



Newsletter

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President's Letter

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The summer is typically a time when I focus more on yard and golf, but this year is much different. For a plethora of reasons, I have been spending an inordinate amount of time in the woodshop, which I have truly enjoyed. I'm sure most woodworkers never run out of projects and it seems my list is now long enough for a couple of life times; some are fun projects while others are necessary, which translates to "Yes dear".

My focus over the past few weeks has been preparing projects for a dovetailing class I plan to teach on September 11th at Sawdust Studios. I built a traditional toolbox from some plans in Fine Woodworking that I made some fun modifications to. But I decided that the woodworkers back in the day must have been much stronger and in better physical shape than me, because once loaded with tools the toolbox is way too heavy for me to hardly carry. That is probably why the old-time carpenters could use handsaws all day with no complaints.

I've also been trying to build an upgraded Moxon vise with a small support table behind the vise jaws. This required dovetailing the four corners of the support rails and stiles with 6/4 material. But instead of basic dovetails, I decided to try houndstooth dovetails to push myself to learn something new. I think this trait is important for woodworkers to embrace, because it will continue to make each project that much more interesting.

I want to thank Mike Taylor for volunteering to present at the meeting at 6:30 PM, on August 23rd at Sawdust Studios. Mike is always wonderful in sharing his knowledge and I love seeing all of his inventive solutions to common problems. This presentation will be on how to use a compass or dividers to perform common shop layout tasks, such as bisect and dividing lines, draw perpendicular lines, etc. Mike will review different types of layout tools, such as compasses, dividers, and trammel heads, and will explore the pros and cons of each. He will explain how to perform common layout task and create geometric shapes, and even curves and arcs. These are all things that would be helpful in any woodshop, and I for one am very excited to see this presentation.

I failed to get the zoom properly set up for our June meeting and I hope that I can learn from my mistakes going forward. I think this is especially important with the growing concerns regarding the COVID delta variant and I don't want our members taking any unnecessary risks. When I get the zoom link established, I will try and get it out to the membership.

I do have some sad news to report, long time member of the MWA and the Wood Turners Club, Bill Allen, passed away in July. He spent much more time with the Wood Turners but he was a kind and gentle soul who will be sorely missed.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns and I look forward to seeing everyone, either in person or virtually, at our next meeting.

Kindest regards,
Dean Gregory

Handout for August Meeting

Mike Taylor is preparing a handout to accompany his presentation at the August meeting which should be available later this week. I will send the file to you when it is available and those who wish to bring it along to the meeting can print it.

Woodworking Resources

Cardwell Lumber

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<http://cardwellhardwoods.com/>
Monday-Friday: 7:00 AM-5:00 PM
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Domestic and exotic hardwoods, sheet goods, power
and hand tools, woodworking supplies

Taylor Toolworks

<https://www.taytools.com>
610 Big Bear Blvd., Suite 431
Columbia, MO 65202-3737
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Born Again Barns

Tammy Rosek
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Antioch, Illinois 60002

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