



Newsletter

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President's Letter

Norm Anderson

Greetings Woodworkers: Thanks to all of you who attended the meeting and I hope you enjoyed the presentation. There was a lot of discussion about angles and history of angles and some practical uses for compound angles in woodworking. I do hope you enjoyed the presentation and learned something valuable to you as a woodworker. We had a good turnout despite a rainy day and had some guests and a new member added to our group. We had some great Show and tell from Rich Hoepner awesome artwork, Cliff Ianke with a method to find arches between to fixed points, I showed my wine rack but it was trumped by an awesome birdhouse with a multi sided roof that was really too nice for the birds made by OOPS. OOPS I can't remember the name of the artist/craftsman who made the birdhouse. Possibly this is a sign that I am not as young as I once was or possibly a sign that I am beyond my abilities as a good president, or a good sign that our group is getting larger again with several new faces that we see once a month for a very short time. I apologize for the omission and want to thank whoever did the birdhouse for a great work.

Excellent work! There was a suggestion that we have a Member Profile with a photo of Members and a short bio on their work and experience. I am more convinced than ever that we need to do this. Any volunteers?



NEXT MEETING: CANCELLED March 23rd meeting cancelled

Due to circumstances concerning the coronavirus we have made the decision to cancel our March meeting. Just as when doing woodworking it is always better to err on the side of safety and doing no harm. The virus has shown to be quite easily spread and older members, especially those with respiratory issues are most at risk. Please don't interpret

this as a further reason to panic. This should be an opportunity to brush up on good preventive hygiene and as always drink lots of fluids and have plenty of sleep etc. like we should do during a flu season. Hopefully we will be back on schedule in April not only for our group but for the nation and the rest of the world.

Date TBD: will be a tour Joseph Eultgen's shop near Ashland.

We will need to carpool as much as possible and very likely park at the millworks to share a ride to his shop. Joseph has a large production shop east of Ashland and is willing to show us his operation. He is an expert's expert in vacuum chambers for creating wood forms. He has 25+ years of experience at Boeing as a model maker. Some of his chambers at Boeing were 26' by 26' by 26' which he helped make using flexible plastic sheeting and special glue strips. Website: eultgenwoodworking.com

Joseph Eultgen's passion for [woodworking](#) has spanned 33 years for clients throughout the United States. He began his learning process by building theatrical sets, as well as building sets and props for movies. He is primarily self taught, having worked in shops and mills to learn production techniques.

Joseph now builds one of a kind high end furniture, such as entertainment centers, custom cabinetry, liturgical furniture, and other custom architectural mill work. His specialty is the use of exotic hardwoods (such as Carpathian Burl elm and Macasser ebony), veneer work, inlay and marquetry.

Joseph had the lifetime honor of designing/[building](#) two chairs for Pope John Paul II while the Pope was visiting St. Louis. Joseph's passion and drive for woodworking is accredited to his family.

FUTURE MEETING

Date TBD: Dean Gregory will present on making Shaker boxes at the Boone County Millworks. Some of you have seen his posts on the beautifully curved boxes.

I will discuss the history of the Shaker box, along with the challenges and process for building shaker boxes using the hot water method for bending the sides and top rings. I will also provide material detailing the dimensions and construction of most shaker boxes, supply sources, and educational materials.

Date TBD: SAWDUST STUDIOS a Tour of the new woodworking facility just off of Vandiver that will rent space and have the latest in woodworking equipment for members. A business somewhat like a fitness center but for woodworkers. This a business started by MWA member John Walter and Cruz Chavez. This will be a great tour and hopefully happen some time soon.

Date still set for May 30th Annual Picnic May 30th at the Happy Hollow shelter at Stephens Park from 10:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. Hopefully we will be back on schedule by May.

We are booked for Saturday, May 30th at the Happy Hollow shelter at Stephens Park from 10:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m.

