

# WOODWORKERS GUILD

## of Southwest Michigan

<http://www.woodguild.org> June 2019

### Next meeting:

June 11, 2019 @ 6:00pm

Jack Carney 's home

8031 W VW Avenue,

Schoolcraft, MI 49087

Take 131 South toward Schoolcraft. Travel west on W VW to 8031. Not a type-o, it is W VW. Per Google maps it becomes a dirt road prior to Jack's house. See map on page 3.

### Agenda:

End of season picnic.

Grilled burgers and chicken are provided courtesy of the guild. Bring yourself, a significant other, a dish to pass, salad, dessert or your favorite whatever. Better bring lawn chairs and your favorite beverage.

The May 14th meeting was held at Al Collison and Al conducted the meeting, since Bill Crown was out of town.

Al asked the 1st time attendees, Rick Anderson, Bruce Spenser, Mike Poualic, and Mike Beam) to introduce themselves.

We then went around the room and members were asked to share their recent projects and activities.

Mike Cline has been working on a large, very large, rocking chair and spent considerable time and effort on making a two tone whistles.

George Wade has had mixed results shaping plywood glue-ups using an angle grinder. He successfully completed a very large plump bob.

Adrian Callaghan knows of an antique, very heavy Oliver table saw that is for sale.

Ralph Babcock recently completed a reproduction of a classic merchant's deal.

John Well purchased a card scraper from Stuart McDonald Guitar Supply. In addition to effectively removing wood, it can also draw blood.

John Biermacher is nearing completion of a second piano repurposing project. He plans to post the project on Hometalk.com. His first "piano bookcase" can be found by searching the site and he encourages others to post their projects.

Les Farrance recently complete a child's crib/changing table using Australian jarrah and maple.

George Armstrong knows of a 16" joiner for sale for \$300. He also announced that Tiller's International is having a tractor show on Father's Day and are looking for volunteers to help with the event.

Michael Faeckler has been involved with refinishing some antique heart of pine floors in Massachusetts.

Jerry has been working on a nested box using a bandsaw that ultimately required him to use some iron-on veneer.

Bob Kroll discussed his recent experience with replacing a broken wooden handle on a hammer.

George Collins passed around a wooden puzzle he made and has been framing some maps.

Wolfgang Lugaer showed slides of a Carpet Ball Game he made for his church's youth group. It resembles a shuffleboard game, disassemble for storage and transport, and appeals to people of all ages.

Bill Wiereng shared interesting photos of his Grandfather (Albert Wierenga 7/31/1885 - 1/16/1976). He led a full and interesting life as a horse trader, wood cutter, blacksmith, furniture maker, sawyer, and farmer.

The night's featured speaker was Gerren Young. He had done previous presentations on his clockworks and Maloof joints, but this night he shared his experience with gilding. Gilding is an ancient technique of applying very thin layers of metal to substrates. The entire process is extremely varied.

The substrate, while often wood, can also be metal or glass.

The sizing, which adheres the metal or foils to the substrate is also varied (oils, un-waxed shellac, polyurethane, lacquers, varnishes, etc.) and have drastically different working time.

The metal leafing (also called foils vary greatly in cost, thickness, and composition. Real gold and silver are more expensive than other metals typically used (copper, faux gold, faux silver (often aluminum), bronzes, and brasses). Small quantities can be purchased at craft stores and eBay, but there is considerable cost savings by buying in bulk on the internet.

One can spend very little to a lot on tools.

Gerren then gave all attendees an opportunity to try their hand at applying copper leaf to a sample substrate.- a 6" by 6" by 1/4" piece of birch plywood. The plywood was pre-sized with unwaxed shellac. The experience allowed the group to get an idea of how the gilding can vary greatly depending on the texture/contours of the substrate and how the gilding is applied and treated,

Once the foil is applied it can be buffed to a desired sheen and coated with a protective finish to prevent tarnishing. Alternatively there are a large number of patinas and colors that can be achieved using some chemical treatments. Gerren chooses to use chemicals and formulas he gets from [thesciencecompany.com](http://thesciencecompany.com).

