



Newsletter

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President's Letter

Fall is finally upon us and the leaves are just thinking about turning to their autumn colors. This also means it's a great time to migrate back into our woodshops to begin building Christmas projects and so many more things.

This past weekend I was able to instruct a dovetailing class at *Sawdust Studios*, which I truly enjoyed being able to share my love for woodworking with the students. I learned so much about how to present the information and it was great to get their feedback. The great thing about the students in the class was their broad range of skills, from people new to woodworking all the way to long time skilled woodworkers. I really tried to combine the information that I've learned over my time cutting dovetails with the knowledge I've gained in watching multiple YouTube makers into a comprehensive approach to how to cut dovetails.

I have to admit that I really enjoyed using my new Moxon vise during my presentation. It worked like a dream and I'm not sure how I've been cutting dovetails all these years without a Moxon. If you don't have one you might want to consider one for your next project.

Let me know and I'd be happy to help in any way.

This month's meeting, on September 27th, at Sawdust Studios, will be one you won't want to miss. Our

presenter is Mike Transano, from Cardwell Hardwoods, and he will be giving a presentation on the Shaper Origin. I'm very excited to see the Shaper in action and to truly see what it can do with my own eyes. If you aren't familiar with the Shaper, I would describe it as the result of a router and a CNC machine having a baby. The combination allows the user to have the capabilities of CNC combined with the portability of a router. The difference is that your project doesn't have to fit on the CNC table and it is a router on the next level. The manufacturer reports that it is easy to program and make changes on the fly. Well, I guess we'll see on Monday the 27th.

Last week I had to stop by Don Bristol's shop because I needed some small box hinges, and since the box stores carry cheap crappy hinges, I thought Don might be able to help me out,



which he did. While visiting with Don in his shop a couple of things struck me. The first was how awesome Don's shop is, I believe I told him it was nirvana, another was how clean his shop is compared to my pile of sawdust and shavings, and finally, how great it is as a woodworking community that we all take care of each other. If you haven't visited Don's woodshop, I would suggest you come up with an excuse to stop by and see it, I'm sure he won't mind.

Speaking of helping out our members, Norm Anderson recently contacted me and he has been up to see Tom Hutchinson this past week to check on him. Tom has had some health issues over the past year and he is wanting to downsize his shop and wood pile. He has several board feet of air-dried lumber, along with some he has been able to kiln dry himself, that he would like to find a good home for. Additionally, he has some very nice pieces of equipment from Grizzly Tools he would like to sell that would be a great addition to any woodshop. Norm is going to be sending some pictures and I will try to get them posted to the club.

Finally, I'm in the process of completing the paperwork for MWA to be a presenter in the South Room of the Columbia Art League for one-month next year. If you have any idea regarding the best month to present, please provide me with some feedback before I submit the application. However, to submit the application I need images from several of our members illustrating some of the various types of projects that we will be presenting. So flip through your phones and find me some photos of your "artsy" projects and send them my way, Tom, Norm and Ernest, I'm talking to you.

Several of our members have already placed items in the Art League's shows and have even won numerous awards. I think this is also a great way for us to grow our profile in the Columbia community, and to maybe get a few new members, or even some custom woodworking orders. I look forward to seeing everyone on the 27th of this month at Sawdust Studios, or via Zoom, and please stay safe and well.

Kindest regards,
Dean Gregory,
MWA President

Boy Scout Invention Jamboree

A reminder of the recent note from Thomas Yang inviting MWA members to participate in their Invention Jamboree. If you are willing/able to help with this project, please respond directly to Thomas. You will find the woodshop at their facility impressive.

The Scouts are having the Invention Jamboree on Oct. 2nd at the Lake of the Ozarks Scout Reservation. We last held this even in 2019, and the MWA sent a couple of people to help out with our woodworking station. I was wondering if you would be willing to send a note to the group, asking if anyone would be interested in helping? We plan on making these simple benches: <https://handymanwire.com/articles/simplebenchplans.html>

We are looking for some helpers to lead the Scouts.

Thanks,
Thomas

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