OTHER ITEMS

We have what is called a "Hacker Space" here in Columbia
COLUMBIA GADGET WORKS 1404 Grand Avenue
Hacker Space: they have 3 D printers, computer cutters, welding machinery, metal lathes, mills, etc. for members to stop in and use anytime day or night. They have a fee of \$40.00/month for full use of shop. They have a free night for non-members to stop in and check out the facilities and meet members on Thursday evening 7:00 PM
I would like to check this out some time. Please give me a call if you would like to go sometime.
Norm: 573-881-0188 I will contact member Brad Collett: 573-424-7133
brad@oughtabee.xyz



AND FINALLY: THE TOILET PAPER CHALLENGE

TOILET PAPER HOLDER CONTEST - PRIZES AND EXTRA RAFFLE PRIZE FOR A NEW: SCROLL SAW

Bring a working model of your best creation that has toilet paper functionality to the next MWA meeting. It can be a cabinet, a holder, a dispenser, a toy, it can be serious or totally frivolous (Hint: frivolous may be more like to win). It will require a functional roll of TP to qualify so you may want to rush to the store and fight your way right now or go at 4AM to get ahead of the crowd. Your entry will have a silent judging by all members present and prizes will be awarded to the top 3 plus all that bring an entry will get an extra ticket for the raffle after the purchase of 1 or more raffle tickets. Yes if you purchase you will get an extra for your contest entry (1 ticket for \$2 gets you 2 tickets) and (\$5 will get you 4 tickets) with a contest entry. We have many new members that can use a Scroll Saw. Cardwell Hardwoods gave our group a huge discount to make this happen. I hope everyone is ready for a challenge and happy woodworking.

Here are some ideas for productive shop time as you enjoy your social isolation:
<https://sawmillcreek.org/showthread.php?281131-Bowls-for-charity>

Hartsburg Pumpkin Festival

Saturday and Sunday, October 10 and 11, 2020; 9 am to 5 pm

MWA started having a booth there 12-15 years ago; our objective was to promote the club and raise funds for the Christmas Toy Project and other activities of the club.

We are a 501c3 charitable organization and while we may not have a legal responsibility to do some charitable work, we certainly have an ethical obligation. Years ago the club chose to have the Christmas Toy Project as their main charitable project. The booth at Hartaburg started with members donating small items and selling raffle tickets but it was moderately successful at best. About 10 years ago, Nancy Gentsch suggested that we bring unassembled car bodies and let kids hammer on the wheels and ask for donations. That approach has been quite successful and the club gives away 8-900 cars each year. Donations range from a bit of spare change to some \$10 bills; we usually expect to make \$1,500-\$1,800 each year.

The funds raised are used to buy paint and wheels and axel pegs for toys the club gives to children's service agencies each year before Christmas as well as supporting the annual Memorial Day picnic and Christmas dinner for the MWA and Coyote Hills. If we make 2,000 cars, that requires 8,000 wheels and 8,000 axel pegs that need to be purchased and painted.

We are in need of MWA members to make car bodies from 2x scrap or from the car stock Terry has at the millshop. We have a goal of somewhere around 1800 to 2000 cars, 8-900 go at Hartsburg and the balance goes to children at Christmas as well as to kids from Coyote Hills at the Christmas dinner

We also need MWA members to help out with the booth at Hartsburg; some of the long-time toy makers are no longer able to attend and more help is needed; we are usually busy all day and need to be able to rotate. Some of us spend all day both days working the booth but if you can help for one day or a few hours, that will be appreciated

Woodworking Resources

Cardwell Lumber

5927 Business 50 West
Jefferson City, MO 65109
573-893-2836
retailsales@cardwelllumber.com
<http://cardwellhardwoods.com/>
Monday-Friday: 7:00 AM-5:00 PM
Saturday: 8:00 AM-12 noon
Domestic and exotic hardwoods, sheet goods, power
and hand tools, woodworking supplies

847-265-1500
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By appointment only
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<https://www.taytools.com>
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