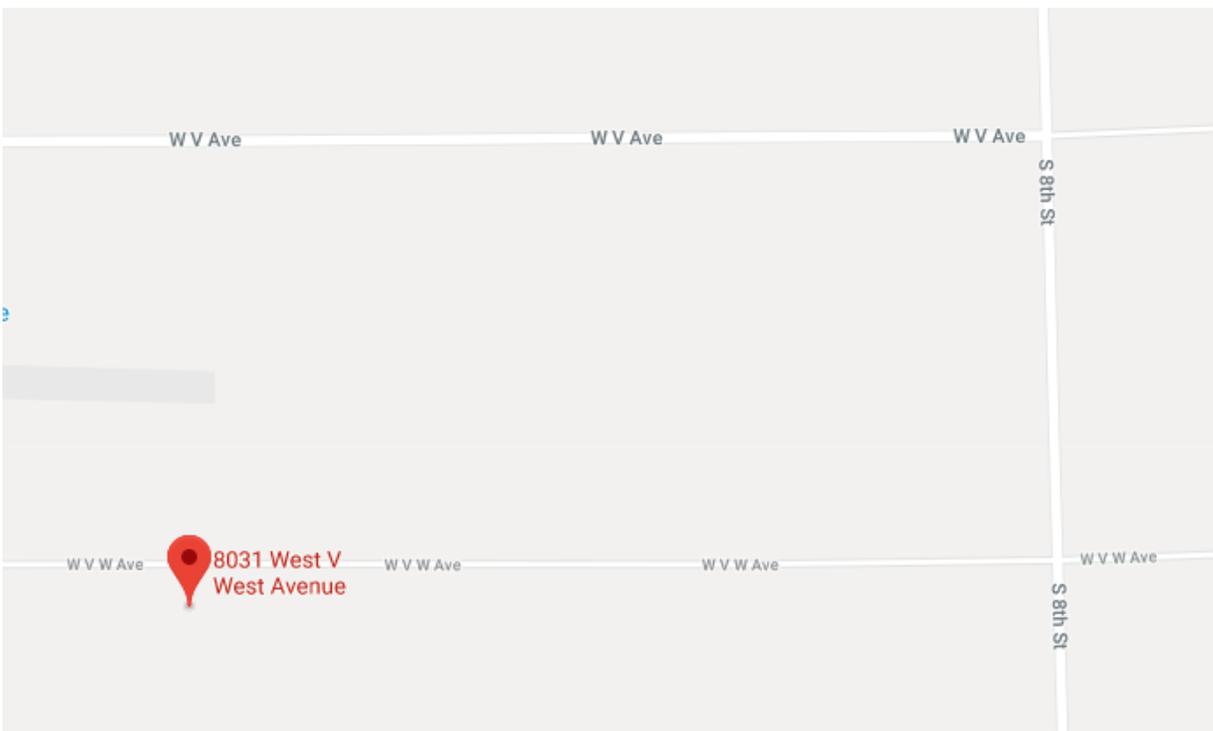
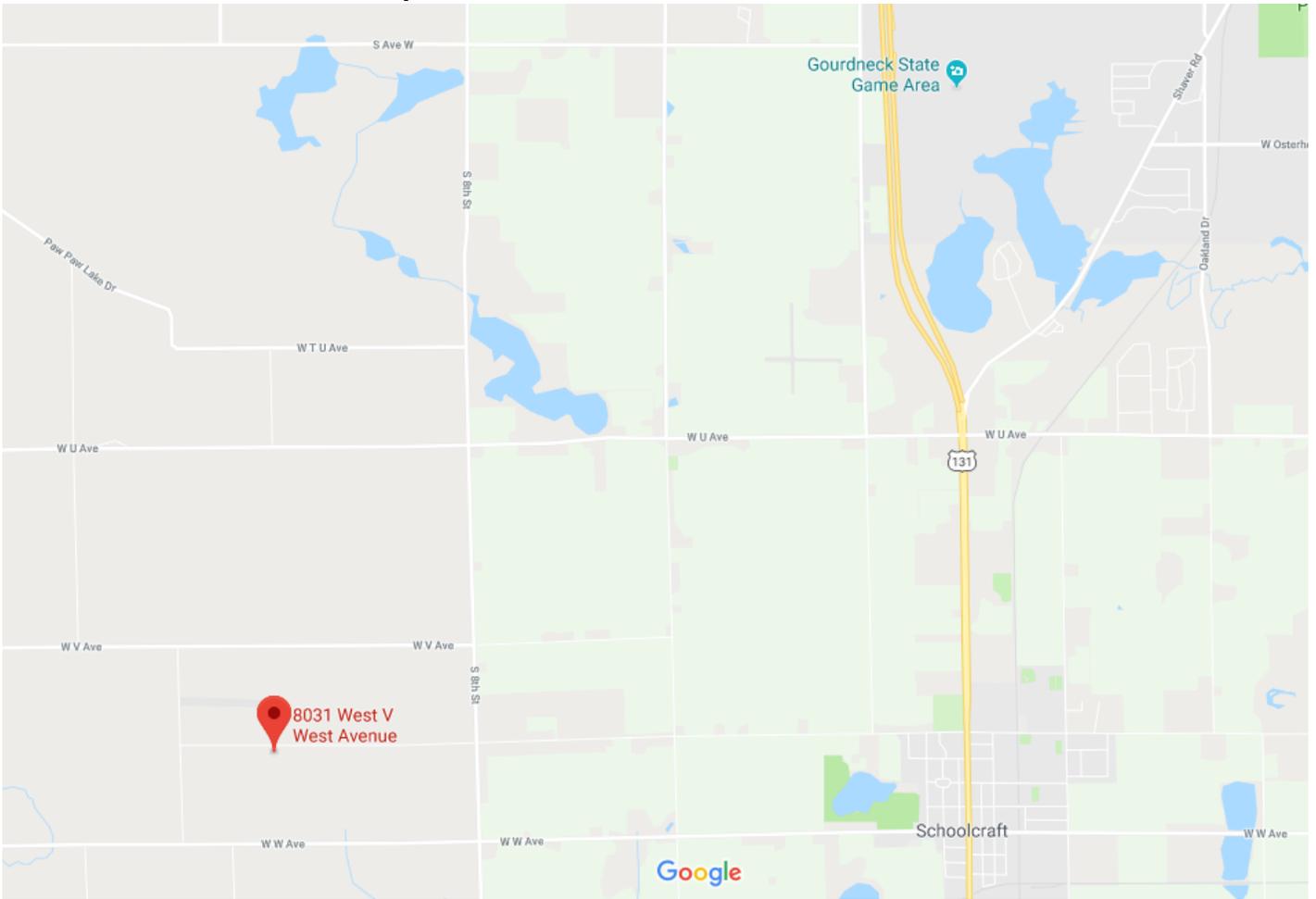
Almost any of the finishes that can be used as sizing, can also be used to seal the patina.

Gerren also provided additional gilded test boards for participants to try some patination techniques at home.

The presentation was well focused, considering gilding materials and techniques vary greatly, Gerren's presentation was very informative and well received by the guild.

Many thanks to John Biermacher for taking the notes at the May meeting. I apologize for names there were missed or spelled incorrectly. As the guild has grown it becomes a challenge to keep track of who is presenting or speaking during the meetings. As note takers we appreciate all the help we can get keeping track of who's who.

# Map to 8031 West VW Avenue



..... Just in from Al Collison. I received a call from Jim Gehring, who did a meeting for us on antique tools a while ago, and he wanted to tell us about an event that might be of interest to our members. Jim is sending fliers to be available at the picnic.



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Meetings are held second Tuesday of each month from September through May. Meeting time is 7:00pm at a local shop or location of interest.

Annual member ship dues are \$25/year.

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