



# Newsletter

<http://www.midwestwoodworkers.org>  
February 2013

---

## President's Letter

Our January meeting was especially well attended. The presentation by Carla McFarland was fabulous. Her finished gourds were incredible works of art, and were absolutely beautiful. Her sense of color was also exceptional, and helped the final product to really impress the viewer. I had no idea gourds could be made to look like that. Everyone enjoyed the presentation, including the mechanics of prepping and working the gourd, and the use of different dyes for different purposes. We are grateful to Ms. McFarland for her presentation. Some of her work can be seen and purchased at the Artlandish Gallery on Walnut.

The program for our next meeting, on February 25<sup>th</sup>, will be presented by Jim Smith. Jim is an expert wooden car maker. He even makes his own wheels. We are looking forward to his presentation.

Looking ahead to our March 25<sup>th</sup> meeting, we will have a presentation by Jacob Adams of Jefferson City. Jacob is an Industrial Arts teacher at Jefferson City High School, and is also a furniture maker. We are anxious to learn from Jacob.

The Woodworking Show in KC on January 26<sup>th</sup> was very interesting. Yvon Robert, Brian Pace and I were all attending for the first time. For me it will be worth returning at least one or two times, even if the programs don't change. Some of the presentations (especially on bandsaws and hand planes) were very informative. It was also very interesting to see certain equipment that I could never afford, but wondered about. The St. Louis area presentation of the show will be on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, and 10<sup>th</sup>. See [www.woodworkingshows.com](http://www.woodworkingshows.com) for info.

As a follow-up to the January Newsletter's note about the Saw Stop law suit, and the Saw Stop technology not eliminating kickback, I ran across a very interesting article on table saw safety in a January, 2013 Editor's Blog in Popular Woodworking Magazine. I have attached the article, entitled "Table Saws: Why the British think we are Crazy."

It shows the differences in design between American and British table saws and their safety measures, especially regarding the design of the fence. Their's appears to prevent kickback. The string of comments following the blog is also worth looking at, and includes some interesting history explaining some of the differences in the evolution of American and British table saw safety mechanics. If you designed a saw with Saw Stop technology to stop amputations and the British fence design to stop kick-back, would you have the perfect saw?

I hope you have all had opportunities to work wood. I do not have any new developments to report, myself. But I do want to mention a good local supply resource that some of you are already aware of.

At one of the monthly meetings where we made cars and conversed, I had mentioned that my drill bit sizes to drill out car bodies to receive the axle pegs were a little too small or a little too large (even though they were only 1/64<sup>th</sup> apart). I enquired about whether they make drill bits in metric sizes, in case one of them would be a better fit. It was suggested that Grainger might carry something like that. Well it turns out they do. I

picked up a small set of bits ranging in size from 1mm to 7mm, by half millimeters. Don't know yet if one falls in between my current two axle hole sizes.

I also am planning to build a workbench. Building the top I want will require face gluing a bunch of boards together. It will require painting a lot of glue on a lot of board surface, before applying the clamps to a section of the top. To do this I read that I would need a gallon of "Titebond Extend" glue, because it increases the open working time of the glue from about eight minutes to about fifteen minutes. I found that Titebond Extend is not out on the shelf at Ace, Lowes or Home Depot. When I tried the Titebond web site and then called them, they said that their three major carriers were Rockler, Woodcraft and Grainger! When I went to see Grainger they said that they can get it in within a couple of days of the order. They have other sizes as well, so you can obtain it locally and would not have to pay shipping from Rockler or Woodcraft.

Many of you are probably already familiar with Grainger, but for those who are not I just want to recommend Grainger as a local resource. The stock items in their showroom seemed a little pricey. But their catalog includes some hard-to-find items, they were extremely friendly and helpful, and their prices for the metric drill bits and glue were actually quite reasonable.

That's all I have till next time. Working in the shop makes me happy. I hope you all stay safe, and get many chances for happiness. See you soon.

Joe Gorman

**Tentative Schedule of Events  
Midwest Woodworkers' Association  
2013**

Date	Day	Time	Event	Location
February 25, 2013	Monday	7:00 PM	MWA Meeting	Boone County Millwork
March 25, 2013	Monday	7:00 PM	MWA Meeting	Boone County Millwork
April 22, 2013	Monday	7:00 PM	MWA Meeting	Boone County Millwork
May TBA	Saturday	TBA	Club Picnic	TBA
June 24, 2013	Monday	7:00 PM	MWA Meeting	Boone County Millwork
July 22, 2013	Monday	7:00 PM	MWA Meeting	Boone County Millwork



Carla McFarland gave the members of the MWA a demonstration of gourd art at the January 2013 meeting. Many of her techniques are applicable to woodworking.



Examples of gourd art displayed by Carla McFarland.

## January Show and Tell



Left: Wine bottle holder by Darren Laupp. Right: Cherry bench by Tom Stauder.



Model car from Toys and Joys by Terry Selby.

## Midwest Woodworkers' Association

c/o Bob Youngquist

4435 Highway PP

Columbia, MO 65202

[youngquistr@missouri.edu](mailto:youngquistr@missouri.edu)

