WOODWORKERS GUILD INFORMATION

NEW CONTACT: Questions? Email us at: info@westmichiganwoodworkers.org



The Guild's Facebook Page:

www.facebook.com/groups/wmiwwguild



The Guild's NEW WEBSITE

westmichiganwoodworkers.org

<https://westmichiganwoodworkers.org>

View past Newsletters now loaded on the website

New contact information

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Current Board and Key Roles of WMWG

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Guild Supporters & Friends



Who Are We

Grand River Makerspace is a volunteer-led 501(c)(3) in Grand Rapids, MI, empowering makers of all ages through hands-on access to tools, skills, and a creative community.

What We Offer

- Membership Access to laser cutters, 3D printers, woodworking, textiles, vinyl cutting, darkroom photography & more
- Workshops & Classes in programming, electronics, crafting, and fabrication
- Community Engagement through public events, outreach, and collaborative projects

Who We Serve

From first-time DIYers to seasoned engineers and crafters—if you love to learn, build, or create, you belong here. Everyone's welcome.

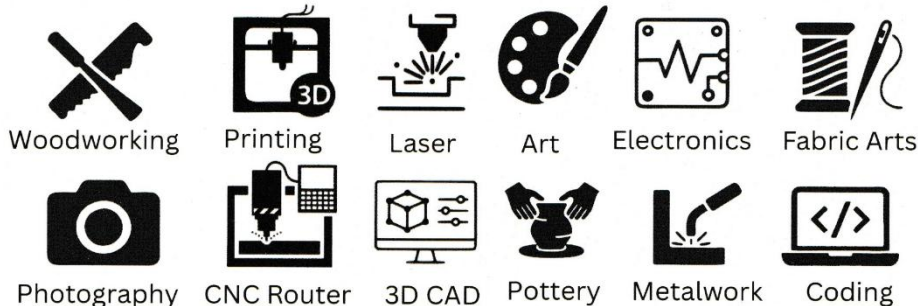
Why It Matters

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Get Involved

- Become a Supporting Member
- Volunteer your skills
- Host or attend a workshop
- Become a Founding Donor
- Sponsor a tool or workspace

To foster innovation, education, and collaboration by providing an inclusive space for art, technology, and fabrication.



Connect with us!



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Grand Rapids Wood Turners

free monthly meeting

Sat. April 18th 9:30 am



Free Demos

Sat. April 11th 1:00p / Sat. April 18th 1:00p



CNC / Xtool Demo / Power Carving

**Grand River Turning Guild
Free Pen Turning Event**

“Turn for Troops”



- WOODCRAFT OF GRAND RAPIDS -

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**Saturday, April 18th
12:00 PM - 3:00 PM**



Turn for Troops is a national initiative started by Woodcraft in 2004 to bolster the spirit of active duty and rehabilitating United States military service members. Join us as we partner with the Grand River Wood Turners Guild to support this wonderful cause.

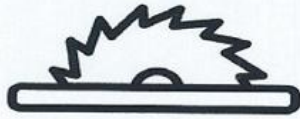
Who Can Turn a Pen?

Simply put, anyone can turn a pen during the Turn for Troops event. Many Woodcraft employees take part, and if someone is willing to volunteer their time, they can take part. Children can volunteer as well, but must be accompanied by an adult.

There is NO experience necessary to volunteer. As, the guild will assist you in the process of turning a pen.

There is also NO cost involved. Donate your time, and Woodcraft will provide all tools, supplies, equipment, and safety gear you will need.

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