

President's Letter

October 2021 NWA Newsletter -

It is hard to believe that Halloween is just a little over a week away, but it is. Now that's scary! Where has all my time gone? I'm really going to have to hustle before Christmas to get everything done.

This week I had the pleasure of teaching my second class at *Sawdust Studios*, this time on the mortise and tenon joint. I didn't realize the side benefit of agreeing to teach woodworking classes is how much it forces you to step up your game and sharpen your skills to a whole new level. The other side of the coin is that I must spend extra time honing the skill in question, which in turn reduces the time available for other projects. I also want to thank Cruz for allowing me this opportunity to be a greater part of the woodworking community, and hopefully introduce more people to the joy I find in making things in the woodshop.



Last night myself and a few other members gathered at Bob Youngquist's shop to assemble the toy cars our club provides to the many deserving organizations throughout mid Missouri at Christmas. It was a lot of fun visiting with everyone while swinging a mallet. We had so much fun we're going to do it again next Thursday, October 28th. Don't let us have all the fun! Come on out and put your own color spin on putting some cars together and bring a smile to a little boy or girl this Christmas.

This month's presenter, on Monday, October 25th, is Dan Hahn of *Hahn Customer Laser Engraving*. I have been using Dan for many years, and I know several other members have as well, and his work is always spot on, like a laser. (Norm, that line is for you.) Dan will discuss the items that can be cut with a laser, including the best materials, shapes, and sizes. Dan will also review the types of digital files that can be used to engrave with. Thank you in advance to

Dan for taking the time to visit with our club. As a reminder, our November meeting will be a show and tell along with a tool swap.

Finally, I was contacted by Kelsey Hammond, from the Columbia Art League, about exhibiting in January 2022. This is something we will need to discuss with the club membership to see if we will have enough items to exhibit. I for one will be hard pressed to get enough items completed prior to January, but I'll do what ever the club decides. I'm supposed to visit with Kelsey late next week, so the timing of our meeting Monday is fortuitous.

I will get the Zoom link sent out for Monday's meeting and I hope to see everyone then.

Kindest regards,

Dean Gregory, MWA President

Christmas Toy Project

As Dean mentioned above, we made good progress in assembling toy cars for the Christmas Toy Project and will finish them on October 28. We have been providing toys to a number of organizations in the Columbia/Boone County area for a number of years but if any MWA members are aware of another group which could use some toy cars for the children in their care, please let the club know.

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